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House Bills

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

HB 1992-S by House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Santos, Kenney, and Hasegawa)

Creating community preservation and development authorities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that major public facilities, public works, and capital projects with significant public funding generally aim to accrue broad benefits to the people of Washington. However, frequently overlooked or inadequately addressed is the interest of the stakeholder community that bears the disproportionate cost of the broad public benefit by absorbing a deleterious impact upon itself. These impacts may include dislocation, displacement, and the overall disintegration of an identifiable existing community and its historical and cultural character.

Finds that the preservation and restoration of the character of such a community, and the community's historical and cultural character, are important public policy goals that can be achieved through the creation of community preservation and development authorities.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
CEDT - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Finance.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

HB 1998-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, B. Sullivan, Strow, Dunshee, Priest, Wood, Springer, and Linville)

Providing for rural villages as a new strategy for growth in rural areas.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the population in western Washington is growing and will continue to grow. Models indicate that the central Cascades region can expect a doubling of the population within the next one hundred years.

Recognizes that the growth management act has used large lot zoning to discourage residential development of rural and resource lands. However, historical entitlement of smaller lots coupled with rapidly increasing real estate values have led to widespread development of nonurban lots of a variety of sizes, locations, and zoning categories. This problem is exacerbated by recent trends in the timber industry, resulting in ownership changes, accelerated harvesting regimes, and likely conversion of many properties to residential development in the near term. It is reasonable to assume that under a one hundred-year timeframe all nonurban lots are likely to be developed.

Finds that the increase in nonurban development has disproportionate undesirable impacts to landscape and watershed integrity, environmental functions, economic viability of resource lands, and public costs.

Declares that additional approaches to managing rural growth are needed. Success will likely not come from a single strategy; rather, a multifaceted approach is required. Implementation of a region-wide or statewide transfer of development rights program could play a major role in finding a solution.

Declares that the most important component in building a successful transfer of development rights program is

creating adequate receiving area capacity. Accommodating dramatic population growth while meeting resource conservation goals over the next one hundred years will require greatly increasing receiving area capacity. It is a regional goal to direct growth to urban areas, and therefore it is a priority to develop this receiving capacity primarily in urban areas. In addition, the potential for additional receiving areas in appropriate nonurban areas is being explored concurrently.

Declares that a county planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may designate no more than one rural village in the rural area outside of limited areas of more intensive rural development established pursuant to RCW 36.70A.070(5)(d).

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 27 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
- Feb 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2008-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives VanDeWege, Kessler, Haigh, Takko, and Ericks)

Creating a cooperative agreement relating to the timber harvest excise taxation of timber harvests within the Quinault Indian Reservation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a cooperative agreement relating to the timber harvest excise taxation of timber harvests within the Quinault Indian Reservation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Finance.
- Mar 5 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
FIN - Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by State Government & Tribal Affairs.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2010-S by House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Hunt, Ericks, Conway, Haler, Green, Hasegawa, Appleton, Campbell, Sells, Kenney, VanDeWege, Cody, Hurst, McDermott, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Providing responsible bidder criteria and related requirements for public works contracts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that before award of a public works contract, a bidder must meet the following responsibility criteria to be considered a responsible bidder and qualified to be awarded

a public works project. The bidder must have: (1) At the time of bid submittal, a certificate of registration in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW;

(2) A current state unified business identifier number;

(3) If applicable, industrial insurance coverage for the bidder's employees working in Washington as required in Title 51 RCW; an employment security department number as required in Title 50 RCW; and a state excise tax registration number as required in Title 82 RCW; and

(4) Not been disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065(3).

Provides that in addition to the bidder responsibility criteria, the state or municipality may adopt supplemental criteria for determining bidder responsibility applicable to a particular project.

Requires public works contractors to verify that their first tier subcontractors meet the bidder responsibility criteria listed in this act at the time of award, and any subcontractor that hires other subcontractors must verify that their subcontractors meet the responsibility criteria listed in this act at the time of award.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
SGTA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2014-S by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Chase, Santos, Kenney, Hasegawa, Miloscia, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Addressing the regulation of conversion condominiums.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that a notice of condominium conversion expressly states whether there is a county or city relocation assistance program for tenants or subtenants of conversion condominiums in the jurisdiction in which the property is located.

