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House Bills

HB 1103-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kristiansen, Morris, and Armstrong)
 Modifying the use of television viewers in motor vehicles.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Modifies provisions relating to motor vehicles equipped with television viewers.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 20 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 27 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

HB 1217-S by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Pedersen, Johnson, Klippert, Maxwell, Finn, Kenney, Santos, Springer, Ladenburg, Appleton, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Fitzgibbon, Kagi, Roberts, and Billig)

Authorizing certain local authorities to establish maximum speed limits on certain nonarterial highways.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
 Authorizes cities and towns in their respective jurisdictions to establish a maximum speed limit of twenty

miles per hour on a nonarterial highway that is within a residence district or business district.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 27 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

HB 1332-S by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Anderson, Goodman, Takko, Liias, Springer, Rodne, Hurst, and Tharinger)

Providing for the joint provision and management of municipal water, wastewater, storm and flood water, and related utility services.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes the joint municipal utility services act to: (1) Improve the ability of local government utilities to plan, finance, construct, acquire, maintain, operate, and provide facilities and services to the public; and
 (2) Reduce costs and improve the benefits, efficiency, and quality of utility services.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.
- Jan 28 LG - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

- Executive action taken in the House
Committee on Local Government at 8:00
AM.
- HB 1722** by Representatives Green, Hinkle, Pettigrew,
Armstrong, Chandler, Van De Wege, Liias, and
Harris
Creating a nursing home safety net assessment.
Requires the department of social and health services to
establish a skilled nursing facility safety net assessment on
certain Washington skilled nursing facilities, that will be
used solely to augment funding from all other sources and
thereby obtain additional funds to restore recent reductions
and to support additional payments to skilled nursing
facilities for medicaid services.
Establishes the skilled nursing facility safety net trust
fund to receive the assessments for securing federal
matching funds under federally prescribed programs
available through the state medicaid plan.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health & Human
Services Appropriations & Oversight.
- HB 1723** by Representatives Appleton, Armstrong,
Dunshee, Chandler, Morris, Ross, Moscoso,
Bailey, Alexander, and Hinkle
Addressing volunteer firefighting.
Revises the definition of "firefighter" for purposes of
volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers' relief and
pensions.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1724** by Representatives Jacks and Hope
Concerning the taxation of prepaid wireless
telecommunications service.
Imposes a prepaid wireless enhanced 911 excise tax.
Prohibits any other tax, fee, surcharge, or charge from
being imposed for enhanced 911 funding purposes.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1725** by Representatives Sells, Reykdal, Ormsby,
Kenney, and Upthegrove; by request of
Department of Labor & Industries
Addressing administrative efficiencies for the workers'
compensation program.
Addresses administrative efficiencies for the workers'
compensation program.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor &
Workforce Development.
Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the House
Committee on Labor & Workforce
Development at 8:00 AM. (Subject to
change)
- HB 1726** by Representatives Sells, Roberts, Ormsby,
Reykdal, Kenney, Miloscia, Moeller, and
Upthegrove; by request of Department of Labor &
Industries
Addressing the recommendations of the vocational
rehabilitation subcommittee for workers' compensation.
Addresses recommendations of the vocational
rehabilitation subcommittee for workers' compensation.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor &
Workforce Development.
- HB 1727** by Representatives Rodne and Frockt
Adopting the federal definition of service animal.
Eliminates the definition of "dog guide" and adopts the
federal definition of "service animal."
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1728** by Representatives Eddy, Rodne, Green,
Goodman, Kagi, and Kenney
Requiring businesses where food for human consumption is
sold or served to allow persons with disabilities to bring their
service animals onto the business premises.
Adopts the federal definition of "service animal."
Prohibits a person from preventing a service animal user
and his or her service animal from entering a business where
food for human consumption is sold or served.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1729** by Representatives Hurst, Orcutt, Blake, Kretz,
Upthegrove, Takko, Hinkle, Moeller, Hope,
and Pearson
Addressing the minimum standards for firearms safety
devices and gun safes used by certain governmental
agencies that purchase, receive, possess, use, or issue
firearms and government agents who receive, possess, or
use a firearm issued to the agent by the agency.
Establishes the Eddie Ryan public safety act of 2011.
Requires a governmental agency that purchases,
receives, possesses, uses, or issues a firearm to ensure that
the firearm includes or is accompanied with a firearms
safety device or gun safe.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1730** by Representatives Jinkins, Rodne, Haler, and
Dunshee
Concerning the authorization of bonds issued by
Washington local governments.
Modifies local government bond provisions relating to:
(1) Authorization;
(2) Funds received from sale of bonds and warrants; and
(3) Expenditures.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Local
Government.

