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House Bills

HB 1484-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Orcutt, Hurst, McCoy, and Blake)

Expanding the riparian open space program to include lands that contain critical habitat of threatened or endangered species.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the forest practices board to establish by rule a program for the acquisition of riparian open space and critical habitat for threatened or endangered species as designated by the board. At the landowner's option, acquisition may be of a fee interest or a conservation easement. Lands eligible for acquisition are forest lands within unconfined channel migration zones or forest lands containing critical habitat for threatened or endangered species as designated by the board.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

HB 1595-S by House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake and Chandler)

Regarding the transfer of certain state forest lands.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that the revenue generated from state forest lands is a vital component of the operating budget in many rural counties. The dependence on a natural resource-based economy is especially underscored in counties with lower population levels and large holdings of public land. The high cost of compliance with the federal endangered species act on state forest lands within these smaller counties is disproportionately burdensome when compared to their total county budgets.

Declares an intent to provide sustainable revenue to smaller counties that are heavily dependent on state forest land revenues while promoting long-term protection, conservation, and recovery of marbled murrelets and northern spotted owls.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 AGNR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.

HB 1911-S by House Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications (originally sponsored by Representatives Probst, Morris, Ericks, Jacks, Kelley, Conway, and Orcutt)

Modifying the business and occupation tax rate on wholesalers of solar energy systems and including semiconductor materials.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies the business and occupation tax rate on wholesalers of solar energy systems using photovoltaic modules, or of manufacturing solar grade silicon, silicon solar wafers, silicon solar cells, thin film solar devices, or

compound semiconductor solar wafers used exclusively in components of those systems.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the House Committee on Technology and Energy & Communications at 1:30 PM.

Feb 11 TEC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Technology and Energy & Communications at 8:00 AM.

HB 2182 by Representatives Condotta, Ericks, Blake, Hope, Dammeier, Kelley, and Kristiansen

Reducing the business and occupation tax rate for retailers, wholesalers, and service providers of motor vehicles.

Reduces the business and occupation tax rate until July 1, 2024, for retailers, wholesalers, and service providers of motor vehicles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2183 by Representatives Roach, Takko, Newhouse, Eddy, and Kelley

Establishing the small business employee wellness program.

Encourages the growth of workplace-based wellness programs by providing incentives for the adoption of employee wellness programs by small businesses. In providing these incentives, the legislature hopes to encourage all employers to provide health coverage to employees and dependents, but also ensure that all employers have an opportunity to adopt employee wellness programs for the use of their employees to promote wellness.

Authorizes a small business or a nonprofit organization to claim a business and occupation tax credit for the costs of implementing a qualified employee wellness program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2184 by Representatives Schmick, Wood, Ross, Pearson, and Chandler

Concerning privately operated manlifts.

Defines "privately operated manlift" in chapter 70.87 RCW (elevators, lifting devices, and moving walks).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2185 by Representatives McCoy and Chase

Concerning solar water heating systems.

Authorizes a light and power business or gas company to: (1) Provide a rebate to its retail customers for the costs incurred by the retail customers in installing solar water heating systems in their home or business; and

(2) Establish a grant program to assist its retail customers in installing solar water heating systems in their

home or business, to the extent state or federal funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2186 by Representative Williams

Concerning public policy.

Declares an intent to protect employees who are acting in furtherance of public policy.

Creates a cause of action, separate from the common law tort of wrongful discharge, protecting against employee termination for actions opposing employer violations of public policy.

Provides that the act is remedial in nature, is necessary to resolve confusion in the law, and is effective as to claims filed on or after the effective date of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2187 by Representative Williams

Regarding day care expenses in child support obligations.

Modifies provisions relating to day care expenses in child support obligations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2188 by Representatives Ross, Schmick, and Johnson; by request of Department of Corrections

Changing the provisions relating to the early deportation of illegal alien offenders.

Modifies provisions relating to early deportation of illegal alien offenders.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services.

Feb 18 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

HB 2189 by Representatives Ross, Johnson, and Smith

Concerning parking and business improvement areas.

Revises provisions regarding parking and business improvement areas.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2190 by Representative Seaquist

Concerning the use of state bond proceeds for certain public-private transportation projects.

Requires prior legislative approval for capital improvements or preservation of certain public-private transportation projects.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2191 by Representative Seaquist

Modifying the use of funds from the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account.