Provides that, if the county or city does have a relocation assistance program, the following must also be included in the notice: (1) A summary of the terms and conditions under which relocation assistance is paid; and

(2) Contact information for the city or county relocation assistance program, which must include, at a minimum, a telephone number of the city or county department that administers the relocation assistance program for conversion condominiums.

Provides that, at the declarant's option, the declarant may provide all tenants in a single building with an option to terminate their lease or rental agreements without cause or consequence after providing the declarant with thirty days' notice. In such case, tenants continue to have access to relocation assistance under this act.

Requires a declarant to pay relocation assistance in an amount to be determined by the city or county, which may not exceed a sum equal to three months of the tenant's or subtenant's rent at the time the conversion notice required under this act is received.

Provides that a declarant and any dealer shall not begin any construction, remodeling, or repairs to any interior portion of an occupied building that is to be converted to a condominium during the one hundred twenty-day notice

period provided for in this act unless all residential tenants and residential subtenants who have elected not to purchase a unit and who are in lawful occupancy in the building have vacated the premises.

Provides that all cities and counties planning under RCW 36.70A.040, which have allowed any conversion condominiums within the jurisdiction within the previous twelve-month period, must include the following performance measure-related data in an annual report to the department of community, trade, and economic development: (1) The total number of apartment units converted into condominiums;

(2) The total number of conversion condominium projects;

(3)(a) The difference in the monthly rental housing cost of each former rental unit that is converted and (b) the monthly mortgage cost of the owner occupancy condominium to which it is converted or the expected monthly mortgage cost of the condominium to which it is in the process of being converted;

(4) The total number of apartment tenants affected by the conversion who elect to purchase a condominium within the development and income information for each of those tenants;

(5) The total number of apartment tenants who receive relocation assistance, the total amount of that assistance per tenant, and income information for all tenants who received relocation assistance;

(6) Income information for all tenants in units that were converted into condominiums; and

(7) The net change in the total number of rental housing units within the jurisdiction and the net change in the number of rental housing units affordable to low and very-low income households.

Takes effect August 1, 2007.

Does not apply to any conversion condominiums for which a notice required under RCW 64.34.440(1) has been delivered before the effective date of this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2016-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Lantz, Wallace, Seaquist, P. Sullivan, Moeller, Lovick, Takko, Kessler, Morrell, Rolfes, Ericks, VanDeWege, Goodman, Simpson, Linville, and Ormsby)

Changing provisions pertaining to eminent domain.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires that, when real property is acquired through condemnation or under the threat of condemnation, the owner of the property may retain an option to repurchase the property in accordance with this act.

Requires that additional notice be given to property owners.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 16 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2027-S by House Committee on Insurance, Financial Services & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Representative Santos)

Requiring a signed receipt when a borrower makes a payment on a small loan.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, whenever a borrower makes a payment on a small loan that is secured by a postdated check or draft, the licensee must require the borrower to sign and date a copy of the receipt, or a similar statement, recording the amount of cash paid by the borrower. The licensee must keep the signed receipt in its business records as required under this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 13 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
IFCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2059-S by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Miloscia, Schindler, Kelley, Eddy, Quall, McCune, Simpson, and Hurst)

Providing for the property valuation of affordable multifamily rental housing.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that consideration should be given to any agreement, between an owner of rental housing and any government agency, that restricts rental income, appreciation, and liquidity; and to the impact of government restrictions on operating expenses and on ownership rights in general of such housing.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
HOUS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2064-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Priest, Quall, Jarrett, Haler, P. Sullivan, Fromhold, Schual-Berke, Orcutt, Hunter, Linville, Kenney, Conway, Wood, Simpson, and Hudgins)

Developing integrated academic and career and technical field of study programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides grants to develop integrated academic and career and technical field of study programs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2073-S by House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood, Kenney, Moeller, Simpson, and Ormsby; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Establishing a pilot program for vocational rehabilitation services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a pilot program for vocational rehabilitation services.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 15 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 23 Executive session in committee.
CL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Appropriations.
- Mar 2 Committee relieved of further consideration.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

HB 2075-S by House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Hinkle and Walsh)

Concerning termination of parental rights petitions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that it is not in the best interest of the child to delay action on a parent who has not indicated any desire to maintain contact with his or her child.