- HB 1731** by Representatives Takko, Kagi, and Reykdal
Concerning the formation, operation, and governance of regional fire protection service authorities.
Addresses the formation, operation, and governance of regional fire protection service authorities.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Local Government.
- HB 1732** by Representatives Kelley, Frockt, Eddy, Billig, Kirby, Goodman, Hasegawa, Stanford, Seaquist, Green, Liias, Fitzgibbon, Blake, Dunshee, Rolfes, Miloscia, Finn, Sells, Kagi, Jacks, Ryu, Probst, Carlyle, Kenney, and Appleton
Regarding campaign finance disclosure.
Modifies campaign disclosure and contribution provisions relating to: (1) Statement of organization;
(2) Reporting contributions and expenditures;
(3) Political advertising requirements; and
(4) Public disclosure commission's authority to waive fines for certain violations.
Requires the public disclosure commission to make available to the public, upon request, a sample of any political advertising sponsored within the past five years by a political committee through a request to the appropriate political committee.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- HB 1733** by Representatives Schmick, Parker, Takko, Short, Fagan, Van De Wege, Hasegawa, and Kelley
Requiring notice of the transfer of information by consumer reporting agencies to third-parties outside the United States.
Requires a consumer reporting agency, under certain circumstances, to provide notice in writing to an applicant or employee before procuring a consumer report for employment purposes.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.
- HB 1734** by Representatives Klippert, Rolfes, Pearson, McCune, Hope, Finn, Ross, Kelley, and Johnson
Preventing students from possessing sharp-bladed instruments on school facilities.
Prevents possession of any knife, shank, stiletto, or other similar sharp-edged bladed object, implement, or instrument on school facilities.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.
- HB 1735** by Representatives Ormsby, Clibborn, Upthegrove, Springer, McCoy, Eddy, Dunshee, Hunt, Frockt, Moscoso, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Sells, Pedersen, Carlyle, Appleton, Dickerson, Darneille, Liias, Billig, Roberts, Maxwell, Reykdal, Kenney, Tharinger, and Stanford
Concerning creating clean water jobs through storm water pollution funding.
Establishes the clean water jobs act of 2011.
Imposes a storm water pollution fee on the first possession of petroleum products, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers for the purpose of offsetting the burden of funding projects and activities that redress state water pollution caused by the presence of such substances in storm water runoff.
Creates the storm water pollution account.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- HB 1736** by Representatives Ormsby, Hope, Van De Wege, Green, Reykdal, Fitzgibbon, Moscoso, Seaquist, and Kenney
Granting binding interest arbitration rights to certain unformed personnel.
Recognizes that there exists a public policy in the state against strikes by campus police officers at higher education institutions as a means of settling their labor disputes; that the uninterrupted and dedicated service of these employees is vital to the welfare and public safety of the state; and that to promote such dedicated and uninterrupted public service there should exist an effective and adequate alternative means of settling disputes.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.
- HB 1737** by Representatives Short, Seaquist, and Schmick
Concerning the department of social and health services' audit program for pharmacy payments.
Addresses audits of pharmacies' records by the department of social and health services.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.
- HB 1738** by Representatives Cody and Jenkins; by request of Governor Gregoire
Changing the designation of the medicaid single state agency.
Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the department of social and health services pertaining to the medical assistance program and the medicaid purchasing administration to the health care authority to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the act.
Changes the head of the state health care authority from the administrator to the director.
Requires the code reviser to prepare legislation for the 2012 regular session that changes all statutory references to administrator of the health care authority to director of the health care authority.
-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1739 by Representatives Jinkins, Cody, and Kagi

Concerning primary care health homes and chronic care management.

Promotes the adoption of primary care health homes and, within them, advances the practice of chronic care management to improve health outcomes and reduce unnecessary costs.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1740 by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Jinkins, and Hinkle; by request of Governor Gregoire

Establishing a health benefit exchange.

Requires the state to establish a health benefit exchange consistent with the federal affordable care act to begin operations no later than January 1, 2014.

Establishes the health benefit exchange development board to: (1) Coordinate with the administrator of the state health care authority to successfully complete implementation of planning and establishment grants received by the authority pursuant to the affordable care act; and

(2) Develop a business plan and timeline for establishing and implementing a state-administered health benefits exchange.