Prohibits toll charges, other revenues, and interest from the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account from being used to pay for costs that do not contribute directly to the financing, operation, maintenance, and management and necessary emergency repairs of the tolled facility.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2192 by Representative Seaquist

Prohibiting the reduction of toll penalties for infractions detected through the use of a photo enforcement system.

Prohibits the reduction of toll penalties for infractions detected through the use of a photo enforcement system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2193 by Representatives Seaquist, Rolfes, Morris, and Nelson

Modernizing the Washington state ferry system.

Improves Washington state ferry service by modernizing ferry fleet and organization.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2194 by Representative Appleton; by request of Department of Corrections

Modifying provisions relating to extraordinary medical placement for offenders.

Modifies authorization requirements for extraordinary medical placement for certain offenders.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services.

Feb 18 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

HB 2195 by Representative Pearson

Restricting the interest rates of credit cards.

Prohibits a financial institution that issues a credit card from charging an interest rate in connection with the credit card that is in excess of the maximum rate allowed under RCW 19.52.020.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2196 by Representatives Ericks and Ormsby

Including service credit transferred from the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system plan 1 in the determination of eligibility for military service credit.

Includes service credit transferred from the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system

plan 1 in the determination of eligibility for military service credit.

Applies to members who retired on or after January 1, 1998.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2197 by Representatives Armstrong, Angel, Haler, Appleton, Short, Morris, Johnson, Hunt, Kretz, Newhouse, Eddy, Liias, Warnick, McCune, Hurst, Roach, Rodne, Rolfes, Blake, Ericksen, Upthegrove, Simpson, Campbell, Takko, Moeller, Cox, Sells, Hope, Springer, Williams, Chase, Pearson, and Kristiansen

Abolishing the department of social and health services and creating new departments to take over its functions.

Abolishes the department of social and health services effective July 1, 2011, and creates: (1) The department of economic services, which will conduct financial eligibility evaluations for all the newly created agencies;

(2) The department of medical assistance;

(3) The department of health and rehabilitative services, which will consist of the long-term care, developmentally disabled, vocational-rehabilitation, mental health, and drug and alcohol substance abuse programs, and the special commitment center; and

(4) The department of children's services.

Directs the office of financial management and the department of social and health services to develop a plan to implement the act and report to the legislature during the 2010 legislative session.

Directs the code reviser to propose changes to the Revised Code of Washington for the 2012 legislative session to make technical corrections necessary as a result of implementing the act.

Requires the governor, by July 1, 2009, to appoint a transition team to direct the details of administration of the act.

Requires the transition team, by January 1, 2010, to submit a plan and necessary implementing legislation to the legislature for the division of the department of social and health services so that the new agencies will be operating by July 1, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 2198 by Representatives Hudgins, Hinkle, Van De Wege, Hasegawa, Takko, Jacks, Appleton, Williams, Chase, Eddy, Morris, Roberts, and White

Requiring rental car businesses to have a sufficient number of child restraint systems available to their customers.

Requires a rental car business to have a sufficient number of child restraint systems available at all times to meet the reasonably expected demand by rental car customers, and to provide the child restraint systems for no additional charge.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2199 by Representatives Newhouse and Hudgins

Providing regulatory relief for properties impacted by shifts in shoreline location due to habitat restoration projects.

Authorizes a local government to grant relief from shoreline master program development standards and use regulations within urban growth areas under certain conditions.

Provides that a substantial development permit is not required on land within urban growth areas as defined in RCW 36.70A.030 that is brought under shoreline jurisdiction due to a shoreline restoration project creating a landward shift in the ordinary high water mark.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2200 by Representatives Williams and Takko

Regarding the governance of intercounty rural library districts.

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county comprising part of an intercounty rural library district to, by resolution, submit a request to the county auditor calling for an election to be held in the county for the purpose of determining whether the county shall withdraw from the library district. If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition vote in favor of withdrawing the county from the library district, the county shall cease to be a part of the intercounty library district. A pro rata portion of all property, assets, and liabilities of the library district shall be transferred to the rural library district of the withdrawing county.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

HB 2201 by Representatives Hinkle, Pettigrew, and Warnick

Regarding child support pass through funds.

Removes the requirement that the department of social and health services pass through child support that is less than a certain amount for the purposes of distribution of state support registry funds.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2202 by Representative Hunter

Ensuring minimum proper veterinarian care standards for certain dogs.