Provides that the state should file the petition for termination to allow a court to review the case and decide the appropriate course of action. This may encourage the parent to step forward and contact the child or indicate a willingness to become involved in the child's life. This will begin the process of connecting the child to the parent possibly years sooner than would otherwise be the case. However, if the parent truly does not wish to be involved in the life of the child, the court should have the opportunity to terminate the parental rights of that parent and move the case toward permanency.

Provides that a petition may allege the following: (1) Fifteen months have elapsed since the child was removed from the home;

(2) The parent has been given the opportunity to contact the child and engage in a relationship with the child; and

(3) The parent of the child has indicated an unwillingness to care for the child or has failed to have contact with the child.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
ELCS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Appropriations.

HB 2081-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by

Representatives VanDeWege, Blake, Moeller, McCoy, Takko, and Hudgins)

Promoting the growth of cogeneration facilities in Washington.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares the intent of the legislature to promote the growth of cogeneration in the state of Washington.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Finance.

HB 2130-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Goodman, Lantz, Moeller, and Rodne)

Providing a means to determine "prior offenses" to implement chapter 73, Laws of 2006, regarding driving under the influence.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides a means to determine "prior offenses" to implement chapter 73, Laws of 2006, regarding driving under the influence.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2143-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Hunt, Chase, Flannigan, Hudgins, Morrell, and Ormsby)

Requiring the use of alternatives to lead wheel weights.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that lead hazards associated with lead wheel weights represent a preventable environmental health problem. Lead wheel weights fall off of vehicle wheels along Washington's roadways and become a hazard to children who collect them and to people that are exposed to fragments and dust generated when lead wheel weights are abraded and pulverized by traffic. Lead wheel weights that come to be located on and alongside roadways can contribute to soil, surface, and groundwater contamination, and pose a hazard to downstream aquatic life.

Requires the department to establish an advisory committee, in consultation with the department of health and the department of general administration, to identify and make readily available to tire distributors and retailers by January 1, 2008, an approved list of environmentally preferred alternatives to lead wheel weights that are currently available for purchase.

Provides that use of environmentally preferred alternative wheel weights is required at the time of the first tire replacement, the first tire repair if the tire is removed from the wheel, or the first tire balancing after: (1) June 30, 2008, for all state-owned vehicles;

(2) June 30, 2009, for all used vehicles registered in Washington state; and

(3) June 30, 2010, for all new vehicles registered in Washington state.

Provides that failure of a person that installs wheel weights to comply with this act is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation in the case of a first offense. Persons who are repeat violators are liable for a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each repeat offense. Penalties collected under this provision shall be deposited in the state toxics control account created in RCW 70.105D.070. The owner of a vehicle is not liable for failing to comply with this act.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2150-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Rodne, B. Sullivan, Appleton, and Sommers)

Providing for the appointment of judges.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides for the appointment of judges.

Amends RCW 2.04.071, 2.04.100, 2.06.022, 2.06.024, 2.06.075, 2.12.010, 29A.24.010, 29A.24.181, 29A.24.191, 29A.32.031, 29A.32.121, 29A.36.121, 29A.36.171, and 29A.52.231.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2151-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, P. Sullivan, B. Sullivan, and Dunshee)

Authorizing qualified electors to divide optional municipal code cities into wards.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the qualified electors or the council of a noncharter code city located east of the crest of the Cascade mountain range that has an estimated population greater than eighty thousand but less than one hundred eighty thousand and is intersected by Interstate 90 may divide the city into wards or change the boundaries of existing wards at any time not within three months previous to a municipal general election.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2167-S by House Committee on Select Committee on Environmental Health (originally sponsored by Representatives Chase, Campbell, Hunt, Hudgins, Morrell, Goodman, Springer, Hasegawa, and Conway)

Mandating additional food labeling requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that Washington consumers have a right to accurate, accessible information that will assist them in making educated food purchases.

Finds that consumers have an interest in knowing the benefits and potential risks to their health from the products they consume.

Finds that consumers value knowing when and where food has been packaged and when technologies such as genetic engineering, irradiation, and modified atmosphere packaging have been applied to the foods that are offered for retail sale.

Declares an intent to increase the disclosure of food information to consumers by enhancing existing requirements governing the labeling of certain perishable food products.

