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House Bills

HB 1419-S by House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kagi, Dickerson, Walsh, Roberts, Hunt, and Appleton)

Revising provisions affecting sexually aggressive youth.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the department of social and health services to offer appropriate available services and treatment to a sexually aggressive youth and his or her parents or legal guardians as provided in section 2 of the act and to refer the child and his or her parents to appropriate treatment and services available within the community, regardless of whether the child is the subject of a proceeding under chapter 13.34 RCW (juvenile court act--dependency and termination of parent-child relationship).

Provides that a juvenile's status as a sexually aggressive youth, and any protective plan, services, and treatment plans and progress reports provided with these funds are confidential and not subject to public disclosure by the department of social and health services.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 5 Public hearing in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 25 APPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1445-S by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, O'Brien, Van De Wege, Goodman, Sullivan, Hunt, Ormsby, Conway, and Santos)

Providing benefits to domestic partners under the Washington state patrol retirement system.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides benefits to domestic partners under the Washington state patrol retirement system.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 17 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.
- Feb 24 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 27 Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1634-S by House Committee on General Government Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives White, Jacks, Rolfes, Chandler, Carlyle, Liias, Crouse, Dunshee, and Conway)

Regarding architects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses the following provisions relating to architects: (1) Seal and sign provisions; (2) Corporate practice and registration requirements; (3) Registration exemptions; (4) Application requirements; and (5) Examination procedures.

Adds a continuing education requirement for registered architects.

Changes the name of the state board of registration for architects to the state board for architects.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 6 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 25 APPG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 1914-S by House Committee on Education Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sullivan, Kenney, Simpson, and Nelson)

Regarding community and technical colleges' maintenance and operations funding.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to receive state operating funds for maintenance and operations on instructional space financed through certificates of participation under chapter 39.94 RCW (financing contracts) to the same extent state funding would be provided if the space were financed using state bonds.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education Appropriations at 6:00 PM.
- Feb 26 APPE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1969-S by House Committee on Education Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Appleton, Kagi, Seaquist, Hurst, O'Brien, Morrell, Green, Dickerson, and Sullivan)

Promoting predictable funding for school districts that provide residential education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Submit to each regular session of the legislature during an odd-numbered year a budget request for residential education; and

(2) Allocate funding appropriated by the legislature for residential education to the school districts and educational service districts that are required to conduct a program under chapter 28A.190 RCW (residential education programs) and under RCW 13.04.145 (educational program for juveniles in detention facilities).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 18 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education Appropriations at 6:00 PM.
- Feb 26 APPE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2157-S by House Committee on General Government Appropriations (originally

sponsored by Representative Springer; by request of Governor Gregoire)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

Changes the authority and duties of certain entities involved in statewide salmon recovery and watershed health programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 20 Executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.
- Feb 26 APPG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Mar 2 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

HB 2295-S by House Committee on Health & Human Services Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Cody, Williams, Seaquist, and Darneille)

Concerning the organization of the department of social and health services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the department of social and health services to adopt a rule specifying the number and geographic boundaries of the department's regional service delivery system.

Requires each departmental administration and division to reorganize its delivery system to be consistent with the department's regional boundaries.

Changes the number of regional support networks the department may establish.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 26 APPH - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
- Mar 2 Referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2297 by Representatives White and Kenney

Concerning the convention place station expansion of the state convention and trade center.

Addresses expansion of the state convention and trade center.

Authorizes the corporation to: (1) In addition to using any funds appropriated to pay costs of activities authorized in the act, obtain interim financing, if necessary, to pay such costs; and

(2) Proceed with long-term financing for the purpose of paying costs of constructing and equipping the expansion project upon authorization of the legislature of the long-term financing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Mar 2 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2298 by Representative Haler

Placing restrictions on crane inspectors.

Places restrictions on crane inspectors.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2299 by Representatives Klippert, Driscoll, Haler, Kenney, and Grant-Herriot

Concerning formation, operation, and nonstate funding of public facilities districts.