Requires the department of agriculture to adopt and maintain rules identifying the minimum proper veterinarian care standard for a dog under twelve months of age necessary to maximize the health of a dog under twelve months of age or minimize the spread of diseases.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 5130-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Hargrove, Swecker, Hatfield, Holmquist, Brandland, Sheldon, Tom, King, Hobbs, McCaslin, Stevens, and Marr; by request of Attorney General)

Regarding prisoner access to public records.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Regulates access to public records by persons serving criminal sentences in correctional facilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 3:30 PM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5141-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Regala, and Shin)

Creating a pilot program to increase family participation in juvenile offender programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to increase incentives for appropriate and successful participation in evidence-based juvenile offender programs in order to further reduce juvenile offender recidivism, reduce crime, and increase fiscal benefits to the state.

Requires the department of social and health services juvenile rehabilitation services administration, to the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this purpose, to establish a pilot program to promote increased participation and success in juvenile offender evidence-based programs for juveniles under the jurisdiction of a county or the department, and their families.

Requires the pilot program to be operational by March 1, 2010.

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

Expires June 30, 2014.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5167-S by Senate Committee on Human Services &

Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Kline, and Hargrove)

Allowing a certificate of discharge to be issued when an existing order excludes or prohibits an offender from having contact with a specified person or business, or coming within a set distance of any specified location.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds clarification of RCW 9.94A.637 is desirable to provide clarity to the courts that a certificate of discharge shall be issued, while the no-contact order remains in effect, once other obligations are completed.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5209-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Kauffman, Stevens, Hargrove, McAuliffe, and Kline; by request of Attorney General)

Authorizing mental health counseling using crime victims' compensation funds for witnesses in civil commitment proceedings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Makes crime victims' compensation funds available for witnesses in civil commitment proceedings.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 3:30 PM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5212-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Kline, McCaslin, Hewitt, Haugen, Shin, and Becker; by request of Washington State Bar Association)

Modifying parenting plans based on the military service of a parent.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies parenting plans based on the military service of a parent.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 29 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 3:30 PM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5261-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Stevens, Hargrove, and Shin)

Creating an electronic statewide unified sex offender notification and registration program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to implement and operate an electronic statewide unified sex offender registry program, when funding is provided.

Provides immunity from civil liability for certain persons for damages for the release of or the failure to release certain information, as long as the release was without gross negligence.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5286-S by Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Hargrove, and Kohl-Welles)

Regarding exemptions from the WorkFirst program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to WorkFirst program exemptions.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 8:00 AM.

Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 12 HSC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5319-S2 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Kohl-Welles; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Improving economic security through unemployment compensation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the economic security act of 2009.

Improves economic security through unemployment compensation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 22 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 3 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 10 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 12 WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5553-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Delvin, Kastama, Shin, Hobbs, Marr, Tom, McAuliffe, Kohl-Welles, and Pridemore)

Promoting economic development through promoting innovation and the commercialization of technologies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Promotes economic development through promoting innovation and the commercialization of technologies.

Authorizes the Washington technology center to accept gifts, grants, donations, sponsorships, or contributions from any federal, state, or local government agency or program or any private source and expend the same for any activity consistent with its duties and purpose.

Requires the University of Washington to contract with the Washington technology center for the expenditure of state- appropriated funds for the operation of the center.

Creates the investing in innovation account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 11 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 12 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5723-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Shin, and Swecker)

Providing support for small business assistance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides support for small business assistance.

Creates the business assistance account.

Authorizes the Washington State University small business development center to use funds from the business assistance account to support satellite offices, increase the assistance, including the number of small business plan workshops and business counselors, available to small and start-up businesses, and develop new assistance programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 11 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 12 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5987 by Senators Regala, Hargrove, and Shin; by request of Department of Corrections

Authorizing the Washington state department of corrections to develop training for corrections personnel.

Revises the criminal justice training commission's authority for certification.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5988 by Senator Jacobsen

Addressing visitation by caregivers in dependency matters.

Authorizes the court to order visitation with a caregiver in dependency matters if certain requirements are met.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5989 by Senator Sheldon

Regarding the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard under chapter 80.80 RCW.

Revises provisions regarding the greenhouse gas emissions performance standard.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5990 by Senators Benton and McDermott

Removing campaign contribution limitations prior to legislative sessions.

Allows campaign contributions to be accepted during a legislative session.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5991 by Senator Benton

Identifying permissible use of public resources by office holders during campaigns.