Provides that, whenever the director of the department of agriculture finds that a person has committed a violation of this act, the director may impose upon and collect from the violator a civil penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation per day. Each violation is a separate and distinct offense. Imposition of the civil penalty is subject to a hearing under chapter 34.05 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 21 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
ENVH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2191-S by House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Lantz, Warnick, Pedersen, Williams, Moeller, Seaquist, Morrell, Kelley, Simpson, and Ormsby)

Limiting deferred prosecution in domestic violence cases.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a person charged with a misdemeanor or a gross misdemeanor that would be considered domestic violence under RCW 10.99.020 or with a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor under chapter 9A.42 RCW shall not be eligible for a deferred prosecution program unless the court makes specific findings pursuant to RCW 10.05.020. Such person shall not be eligible for a deferred prosecution program more than once.

Requires that, in the case of a petitioner charged with a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor that would be considered domestic violence under RCW 10.99.020, the petitioner shall allege under oath in the petition that the petitioner is the family or household member of the alleged victim; that the petitioner is in need of domestic violence perpetrator treatment under chapter 26.50 RCW; that the petitioner wants to correct his or her conduct to reduce the likelihood of harm to his or her family or household members; and that unless treated, the probability of future recurrence is great. The petition shall contain a statement

that the petitioner agrees to pay the cost of diagnosis and treatment if the petitioner is financially able. The petition shall also contain a case history and written assessment prepared by an approved domestic violence perpetrator treatment program provider under chapter 26.50 RCW.

Provides that, in lieu of alleging that the petitioner is in need of domestic violence perpetrator treatment under RCW 26.50.150, the petitioner shall allege that the petitioner is in need of counseling or other appropriate services if: (1) The case history and written assessment indicate that the petitioner is not the primary perpetrator of domestic violence in the relationship based on the comparative extent of injuries inflicted or threats creating fear of physical injury or the history of domestic violence between the persons involved; or

(2) The victim is a family or household member who is not a spouse, former spouse, person who has a child in common with the petitioner whether or not he or she has been married or lived together with the petitioner, person sixteen years of age or older who is presently residing together or who has resided together with the petitioner in the past and who has or has had a dating relationship with the petitioner, or person sixteen years of age or older who has or has had a dating relationship with the petitioner.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 23 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 26 Executive session in committee.
JUDI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Referred to Appropriations.
- Mar 5 Committee relieved of further consideration.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2212-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, B. Sullivan, and Newhouse)

Expressing progress in balancing the productive use of agricultural lands with their preservation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the goal of preserving Washington's agricultural lands is shared by citizens throughout the state.

Recognizes that efforts to achieve a balance between the productive use of these resource lands and associated regulatory requirements have proven difficult, but that good faith efforts to seek solutions have yielded successes. The legislature believes that this willingness to find and pursue common ground will enable Washingtonians to enjoy the benefits of a successful agricultural economy and a healthy environment, while also preventing the unnecessary conversion of valuable agricultural lands. The legislature, therefore, intends this act to be an expression of progress in resolving, harmonizing, and advancing commonly held preservation goals.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 28 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2378 by Representatives Flannigan, Jarrett, Clibborn, Eddy, Seaquist, and Roberts

Expediting new vessel construction for Washington state ferries.

Provides that, if a single prequalified proposer, or subsequently a single best qualified proposer, emerges from phase one of the competitive, design-build procurement process, the department may negotiate a contract with the proposer. The contract price must be established between the department and the contractor through negotiation based on detailed cost and price information provided by the proposer. To achieve efficiencies the department may negotiate incentives and economic cost sharing between the state and the proposer. In addition to the cost incentives, other incentives may be considered, as determined by the department to be in the best interests of the state. Such incentives may include, but are not limited to, key schedule milestones, technological innovations, performance efficiencies, constructability, and operational value or life-cycle cost.

Directs the department to submit a copy of the contract, the final negotiated price, and supporting information to the office of financial management at least ten days prior to execution of the contract. If the final negotiated price is greater than the legislature's adopted expenditure plan for vessel construction, the department may not execute the contract until the legislature reviews the final proposals and adjusts the expenditure plan accordingly.