Authorizes the administrator of the state health care authority to enter into: (1) Information-sharing agreements with federal and state agencies and other state exchanges to carry out the provisions of the act; and

(2) Interdepartmental agreements with the office of the insurance commissioner, the department of social and health services, the department of health, and any other state agencies necessary to implement the act.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1741 by Representatives Kagi and Walsh; by request of Department of Social and Health Services

Regarding temporary assistance for needy families benefits.

Authorizes the department of social and health services to implement a permanent disqualification for temporary assistance for needy families for parents who have been terminated due to WorkFirst noncompliance sanction three or more times since March 1, 2007.

Modifies earned income cutoffs.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1742 by Representative Hunter; by request of Governor Gregoire

Addressing the alternate early retirement provisions for new members in plan 2 and plan 3 of the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system.

Provides that members in plan 2 and plan 3 of the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement

system, and the school employees' retirement system who first become employed by an employer in an eligible position on or after July 1, 2011, are not eligible for alternate early retirement.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1743 by Representatives Hope, Klippert, Armstrong, Ahern, Orwall, and Johnson

Eliminating the seven year provision for prior offenses in driving or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug statutes.

Eliminates the seven-year provision for prior offenses in statutes relating to driving or being in physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1744 by Representatives Hope, Kelley, Kristiansen, Pearson, Hurst, Ross, Ahern, and Johnson

Prohibiting the use of voluntary intoxication as a defense against a criminal charge.

Provides, unequivocally and solely, a legislative redefinition of the mens rea element for specific and general intent crimes where voluntary intoxication is alleged as part of a defense, that a voluntary intoxicated condition or state is not a defense to any criminal offense, and that voluntary intoxication may not be taken into consideration in determining the existence of a mental state which is an element of the offense unless the defendant proves that he or she did not know that it was an intoxicating substance when he or she consumed the substance causing the condition or state.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1745 by Representative Goodman

Concerning collection agencies.

Modifies collection agency provisions relating to communication with debtors.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.

HB 1746 by Representatives Miloscia, McCune, Moeller, and Blake

Concerning utility rates and charges for unoccupied mobile home lots in manufactured housing communities.

Prohibits rates, charges, fees, or other costs from being charged, under certain circumstances, to a mobile home lot in a manufactured housing community while the lot is unoccupied.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

HB 1747 by Representatives Clibborn and Armstrong

Concerning statewide transportation planning.

Allows more flexibility to organize the transportation planning process across modes and jurisdictions by providing policy direction on the desired outcome and reducing statutory procedural requirements.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 1748 by Representatives Miloscia, McCune, Moeller, Takko, and Kenney

Concerning the entry or removal of certain homes, models, or vehicles in manufactured housing communities with a nonconforming use status.

Prohibits a local government from prohibiting the entry or requiring the removal of a manufactured/mobile home, park model, or recreational vehicle authorized in certain manufactured housing communities on the basis of the community's status as a nonconforming use.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

HB 1749 by Representatives Miloscia, Orcutt, Moeller, and McCune

Requiring the removal of a mobile home, manufactured home, or park model from a mobile home park by a secured party after default.

Makes a secured party, who has a right to possession of certain mobile homes, manufactured homes, or park models, responsible for removing the home or park model from the mobile home park.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1750 by Representative Liias

Providing a state sales and use tax exemption on labor and materials used to reconstruct or repair structures damaged by arson.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on labor and services performed and materials purchased for use in reconstructing or repairing any residence or other structure damaged or destroyed by fire or an explosion related to the fire.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1751 by Representatives Liias, Carlyle, Fitzgibbon, Kenney, Moscoso, Frockt, Kagi, Reykdal, and Stanford

Requiring publishers or distributors of commercial telephone directories to provide persons a means to avoid receiving commercial telephone directories.

Requires a business that produces commercial directories to offer to each recipient of a directory an opportunity to opt out of receiving future directories.

Prescribes penalties.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1752 by Representatives Liias, McCoy, and Frockt

Putting the burden of proof on the public utility in certain rate proceedings before the utilities and transportation commission.

Provides that the burden of proof is on the public utility in any proceeding upon the motion of the utilities and transportation commission, involving any existing rate of the public utility, or in any proceedings upon complaint involving rates of the public utility.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1753 by Representatives Liias, Hope, Clibborn, Maxwell, and Billig

Clarifying the authority of a nurse working in a school setting.