Authorizes legislative authorities to create additional public facilities districts under certain circumstances.

Addresses public facilities districts' formation, operation, and nonstate funding.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Finance.
FIN - Executive action taken by committee.
FIN - Majority; do pass.

HB 2300 by Representatives Ericks, Condotta, Conway, and Kenney

Allowing the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

Allows the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 2301 by Representative Nelson

Authorizing the department of community, trade, and economic development to approve comprehensive plans and development regulations.

Authorizes the department of community, trade, and economic development to approve comprehensive plans and development regulations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Local Government & Housing.

Senate Bills

SB 5177-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Delvin, Kastama, King, Rockefeller, McAuliffe, Pridemore, Hobbs, Fraser, McDermott, Jarrett, Kilmer, Keiser, Hatfield, and Roach)

Creating a global Asia institute within the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a global Asia institute within the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies to promote the understanding of Asia and its interactions with Washington state and the world.

Authorizes the higher education coordinating board to solicit, accept, receive, and administer federal funds or

private funds, in trust or otherwise, and contract with foundations or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to support the purposes of the act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5210-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Holmquist, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Regala, Honeyford, and Shin; by request of Attorney General)

Concerning unsolicited goods and the promotional advertising of prizes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses unsolicited goods and services and the promotional advertising of prizes.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 9:00 AM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5361-S by Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators McDermott, Swecker, Pridemore, Oemig, Marr, Jarrett, Kohl-Welles, Fraser, Kline, Murray, Kastama, McCaslin, Shin, Haugen, and Kilmer)

Feeding hungry children through school breakfast and lunch programs and summer food service programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires funds, subject to appropriation, to be allocated to school districts sufficient to eliminate the copayment for breakfast for all students qualifying for reduced-price lunch and to eliminate the copayment for lunch for any students in grades kindergarten through three that qualify for reduced-price lunch.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction: (1) To the extent funds are appropriated, to eliminate the copayment for lunch for any students in grades preschool through five that qualify for reduced-price lunch;

(2) To the extent funds are appropriated, to provide state support for summer food service programs; and

(3) To conduct two cycles of grant awards per school year, with a fall cycle of grants of up to twenty thousand dollars to build local capacity to provide summer food service programs and a spring cycle of grants of up to five thousand dollars for expenses related to providing outreach and for planning and administrative tasks associated with initiating a new program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 25 EDU - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5380-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators McCaslin and Marr)

Addressing the statute of limitations for certain crimes.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that the following offenses shall not be prosecuted more than six years after their commission or their discovery, whichever occurs later: (1) Leading organized crime;

(2) Use of proceeds of criminal profiteering;

(3) Felony money laundering;

(4) Felony identity crimes; or

(5) Theft in the first or second degree when accomplished by color or aid of deception.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5400-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Berkey, Benton, McCaslin, Shin, Roach, and Kline; by request of Department of Financial Institutions)

Regulating reverse mortgage lending practices.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the Washington state reverse mortgage act.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5404-S by Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

Regarding the department of fish and wildlife.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes revocation and suspension of: (1) All recreational hunting and fishing privileges for two years for certain reasons; and

(2) A person's master hunter permit for certain reasons for specific periods of time.

Directs the fish and wildlife commission to define the opening day of low land lake fishing season by rule.

Requires a person to have a license or permit issued by the director of the department of fish and wildlife to act as

a food fish guide for personal use in freshwater rivers and streams, except that a charter boat license is required to operate a vessel from which a person may fish for food fish, for a fee, in certain state waters.

Provides that an anadromous game fish buyer's license is not required for those businesses that buy steelhead trout and other anadromous game fish from Washington licensed game fish dealers and sell solely at retail.

Authorizes the department of fish and wildlife to dispose of unclaimed property in the same manner as is currently done by the Washington state patrol.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Ocean & Recreation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 NROR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5424-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette and Sheldon)

Concerning interest rate and penalty provisions in the current use program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Removes the two-year advance notice requirement of property owners in the current use program providing the county assessor with notice of intent to withdraw property from the program after the initial ten-year classification period.