Provides that, if the department and the proposer are not able to reach an agreement, the department may republish, revise, or cancel the request for proposals process to serve the best interests of the state.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 7 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Bills

SB 5197-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Fairley, Murray, Weinstein, Regala, and Jacobsen)

Regulating the sale of firearms at gun shows and events.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes regulations for the sale of firearms at gun shows and events.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5230-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Prentice, Franklin, and Kline; by request of Employment Security Department)

Funding the administration of Title 50 RCW, unemployment compensation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Provides funding for the administration of Title 50 RCW, unemployment compensation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 15 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 8 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5315-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Rasmussen, Holmquist, Sheldon, Honeyford, Stevens, Clements, Morton, Delvin, Hatfield, Kilmer, Shin, and Roach)

Regarding access to property during a forest fire.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to convene a model policy work group to develop a model policy for sheriffs regarding residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land in the state during a forest fire or wildfire. The model policy must be designed in a way that, first and foremost, protects life and safety during a forest fire or wildfire. The model policy must include guidance on allowing access, when safe and appropriate, to residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land in the state during a wildfire or forest fire. The model policy must specifically address procedures to allow, when safe and appropriate, residents, landowners, and others in lawful possession and control of land in the state access to their residences and land to: (1) Conduct fire prevention or suppression activities;

(2) Protect or retrieve any property located in their residences or on their land, including equipment, livestock, or any other belongings; or

(3) Undertake activities under both provisions.

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

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 8 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 12 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 1 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5373-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Keiser, Franklin, and Kline; by request of Employment Security Department)

Regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding reporting, penalty, and corporate officer provisions of the unemployment insurance system.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5447-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Hatfield, Jacobsen, Honeyford, Hargrove, Poulsen, Benton, and Rasmussen)

Regarding the coastal Dungeness crab fishery.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department to develop a Dungeness crab-coastal fishery buyback program. The department shall design the program with the goals of maximizing the sustainability of the crab resource and of the Dungeness crab-coastal fleet.

Requires the program to provide for the purchase and permanent retirement of Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses. The department shall design this element of the program with the goal of purchasing between eighty and one hundred Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses.

Provides that, in addition to license purchase and retirement, the program may provide for the purchase of vessels designated on Dungeness crab-coastal fishery licenses.

Requires the program to explore funding alternatives that involve federal funding, state funding, funding provided by Dungeness crab-coastal license holders, and combinations thereof.

Requires the program to be designed to have a neutral impact on Dungeness crab harvests in the state and federal waters off the coasts of Oregon and California.

Declares that participation by Dungeness crab-coastal license holders in the program is entirely voluntary.

Provides that, by December 1, 2007, the department shall provide a report detailing the program to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the senate and house of representatives.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 7 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5484-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally

sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kline, Murray, and Poulsen)

Allowing dogs in designated outdoor areas of bars and coffee shops.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department of health to establish a pilot project by which local government can apply for an exemption from certain food and drug administration food code sections to allow dogs within certain designated outdoor portions of premises holding a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license or a beer and/or wine restaurant license or certain designated outdoor portions of premises whose main business purpose is selling coffee.

Provides that, in order to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, the local exemption ordinance shall include such regulations and limitations as deemed necessary by the participating local government and shall include at least the following requirements: (1) All employees of the establishments participating in the pilot shall wash their hands immediately after touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs. Employees are prohibited from touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs while serving food or beverages or handling tableware or before entering other parts of the establishment;

(2) Patrons in a designated outdoor area shall be advised that they should wash their hands before eating. Waterless hand sanitizer shall be provided at all tables in the designated outdoor area;

(3) Employees and patrons shall be instructed that they shall not allow dogs to come into contact with serving dishes, utensils, tableware, linens, paper products, or any other items involved with food service operations;

(4) Patrons shall ensure their dogs are licensed by the appropriate authority, keep their dogs on a leash at all times, and keep their dogs under reasonable control;

(5) Dogs shall not be allowed on chairs, tables, or other furnishings;

(6) All table and chair surfaces shall be cleaned and sanitized with an approved product between seating of patrons. Spilled food and drink shall be removed from the floor or ground between seating of patrons;

(7) Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately and the area sanitized with an approved product. A kit with the appropriate materials for this purpose shall be kept near the designated outdoor area;

(8) A sign or signs reminding employees of the applicable rules shall be posted on the premises in a manner and place as determined by the local department of health; and