Reaffirms the authority of a licensed nurse working in a school setting to practice nursing without the supervision of a person who is not a licensed nurse.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 1754 by Representatives Dunshee, Haler, and Warnick; by request of University of Washington and Washington State University

Regarding capital construction and building purposes at the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Modifies provisions regarding capital construction and building purposes at the University of Washington and Washington State University.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1755 by Representatives Goodman, Fitzgibbon, Dunshee, Springer, Anderson, Dickerson, and Hunt

Concerning the humane treatment of dogs.

Addresses unlawful tethering of a dog.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1756 by Representatives Roberts, Walsh, Haler, Green, Kagi, Jinkins, Darneille, Orwall, Uptegrove, and Kenney

Authorizing implementation of a nonexpiring license for early learning providers.

Authorizes nonexpiring licenses for early learning providers.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1757 by Representatives Haigh, Warnick, Blake, Finn, Ross, and Orcutt

Exempting agricultural fair premiums from the unclaimed property act.

Exempts agricultural fair premiums from the unclaimed property act.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1758 by Representatives Eddy and Frockt

Concerning sales and use tax exemptions for certain plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on the sale or use of new qualified plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Expires January 1, 2016.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

HB 1759 by Representative Green

Concerning definitions related to counseling.

Revises certain definitions for purposes of chapter 18.19 RCW (counselors).

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1760 by Representatives Probst, Sells, Upthegrove, and Hope

Requiring creation of a web-based application to match profiles of students and employers for internship opportunities.

Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to create a unified, profile-based web application that provides a forum for students and employers to develop networks and match prospective interns with internship opportunities.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor & Workforce Development.

HB 1761 by Representatives Dunshee and Ormsby; by request of Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Limiting private activity bond issues by out-of-state issuers.

Declares it is the policy of the state that in order to maintain an effective system of monitoring the use of federal subsidies within the state, facilities within the state proposed to be financed with bonds issued by an issuer that does not have jurisdiction over the location of those facilities must receive prior approval from the statewide issuer authorized by state law to issue bonds for the proposed project.

Prohibits the department of commerce from making an allocation of the state ceiling to an issuer formed or organized under the laws of another state.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 1762 by Representative Morris

Concerning standard offer contracts to eligible clean energy facilities.

Requires an electric utility to make available, twice a year for five years, standard offer contracts to eligible clean

energy facilities awarded through a competitive clean energy auction.

Modifies provisions relating to the public utility tax credit for light and power businesses.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 1763 by Representative Miloscia

Improving state government ethics and integrity.

Expands the duties of the legislative ethics board and the executive ethics board with regard to ethics and integrity.

Creates the governor's integrity and ethics award program.

Requires state officers and employees to attend annual ethics and integrity training.

Requires each head of agency to: (1) Develop an annual ethics and integrity plan for leadership and staff of the agency; and

(2) Create an independent advisory committee of employees and citizens.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to audit the legislative ethics board and the house of representatives' and senate's ethics and integrity programs.

Requires the state auditor to audit the executive ethics board.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1764 by Representative Miloscia

Regarding an annual assessment and performance grading program.

Requires the state auditor to establish an annual assessment and performance grading program that consists of conducting annual performance assessments and grading state agency performance.

Requires certain sales and use taxes to be dedicated to the program.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1765 by Representatives Miloscia and Kelley

Regarding independent assessments of agency quality management programs.

Requires agencies to provide the governor's office with an electronic copy of its independent assessment application and any feedback provided by the independent assessor.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1766 by Representatives Maxwell, Springer, Clibborn, Liias, and Anderson

Regarding hydronic heaters.

Regulates the use and sale of hydronic heaters.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Environment.

HB 1767 by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Green, Ormsby, Hasegawa, Stanford, and Kenney

Concerning private security guards.

Revises provisions relating to the licensing of private security guards.

Requires the department of licensing to develop a Washington state private security training manual and a required curriculum for refresher training.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Business & Financial Services.

HB 1768 by Representatives Kenney, Upthegrove, Santos, Dickerson, Kagi, Hasegawa, Van De Wege, Pedersen, and Tharinger

Concerning a surcharge for very low-income and homeless housing assistance.

Requires the county auditor to charge an additional surcharge of forty-eight dollars for each document recorded, the proceeds of which will be used by the department of commerce to provide housing and shelter for homeless people and fund the homeless housing grant program.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Community Development & Housing.

HB 1769 by Representative McCune

Enacting the Washington state English language empowerment act.

Establishes the Washington state English language empowerment act.

Finds that: (1) Thirty-one states have designated English as the official language; and

(2) Command of the English language is necessary to participate in and take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by American life.

Designates the English language as the official language of the state.