Changes the interest rate on the additional tax imposed under section 1(4) of the act.

Allows an exception from the requirement to pay additional tax upon removal of property from a current use classification when the classification was originally granted in error through no fault of the owner.

Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5502-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Pflug, Franklin, Murray, Roach, Marr, Kohl-Welles, and Shin)

Establishing the primary care physician conditional tuition waiver program.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that there is a critical shortage of primary care physicians in the state especially in rural areas.

Declares an intent to create incentives for medical school students to choose primary care practice for their medical careers.

Establishes the primary care physician conditional tuition waiver program to be administered by the University of Washington.

Requires the University of Washington to provide medical school students with information about the growth of patient and family-centered primary care medical homes throughout the state as a desirable and important strategy to improve quality of care.

Requires funding for graduate medical education to be directed toward residents-in-training in family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics who plan to pursue primary care in Washington following their residency programs.

Expires July 1, 2019.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5538-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Kauffman, Hobbs, Shin, Keiser, Murray, Fraser, Kilmer, and Kohl-Welles)

Regarding employment opportunities at institutions of higher education.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires each community and technical college to: (1) In close collaboration with the exclusive bargaining representative for faculty, create a conversion plan to increase the number of full-time tenured faculty positions;

(2) Establish a process, subject to collective bargaining, under which part-time and full-time nontenured faculty members, after successful completion of an evaluation period, receive timely notice of and priority consideration, consistent with other institutional and state policies, for academic employment assignments for which they are qualified in their discipline in coming academic terms; and

(3) Create a process, subject to collective bargaining, for ensuring that qualified internal applicants receive priority consideration for attaining a tenure-track position when one becomes available such as prior notification of job openings before they are posted outside of the institution or a job interview for positions where minimum requirements have been met.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5563-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Prentice, Keiser, Pflug, Zarelli, Benton, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Kline, and Fairley)

Regarding hours of labor for health care employees.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes employees of health care facilities as those terms are defined in RCW 49.28.130 to enter into collective bargaining contracts, labor/management agreements, or other mutually agreed to employment agreements that specifically vary from or supersede, in part or in total, rules adopted under chapter 49.12 RCW (industrial welfare) regarding appropriate rest and meal periods.

Revises the definition of "employee" in chapter 49.28 RCW (hours of labor).

Prohibits an employer as defined in RCW 49.28.130 from scheduling nonemergency procedures that would require overtime.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 29 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 16 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 8:00 AM.
- Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5569-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs and Kastama; by request of Department of Revenue)

Concerning the administration of state and local tax programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Improves the administration of state and local tax programs without impacting tax collections by providing greater consistency in numerous tax incentive programs.

Revises provisions relating to the confidentiality and disclosure of tax information.

Amends statutes to improve clarity and consistency, eliminate obsolete provisions, and simplify administration.

Declares an intent to create two sets of uniform reporting requirements that apply to the existing tax preferences and that can be used in future legislation granting additional tax preferences.

Requires the legislative fiscal committees or the department of revenue to study many of the existing tax preferences and report to the legislature at least once. Because chapter 43.136 RCW (termination of tax preferences) now requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, with support from the department of revenue, to comprehensively review most tax preferences every ten years and provide a report to the legislature, a number of redundant studies by the legislative fiscal committees and the department of revenue have been eliminated. However, the department of revenue will continue to prepare summary descriptive statistics by category and report the statistics to the legislature each year.

Provides that certain provisions of the act: (1) That relate to annual surveys and annual reports apply beginning with annual surveys and annual reports due in 2010 and thereafter;

(2) Apply to return or tax information in respect to the tax imposed under chapter 83.100 RCW (estate and transfer tax act) in the possession of the department of revenue on or after a certain date;

(3) Apply both retroactively and prospectively to estates of decedents dying on or after May 17, 2005; and

(4) Apply both prospectively and retroactively beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2002 and thereafter.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5571-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Revenue)

Requiring the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 5 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5588-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Tom, and Murray)

Administering, suspending, and eliminating boards and commissions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Administers, suspends, and eliminates boards and commissions.