(9) A sign or signs shall be posted in a manner and place as determined by the local permitting authority that places the public on notice that the designated outdoor area is available for the use of patrons and patrons' dogs.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5558-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Franklin, Pflug, Keiser, Marr, Fairley, and Clements)

Regulating house-banked social card games.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in keeping with the gambling policy statement in RCW 9.46.010, the legislature intends to: (1) Limit the number of licenses that may be issued for conducting house-banked social card games; and

(2) Grant local jurisdictions limited authority to determine the areas within which house-banked social card games may be conducted.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5603-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Roach, Fairley, and Swecker; by request of Secretary of State)

Updating public records provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the division of archives and records management in the office of the secretary of state to ensure the proper management and safeguarding of public records. All public records remain the property of the state of Washington. Public records must be delivered by outgoing officials and employees to their successors and must be retained, preserved, stored, transferred, destroyed, or disposed of in accordance with this act. The state archivist will administer the division and must have reasonable access to all public records, wherever kept, for the purposes of information, surveying, or cataloging.

Repeals provisions of chapter 40.14 RCW.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in committee.
Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
Feb 28 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5622-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Roach, Keiser, Hobbs, Poulsen, Zarelli, Spanel, Shin, Pridemore, Kline, Hatfield, Kilmer, Oemig, Hargrove, Murray, McAuliffe, and Rasmussen)

Regarding collective bargaining for certain employees of institutions of higher education and related boards.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in addition to the entities listed in RCW 41.56.020, this act applies to employees of institutions of higher education who are exempted from civil service pursuant to RCW 41.06.070(2), with the following exceptions: (1) Executive employees, including all members of the governing board of each institution of higher education and related boards; all presidents and vice presidents; deans, directors, and chairs; and executive heads of major administrative or academic divisions;

(2) Managers who perform any of the following functions: (a) formulate, develop, or establish institutional policy, or direct the work of an administrative unit; (b) manage, administer, and control a program, including its physical, financial, or personnel resources; (c) have substantial responsibility for human resources administration, legislative relations, public information, internal audits and investigations, or the preparation and administration of budgets; (d) functionally is above the first level of supervision and exercises authority that is not merely routine or clerical in nature and requires the consistent use of independent judgment;

(3) Employees who, in the regular course of their duties, act as a principal assistant, administrative assistant, or personal assistant;

(4) Confidential employees; and

(5) Employees who assist assistant attorneys general who advise and represent managers or confidential employees in personnel or labor relations matters, or who advise or represent the state in tort actions.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5659-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Franklin, Brown, and Kline)

Establishing family and medical leave insurance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that, although family and medical leave laws have assisted individuals to balance the demands of the workplace with their family responsibilities, more needs to be done to achieve the goals of family care, children and family health, workforce stability, and economic security.

Finds that many individuals do not have access to family and medical leave laws, and those who do may not be in a financial position to take family and medical leave that is unpaid, and that employer-paid benefits, including family and medical leave and disability benefits, meet only a relatively small part of this need.

Declares it to be in the public interest to establish a program that: (1) Allows parents to bond with a newborn or newly placed child, and workers to care for seriously ill family members or recover from their own serious health condition;

(2) Provides limited income support for a reasonable period while an individual is away from work on family and medical leave;

(3) Reduces the impact on state income support programs by increasing an individual's ability to provide caregiving services for family members while maintaining an employment relationship; and

(4) Establishes a wage replacement benefit to be coordinated with current existing state and federal family and medical leave laws.

Requires the secretary of state to submit this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Referred to Ways & Means.
 Mar 5 Public hearing, public hearing, and executive action taken in committee.
 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5676-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Prentice, Hatfield, and Kline)

Revising provision for receipt of temporary total disability.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 51.32.090 relating to temporary total disability.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5702-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, Keiser, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, and Roach)

Requiring notice to certain employees of a claim of exemption from paying unemployment insurance taxes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires an employer who is exempt under RCW 50.44.040(1) to post and maintain printed notices to individuals in its employ. These notices shall inform the employees that the employer is exempt from taxes under Title 50 RCW and that the employee will not be eligible for unemployment benefits based on his or her employment with the employer. The notices are to be posted in conspicuous places close to the actual location where personal services are performed.