Modifies provisions regarding the use of public resources by state officers and state employees during campaigns.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5992 by Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, Hatfield, Holmquist, Delvin, Hewitt, and Shin

Creating the community agricultural worker safety grant program.

Requires the department of agriculture, subject to appropriation for this specific purpose, to administer the community agricultural worker safety grant program to be implemented by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit opportunities industrialization center of Washington.

Expires July 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5993 by Senators Tom and Kohl-Welles

Improving licensed child care.

Improves the health, safety, learning, and well-being of children in Washington state licensed child care.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

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

SB 5994 by Senators Pridemore, Schoesler, and Honeyford; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.

Eliminates boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.

Declares that while advisory boards, committees, and commissions be eliminated, agencies should identify new, less costly, and more effective opportunities to ensure a broad range of citizen participation is provided and that all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that channels are maintained for vital input from the citizens of Washington. Ample time is provided for the advisory groups to complete work in progress and for agencies to develop alternative communication strategies.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5995 by Senators Pridemore, Schoesler, and Honeyford; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminating certain boards, committees, and commissions and the transfer of certain duties effective June 30, 2009.

Eliminates certain boards, committees, and commissions and transfers certain duties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 5996 by Senators Hobbs, Zarelli, Hewitt, Roach, and Holmquist

Reducing the business and occupation tax rate for retailers, wholesalers, and service providers of motor vehicles.

Reduces the business and occupation tax rate until July 1, 2024, for retailers, wholesalers, and service providers of motor vehicles.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5997 by Senators Murray, Parlette, Holmquist, Hobbs, Prentice, Schoesler, Hatfield, Hewitt, Shin, and Franklin

Providing sales and use tax exemptions to eligible data centers located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370(5).

Provides a sales and use tax exemption: (1) For sales to qualifying businesses of server equipment, to be installed, in an eligible computer data center, and for sales of labor and services rendered in respect to installing such server equipment; and

(2) To the sales of temperature and climate control infrastructure and power infrastructure, including labor and services rendered in respect to constructing, installing, repairing, altering, or improving such infrastructure.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5998 by Senators Keiser, Pflug, Marr, Parlette, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire

Concerning health carrier payment of wellness incentives.

Exempts employee wellness programs from a general prohibition on rebates by insurers.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5999 by Senator Jacobsen

Regarding the governance of intercounty rural library districts.

Authorizes the legislative authority of a county comprising part of an intercounty rural library district to, by resolution, submit a request to the county auditor calling for an election to be held in the county for the purpose of determining whether the county shall withdraw from the library district. If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition vote in favor of withdrawing the county from the library district, the county shall cease to be a part of the intercounty library district. A pro rata portion of all property, assets, and liabilities of the library district shall be transferred to the rural library district of the withdrawing county.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6000 by Senators Fraser, Benton, Tom, and Roach

Modifying real estate disclosure requirements regarding homeowners' associations.

Modifies real estate disclosure requirements regarding homeowners' associations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 6001 by Senators Pridemore and Shin; by request of Office of Financial Management

Addressing state agency quality management, accountability, and performance systems.

Addresses state agency quality management, accountability, and performance systems.

Requires all agency assessments under RCW 43.17.390 to be made available for public review on agency web sites or through other easily accessible formats.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

SB 6002 by Senators Keiser and Pridemore; by request of Health Care Authority

Abolishing the Washington state quality forum.

Abolishes the Washington state quality forum.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6003 by Senator Haugen

Concerning claims brought for the injury, illness, or death of seamen occurring from employment with the state.

Addresses claims brought for the injury, illness, or death of seamen occurring from employment with the state.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6004 by Senators Ranker, Oemig, Pridemore, Rockefeller, and Kline; by request of Governor Gregoire

Consolidating certain salmon recovery activities and programs within the recreation and conservation office.

Consolidates certain salmon recovery activities and programs within the recreation and conservation office.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6005 by Senators Ranker, Haugen, Kilmer, Marr, Pridemore, and Shin

Acquiring state ferry vessels through the use of certain tourism industry tax revenues.

Declares an intent to use a portion of the tax revenues that are generated by the tourism industry for the acquisition of Washington state ferry system auto ferry vessels.

Requires the department of transportation to purchase ferry vessels to be used in a county with a population of one million or more using the revenues generated in section 3(3)(d) of the act to pay the principal and interest on any bonds used to purchase the vessels.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Transportation.