Requires the governor, by July 1, 2010, to recommend to the legislature which of the boards and commissions, created either by statute or by action of the executive branch, shall receive state funding, those whose activities shall be suspended, and those which shall be terminated either by legislative or executive branch action.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5589-S by Senate Committee on Government

Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Tom, and Murray)

Consolidating certain councils, boards, committees, and commissions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Dissolves the traumatic brain injury grant advisory board.

Requires the traumatic brain injury council to assume all duties and powers of the traumatic brain injury grant advisory board necessary to retain any federal grants.

Eliminates the veterans innovations program board.

Requires the veterans affairs advisory committee to assume the powers and duties of the veterans innovations program board.

Dissolves the HIV early intervention program steering committee and the HIV policy collaborative.

Requires the HIV/AIDS education program review panel to assume all duties and powers of the HIV early intervention program steering committee and the HIV policy collaborative necessary to retain any federal grants.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5625-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Berkey, Hobbs, Shin, and Ranker)

Creating a state college in Snohomish county.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a state college in Snohomish county and requires the college to provide baccalaureate and graduate level higher education programs primarily to the citizens of Snohomish, Island, and Skagit counties under rules or guidelines adopted by the higher education coordinating board.

Provides a contingent effective date.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 6 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5628-S by Senate Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Kastama, Delvin, Hobbs, Shin, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, Berkey, and Stevens)

Studying the telecommunications and information industries.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the utilities and transportation commission to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the structure of the state's telecommunications and information industries.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 4 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Trade & Innovation at 8:00 AM.

Feb 25 EDTI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
On motion, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5649-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Hobbs, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Fraser, Sheldon, Shin, McAuliffe, Kline, and Oemig)

Regarding energy efficiency in buildings.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature that financial and technical assistance programs be expanded to direct municipal, state, and federal funds, as well as electric and natural gas utility funding, toward greater achievement of energy efficiency improvements. To this end, the legislature establishes a policy goal of assisting in weatherizing twenty thousand homes and businesses in the state in each of the next five years. The legislature also intends to attain this goal in part through supporting programs that rely on community organizations and that there be maximum family-wage job creation in fields related to energy efficiency.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 30 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.

Feb 25 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5672-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kline and Kohl-Welles)

Protecting consumers from discrimination based on lawful source of income.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Prohibits discrimination based on lawful source of income.

Defines "lawful source of income" in chapter 49.60 RCW (discrimination--human rights commission).

Provides that the lawful source of income provisions of chapter 49.60 RCW apply to living arrangements subject to chapter 59.18 RCW (residential landlord-tenant act), and do not include exempted living arrangements as described in RCW 59.18.040.

Provides that the act does not apply to a housing complex where at least twenty percent of the tenants receive section 8 voucher subsidies.

Expires December 31, 2011.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 6:00 PM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5735-S by Senate Committee on Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Hargrove, Jacobsen, Ranker, Fraser, Keiser, Jarrett, Franklin, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Regala, McAuliffe, and Kline; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the state to adhere to certain policies when presenting its position on any regional or national emissions reduction program that relies on a multisector, market-based approach to regulating greenhouse gas emissions.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Design voluntary annual statewide emissions targets beginning with calendar year 2009;

(2) Design a voluntary Washington emissions reduction registry, whose sole purpose is to assist persons in achieving recognition for emissions reductions;

(3) Establish criteria for recognizing voluntary offset credits for offset projects that may be used to report equivalent emissions reductions under section 4 of the act or that may be projects sponsored in this state that may be offered in emerging carbon markets where state recognition will enhance the market value of the projects;

(4) Present the state's policy on forestry offset projects established under section 7 of the act as the state's position when developing the criteria for forestry offset projects within any other regional or national emissions reduction program;

(5) In consultation with the forest practices board, the department of natural resources, and the forest carbon working group, develop the state's policy for forestry offset projects within Washington; and

(6) In consultation with Washington State University and the department of agriculture, reestablish the agriculture carbon working group to develop recommendations for agricultural offset projects within Washington.