Provides that, beginning on the effective date of this act, an employer that is exempt under RCW 50.44.040(1) shall inform each of its employees at the time of hire that the employer is exempt from unemployment insurance coverage. Compliance or noncompliance by an employer with this requirement shall not affect the status of any unemployment insurance claim or potential claim.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5721-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senator Kohl-Welles)

Concerning financial arrangements involving sports/entertainment facility license holders.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that nothing in RCW 66.28.010 shall prohibit a manufacturer, importer, or distributor from entering into an arrangement with any holder of a sports/entertainment facility license or an affiliated business for brand advertising at the licensed facility or promoting events held at the sports/entertainment facility. The financial arrangement providing for the brand advertising or promotional events shall not be used as an inducement to purchase the products of the manufacturer, importer, distributor entering into the arrangement nor shall it result in the exclusion of brands or products of other companies.

Expires June 30, 2008.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5725-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Kline, Weinstein, Fairley, and Kohl-Welles)

Making health care providers' billing statements admissible.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in an arbitration proceeding or a court of law in an action under tort, health care providers' billing statements certified under RCW 70.02.070 for treatment provided to a patient are presumed to be the reasonable value of health care treatment and are admissible in evidence to establish that the charges are reasonable and customary charges in the community. The presumption that the charges are reasonable and customary may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence. The presumption does not shift the burden of proof that the medical treatment was for medical conditions proximately caused by another's fault, or any other element of a tort claim.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 Public hearing in committee.

- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5728-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Rasmussen, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Tom, Zarelli, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, and Kline)

Regarding the salary schedule for educational staff associate positions and vocational certified instructors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the determination of years of service for occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, and psychologists, regulated under Title 18 RCW, may include experience in schools and other nonschool positions as occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, or psychologists. One year of service in nonschool positions shall be counted as one year of service for purposes of this act. A maximum of five years of service in nonschool positions may be included in the determination of years of service.

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the determination of years of service for vocational certified instructors may include related nonschool experience for vocational certified instructors who hold a valid vocational certificate acquired as a result of noneducational work experience rather than college training and who have a degree earned from a regionally accredited institution of higher education before the issuance of the initial vocational certificate, which is a noneducational degree related to the vocational certificate. Such instructors are defined as "nondegreed." These instructors may also be determined to qualify for years of service for supervisory noneducational work experience under existing rules.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5733-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens and Jacobsen)

Regarding hydraulic project permit approval for projects intended to reduce or eliminate damage from floods.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, for any property that has experienced at least two consecutive years of flooding or erosion that has damaged or has threatened to damage a structure, water supply system, septic system, or access to any road or highway, the county legislative authority must determine that a chronic danger exists. The county legislative authority shall notify the department, in writing, if it determines that a chronic danger exists. In cases of chronic danger, the department shall issue an expedited written

permit, upon request, for work to remove any obstructions, repair existing structures, restore banks, restore road or highway access, protect fish resources, or protect property.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
 Mar 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 5746-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Murray, Keiser, and Poulsen)

Regarding the practice of landscape architecture.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that in order to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote public welfare, it is necessary to regulate the practice of landscape architecture, based on the first action taken to regulate the profession in 1969, and subsequent review in year 1988 along with review and revisions in 2007.

Repeals RCW 18.96.050, 18.96.160, and 18.96.170.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 27 Public hearing and executive action taken in committee.
 Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Minority; without recommendation.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5748-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

Regarding ballast water management.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department, in consultation with the ballast water work group, or similar collaborative forum, to adopt by rule standards for the discharge of ballast water into the waters of the state and their implementation timelines. The standards are intended to ensure that the discharge of ballast water poses minimal risk of introducing nonindigenous species. In developing these standards, the department shall consider the extent to which the requirement is technologically and practically feasible. Where practical and appropriate, the standards must be compatible with standards set by the United States coast guard, the federal clean water act (33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251-1387), or the international maritime organization.

Authorizes the department to issue a special operating authorization for passenger vessels conducting or assisting in research and testing activities to determine the presence of invasive species in ballast water collected in the waters of southeast Alaska north of latitude fifty-four degrees thirty minutes north to sixty-one degrees ten minutes north, extending to longitude one hundred forty-nine degrees thirty minutes west. Such testing and research shall be

reviewed by the ballast water work group and the findings included in the report to the legislature referenced in this act.