Authorizes the director of the department of ecology to monitor and discuss with representatives of other jurisdictions within the western climate initiative the formation of an organization, including a nonprofit corporation to carry out certain administrative functions.

Creates the voluntary climate emissions reduction incentives account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 3 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 10:00 AM.

Feb 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 10:00 AM.

Feb 20 Executive session in the Senate Committee on Environment and Water & Energy at 8:00 AM.

Feb 25 EWE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5760-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Brandland, Zarelli, Shin, Kilmer, and Kohl-Welles; by request of University of Washington and Washington State University)

Regarding the University of Washington's and Washington State University's public works contracting procedures.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the board of regents of the University of Washington and Washington State University to enter into any number of contracts with one or more persons, companies, or entities for the planning, design, renovation, erection, remodeling, demolition, or construction of university buildings and facilities, or improvements thereto, using a small works roster process for projects with an estimated cost of up to one million dollars, and a design-build process, design-bid-build process, or general contractor-construction manager process for projects with an estimated cost in excess of one million dollars.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5773-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, McAuliffe, Kilmer, Kohl-Welles, and McDermott)

Establishing the opportunity internship program for high school students.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the opportunity internship program to provide incentives for opportunity internship consortia to use existing resources to build educational and employment pipelines to high-demand occupations in targeted industries for low-income high school students.

Directs the higher education coordinating board to work with institutions of higher education to assure that the institutions are aware of the eligibility of opportunity internship graduates for an award under chapter 28B.92 RCW (state student financial aid program).

Authorizes a business and occupation tax credit for persons participating in an opportunity internship consortium that offers paid internships of at least ninety hours in length to low-income high school students through an opportunity internship program.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct an outcome evaluation of opportunity internship programs.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; do not pass.

Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5776-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators McDermott, Schoesler, Fairley, Oemig, Jarrett, and Kohl-Welles)

Regarding student fees, charges, and assessments.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes students to create or increase voluntary student fees for each academic year when passed by a majority vote of the student government or its equivalent, or referendum presented to the student body or such other process that has been adopted under RCW 28B.15.610.

Allows the voluntary student fees and services and activities fees to be used, under certain circumstances: (1) For lobbying by a student government association or its equivalent; and

(2) To support a statewide or national student organization or its equivalent that may engage in lobbying.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5778-S by Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig, Swecker, and Kilmer)

Requiring disclosure of certain course material information for higher education courses.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the boards of regents of the state universities, the boards of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College, and the boards of trustees of each community and technical college district, in collaboration with affiliated bookstores and student and faculty representatives, to adopt rules requiring that: (1) Affiliated bookstores disclose certain information to students on required course materials at least two weeks before the start of the class for which the materials are required; and

(2) Faculty and staff members consider the least costly practices in assigning course materials, such as adopting free, open textbooks when available, and working with college librarians to put together collections of free online web and library resources.

Authorizes the chief academic officer to waive the disclosure requirement on a case-by-case basis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 HEWD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5780-S by Senate Committee on Transportation

(originally sponsored by Senators Tom and Brandland; by request of Washington State Patrol)

Establishing chapter 46.55 RCW as the exclusive remedy for certain claims resulting from the impoundment of a motor vehicle.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Clarifies that: (1) The procedures and remedies contained in RCW 46.55.120 (redemption of vehicles--sale of unredeemed property--improper impoundment) are intended to be the exclusive remedy for any claim that is based on whether an impoundment at the direction of a law enforcement officer or governmental agency violates chapter 46.55 RCW (towing and impoundment); and

(2) Any civil cause of action for damages, other than as provided in RCW 46.55.120, that is based on whether an impoundment at the direction of a law enforcement officer or governmental agency is in violation of chapter 46.55 RCW is abolished.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 26 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5786-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Honeyford, and Shin)

Authorizing the creation of cultural access authorities.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the county legislative authority of any county in this state with a population greater than one hundred seventy-five thousand to, by resolution, submit to the voters of the county at any general election held in an even-numbered year the proposition of creating a cultural access authority which must be coextensive with the limits of the county as now or hereafter established.

Authorizes the board of a cultural access authority to submit an authorizing proposition to the voters of the authority and, if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of chapter 82.14 RCW (local retail sales and use taxes).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5793-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hewitt, Honeyford, and Morton)

Concerning a single-occupancy farm conveyance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Exempts single-occupancy farm conveyances used exclusively by a farm operator and the farm operator's

family members from department of labor and industries' permit and inspection requirements.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5798-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, McCaslin, Keiser, Pflug, and Kline)

Concerning medical marijuana.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that health care professionals are excepted from liability and prosecution for the authorization of marijuana use to qualifying patients for whom, in the health care professional's professional judgment, medical marijuana may prove beneficial.

Defines "health care professional" for purposes of chapter 69.51A RCW (medical marijuana).

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5809-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senator Hargrove)

Revising unemployment compensation and workforce training provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that: (1) The purpose of the act is to: (a) reduce the amount paid by employers in the state to the unemployment compensation fund by one-tenth of one percent of taxable wages; and (b) establish a separate fund for workforce training grants for dislocated workers. This fund shall consist of contributions of one-tenth of one percent of taxable wages; and

(2) It is the intent of the legislature that the act not result in any net increase in employer tax rates.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 6:00 PM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5810-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Kauffman, Berkey, Shin, Franklin,

Keiser, Tom, and Kohl-Welles; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Concerning foreclosures on deeds of trust.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Addresses foreclosures on deeds of trust.

Expires sections 1 through 4, 7, and 8 of the act on December 31, 2012.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 FIHI - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5817-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Becker, Schoesler, Morton, Brandland, Holmquist, Stevens, Swecker, McCaslin, Carrell, Delvin, Honeyford, King, Kastama, Hatfield, Parlette, Hewitt, and Roach)

Concerning current use valuation of farm and agricultural lands.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides an exemption from the requirement to recapture seven years of reduced taxes, interest, and penalties if it is discovered that land was classified in error through no fault of the owner.

Defines "commercial agricultural purpose" to include production of crops and livestock, equestrian-related activities, and planting of perennials with an expectation that an agricultural product will be harvested within seven years.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5834-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Holmquist)

Regarding alcoholic beverage regulation.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding alcoholic beverage regulation.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5839-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural

Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, and Shin)

Regarding the administration of irrigation districts.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes a responsible administrator, whenever a city, town, or county receives an application for the approval of a plat of a subdivision that lies in whole or in part in an irrigation district organized pursuant to chapter 87.03 RCW, to give written notice of the application, including a legal description of the short subdivision and a location map, to the irrigation district.

Authorizes an irrigation or reclamation district to enter into a contract with the United States for the transfer of operations and maintenance of the works of a federal reclamation project, but the contract does not impute to the district negligence for design or construction defects or deficiencies of the transferred works.

Authorizes an irrigation district to enter into any contract or agreement with, or form a separate legal entity with, certain entities or utilities.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 9 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5850-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Swecker, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, Hargrove, Fraser, Tom, Regala, Prentice, McAuliffe, and Shin)

Protecting workers from human trafficking violations.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies to provide a disclosure statement to foreign workers who have been referred to or hired by a Washington employer.

Authorizes the department of labor and industries to create a model disclosure form and post the model form on its web site so that domestic employers of foreign workers and international labor recruitment agencies may download the form, or mail the form upon request.

Requires physicians, psychologists, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers to take a one-time course on human trafficking that is culturally sensitive and that teaches methods of recognizing victims of human trafficking, including minor victims, what services are available for these victims, and where to report potential trafficking situations.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; without recommendation.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5868-S by Senate Committee on Government

Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Fairley, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Consolidating the cemetery board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Consolidates and modifies the duties of the cemetery board and the board of funeral directors and embalmers into one board to be known as the funeral and cemetery board.