Repeals RCW 77.120.060, 77.120.080, and 77.120.090.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 14 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 28 Executive session in committee.
 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 And refer to Ways & Means.
 Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5772-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Franklin, Keiser, and Kline)

Certifying an employee organization for the purposes of state collective bargaining.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, when only one organization is seeking certification as the representative of unrepresented employees, and the showing of interest submitted in support of the petition indicates that the organization has been authorized by a majority of the employees to act as their representative for the purposes of collective bargaining, the executive director of the public employment relations commission shall: (1) Conduct a cross-check comparing bargaining authorization cards against the department of personnel's employment records; and

(2) If majority support exists, certify the organization as the sole representative; or
 (3) At the petitioner's request, conduct an election.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
 Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
 Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Minority; do not pass.
 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5783-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Zarelli, Hatfield, Franklin, Roach, Kline, Hobbs, Keiser, Kauffman, Kilmer, Kastama, Oemig, Delvin, Benton, and Rasmussen)

Applying interest arbitration to certain care providers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, in addition to the factors to be taken into consideration by an interest arbitration panel under RCW 41.56.465, the panel may consider: (1) The public's interest in reducing turnover and increasing retention of child care providers;

(2) The state's interest in promoting a stable child care workforce to provide quality and reliable care throughout the state; and

(3) For employees exempt from licensing under chapter 74.15 RCW, the state's fiscal interest in reducing reliance upon public benefit programs including but not limited to medical coupons, food stamps, subsidized housing, and emergency medical services.

Provides that, with respect to factors to be taken into consideration by an interest arbitration panel, the panel may consider: (1) The state's interest in promoting a stable long-term care workforce to provide quality and reliable care to vulnerable elderly and disabled recipients;

(2) The state's interest in ensuring access to affordable, quality health care for all state citizens; and

(3) The state's fiscal interest in reducing reliance upon public benefit programs including but not limited to medical coupons, food stamps, subsidized housing, and emergency medical services.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5788-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel, Brandland, and Kohl-Welles)

Requiring the licensing of home inspectors.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the licensing of home inspectors.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 1 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Mar 6 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

SB 5822-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Parlette)

Allowing certain activities between domestic wineries, domestic breweries, microbreweries, certificate of approval holders, and retail sellers of beer or wine.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Amends RCW 66.28.010 and 66.28.150 relating to allowing certain activities between manufacturers, importers, or distributors and retail sellers of wine.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5836-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Fairley, Roach, Kline, and Pridemore)

Addressing the timing of accrual of property tax revenues.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions addressing the timing of accrual of property tax revenues.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
On motion, referred to Rules.

SB 5838-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Clements, and Delvin)

Addressing spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 22 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.
- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5856-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Kline, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Kauffman, Weinstein, Pridemore, and Fairley)

Providing responsible bidder criteria and related requirements for public works contracts.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that before award of a public works contract, a bidder must meet the following responsibility criteria to be considered a responsible bidder and qualified to be awarded a public works project. The bidder must have: (1) At the time of bid submittal, a certificate of registration in compliance with chapter 18.27 RCW;

- (2) A current state unified business identifier number;
- (3) If applicable, industrial insurance coverage for the bidder's employees working in Washington as required in Title 51 RCW; an employment security department number as required in Title 50 RCW; and a state excise tax registration number as required in Title 82 RCW; and
- (4) Not been disqualified from bidding on any public works contract under RCW 39.06.010 or 39.12.065(3).

Provides that in addition to the bidder responsibility criteria, the state or municipality may adopt supplemental criteria for determining bidder responsibility applicable to a particular project.

Requires public works contractors to verify that their first tier subcontractors meet the bidder responsibility criteria listed in this act at the time of award, and any subcontractor that hires other subcontractors must verify that their subcontractors meet the responsibility criteria listed in this act at the time of award.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 20 Public hearing in committee.
- Feb 27 Executive session in committee.

- Feb 28 LCRD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Mar 6 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.

SB 6147 by Senators Brown, Kohl-Welles, and Keiser
Concerning business and occupation tax imposed on retail establishments.

Declares an intent of the legislature to establish: (1) A surcharge to the business and occupation tax on retail establishments; and

(2) A tax credit for certain retail establishments.

-- 2007 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 7 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.