Repeals the funeral directors and embalmers account and the cemetery account.

Creates the funeral and cemetery account.

Requires any residual balance of funds remaining in the funeral directors and embalmers account and the cemetery account to be transferred to the funeral and cemetery account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5876-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senator Kohl-Welles)

Concerning the incentive in the motion picture competitiveness programs.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Increases the maximum funding assistance allowed from an approved motion picture competitiveness program.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5891-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senator Keiser; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Establishing a forum for testing primary care medical home reimbursement pilot projects.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the health care authority and the department of social and health services to design, oversee implementation of, and evaluate one or more primary care medical home reimbursement pilot projects in the state to include as participants public payors, private health carriers, third-party purchasers, and health care providers.

Expires July 1, 2013.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5895-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Kohl-Welles, Fraser, and McDermott)

Addressing residential real property construction improvements through consumer education, warranty protections, municipal liability, third-party inspections, contractor registration requirements, worker certification standards, and bonding requirements.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) There is inadequate protection for consumers in the area of residential construction; and

(2) A significant amount of the problems in the construction of new residential real property, or the substantial remodel of existing residential real property, pertain to water intrusion and unstable foundations and develop from poor installation of roofing, siding, framing, foundations, doors, and windows.

Declares an intent to: (1) Modify the common law implied warranty of habitability to provide that this warranty may not be contractually disclaimed, waived, modified, or limited; and

(2) Establish a worker certification requirement for those doing construction work in the areas of roofing, siding, framing, foundations, doors, and windows.

Creates the office of consumer education for home construction in the office of the attorney general to be the primary point of contact for consumers in matters related to residential construction.

Requires a construction professional involved in the construction of new residential real property, or the substantial remodel of existing residential real property, to warrant that the work and any part thereof, will be suitable for the ordinary uses of real property of its type.

Requires any person applying for a building permit for construction of a residential building or substantial remodel to submit building enclosure design documents to the appropriate building department prior to the start of construction or substantial remodel.

Requires a registered contractor, by or against whom a petition in bankruptcy has been filed, to notify the department of labor and industries of the proceedings in bankruptcy, including the identity and location of the court in which the proceedings are pending, within ten days of the filing.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 3:30 PM.

Feb 25 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
And refer to Ways & Means.
Minority; do not pass.
Referred to Ways & Means.

SB 5913-S by Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Keiser, and Shin)

Concerning online access to the University of Washington health sciences library by certain health care providers.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions regarding fees and surcharges relevant to online access to the University of Washington health sciences library.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 HEA - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5933-S by Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators McDermott, Benton, Hobbs, Shin, and Kohl-Welles)

Allowing the owner of a self-service storage facility to offer self-service storage insurance.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires an owner of a self-service storage facility that intends to offer self-service storage insurance to file a self-service storage insurance producer license application with the insurance commissioner. The license authorizes a self-service storage insurance producer and its employees to offer insurance covering the loss of or damage to personal property stored at a facility on a master, corporate, group, or individual policy basis.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Housing & Insurance at 10:00 AM.

Feb 25 FIHL - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5994-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Schoesler, and Honeyford; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Eliminates boards and commissions and transfers certain duties effective 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 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5995-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Schoesler, and Honeyford; by request of Governor Gregoire)

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

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Eliminates certain boards, committees, and commissions and consolidates and transfers certain duties, effective June 30, 2009.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Feb 25 GO - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 6107 by Senator Jacobsen

Funding the state wildlife account.

Requires the lottery commission to conduct an online keno game in which the drawing or selection of winning tickets occurs more frequently than once every twenty-four hours but not less than every four minutes.

Removes the requirement that the legislature must approve this type of game.

Distributes certain revenue from the game to the state wildlife account.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6108 by Senators Prentice, Holmquist, and Kohl-Welles

Allowing the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

Allows the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

-- 2009 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 2 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.