Requires all official business of the state to be conducted in English and all official documents, rules, orders, and publications to be printed in English.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1770 by Representatives Hasegawa, Kenney, Orcutt, Frockt, and Stanford

Enhancing small business participation in state purchasing.

Provides small businesses with a fair opportunity to be awarded contracts or subcontracts for goods and services purchased by the state.

Creates the small business bidding preference account.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1771 by Representative Hasegawa

Concerning candidates' statements in local voters' pamphlets.

Prohibits a candidate's statement submitted for inclusion in a local voters' pamphlet from containing false or misleading statements about the candidate's opponent.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1772 by Representatives Hasegawa and Reykdal

Requiring prepaid postage for primary and general election ballots.

Requires envelopes for primary and general election ballots to include prepaid postage.

Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for primary and general elections.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1773 by Representative McCoy

Providing for retrocession of criminal jurisdiction over Indians and Indian territory, reservations, country, and lands to the United States.

Requires the state to retrocede to the United States the criminal jurisdiction previously acquired by the state over Indians and Indian territory, reservations, country, and lands.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Affairs.

HB 1774 by Representatives Goodman, Pettigrew, Orwall, Kenney, Roberts, Kagi, and Moscoso

Recognizing adopted siblings and adoptive parents as relatives.

Recognizes adopted siblings, half siblings, and adoptive parents of any sibling or half sibling for purposes of chapter 74.15 RCW (care of children, expectant mothers, and developmentally disabled).

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 1775 by Representatives Goodman and Kagi

Encouraging juvenile restorative justice programs.

Encourages juvenile restorative justice programs to bring about acceptance of responsibility by offenders for repairing the harm caused by their offense through bringing together the victim, the offender, their families, and relevant community members.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & Human Services.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4005 by Representatives Morris, Dickerson, Carlyle, Eddy, Hasegawa, Fitzgibbon, Green, Moeller, Upthegrove, Orwall, Hunt, Reykdal, Seaquist, Kagi, Ryu, Kenney, Frockt, Appleton, Moscoso, and Liias

Requesting Congress to amend the United States Constitution that provides corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States or any of its jurisdictional subdivisions.

Urges Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution for the states' consideration which provides that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States or any of its jurisdictional subdivisions.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

Senate Bills

SB 5082-S by Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Pflug, Regala, White, Litzow, and Tom; by request of Secretary of State)

Regarding the use of electronic signatures and notices.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Authorizes the secretary of state to send certain notifications by postal or electronic mail.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.

Jan 28 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 JUD - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5124-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators White, Pridemore, Fraser, and Shin; by request of Secretary of State)

Modifying elections by mail provisions.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to elections by mail.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5135-S by Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist Newbry, King, Honeyford, Schoesler, Becker, Hobbs, Rockefeller, Baumgartner, Hill, Litzow, and Benton; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Responding to the current economic conditions by temporarily modifying the unemployment insurance social cost factor rate for rate year 2011.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies, temporarily, the unemployment insurance social cost factor rate for rate year 2011.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 17 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 LCCP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Labor and Commerce & Consumer Protection at 10:00 AM.

Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 4 Scheduled for public hearing and executive session in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development at 8:00 AM in anticipation of other legislative action.

SB 5165-S by Senate Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Pridemore, and Holmquist Newbry)

Limiting changes to commissioner districts during commissioner elections and election filing periods.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Limits when the lines of a commissioner district may be changed.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.

Jan 31 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 10:00 AM.

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

Minority; do not pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5235-S by Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Schoesler, Hatfield, Delvin, Honeyford, Hobbs, and Conway)

Regarding animal health inspections.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Modifies provisions relating to animal health inspections.

- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.
- Jan 31 ARED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development at 10:00 AM.
- Feb 1 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5252-S** by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)
- Streamlining the process applicable to reducing speed limits on state highways.
(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)
Streamlines the process of reducing speed limits on state highways.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Jan 24 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 27 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.
- Jan 28 TRAN - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Jan 31 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- SB 5600** by Senators Nelson, Hobbs, Harper, Pridemore, and Kline
- Placing restrictions on, and enforcing the restrictions on, making small loans.
Places and enforces restrictions on making small loans.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5601** by Senators Nelson and Kline
- Clarifying that a license and endorsement are needed to make small loans.
Clarifies license and endorsement requirements for check cashers and check sellers.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5602** by Senators Nelson and Kline
- Imposing a maximum interest rate of thirty-six percent per annum on small loans.
Allows a check casher or check seller that has obtained the required small loan endorsement to charge interest or fees for small loans not to exceed in the aggregate thirty-six percent per annum.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.
- SB 5603** by Senators Tom, McAuliffe, Hobbs, Litzow, Eide, Schoesler, and Shin
- Regarding online education.
Requires school districts to offer approved online courses, excluding similar courses otherwise offered by the resident school district, to students for credit.
Expands the duties of the office of online learning.
Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to allocate to the office of online learning an amount per each full-time equivalent at statewide uniform rates for basic education, less twenty percent.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
- SB 5604** by Senators Nelson, Murray, Rockefeller, Kline, Keiser, Conway, Fraser, Regala, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Chase
- Concerning creating clean water jobs through storm water pollution funding.
Establishes the clean water jobs act of 2011.
Imposes a storm water pollution fee on the first possession of petroleum products, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers for the purpose of offsetting the burden of funding projects and activities that redress state water pollution caused by the presence of such substances in storm water runoff.
Creates the storm water pollution account.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 5605** by Senator Hargrove
- Limiting liability for specified state workers for errors of judgment.
Limits liability for specified state workers for errors of judgment.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 5606** by Senators Conway, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Zarelli, Hobbs, Delvin, and Shin
- Granting binding interest arbitration rights to certain uniformed personnel.
Recognizes that there exists a public policy in the state against strikes by campus police officers at higher education institutions as a means of settling their labor disputes; that the uninterrupted and dedicated service of these employees is vital to the welfare and public safety of the state; and that to promote such dedicated and uninterrupted public service there should exist an effective and adequate alternative means of settling disputes.
- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --
- Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.
- SB 5607** by Senators Hobbs, Fain, Haugen, Harper,

White, and Ericksen

Establishing a process for the payment of impact fees through provisions stipulated in recorded covenants.

Establishes a process for the payment of impact fees through provisions stipulated in recorded covenants.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5608 by Senators Kilmer, White, Kastama, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Kline, and Conway

Increasing assistance for student veterans at institutions of higher education.

Increases assistance for student veterans at higher education institutions.

Makes appropriations.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5609 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Conway, Nelson, Kline, Murray, and Chase

Concerning health care financing.

Creates the Washington health security trust to provide coverage for a set of health services for all residents.

Abolishes the health care authority and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the Washington health security trust.

Requires Washington state employers to pay a health security assessment to the department of revenue to fund the Washington health security trust.

Requires certain residents to pay a standard monthly flat rate health security premium.

Creates the reserve account.

Creates the benefits account.

Creates the displaced worker training account with an expiration date of January 1, 2016.

Deposits certain contributions, and reserves, dividends, and refunds currently in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account in the reserve account and benefits account.

Transfers the state health care authority administrative account to the reserve account and the benefits account.

Requires revenue from certain taxes to be deposited in the reserve account and the benefits account instead of the general fund.

Requires money in the tobacco settlement account to be transferred to the reserve account and the benefits account instead of the general fund.

Repeals RCW 82.04.260 (tax on manufacturers and processors of various foods and by-products).

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5610 by Senators Conway, Harper, and Murray

Creating the board on geographic names.

Creates the board on geographic names to: (1) Establish, change, or determine the appropriate names of certain geographic features;

(2) Serve as a state liaison with the United States board on geographic names; and

(3) Periodically issue a list of names approved by the board.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5611 by Senators Hobbs, Hatfield, Delvin, Shin, and Honeyford

Regarding the use of designated agricultural lands.

Clarifies provisions regarding the protection of designated agricultural land for future agricultural use.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5612 by Senators Hobbs, Tom, and Schoesler

Requiring school districts or educational service districts to purchase employee health insurance coverage through the state health care authority.

Requires school districts or educational service districts to purchase employee health insurance coverage through the state health care authority.

Requires the state health care authority to explore opportunities to change the start of the benefit year to September to accommodate the September 1, 2013, merger of school districts and educational service districts.

Authorizes the legislature to reduce its appropriations for school district employee health benefits.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5613 by Senators Hobbs, Tom, Rockefeller, Pridemore, Schoesler, and Shin

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-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5614 by Senators White, Kilmer, Tom, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Kline, and Conway

Establishing procedures for requesting the funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit provisions of bargaining agreements with the University of Washington under chapter 41.80 RCW.

Establishes procedures for requesting the funds necessary to implement the compensation and fringe benefit

provisions of bargaining agreements with the University of Washington.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5615 by Senators Kastama, Honeyford, Chase, Kilmer, and Morton

Preserving and advancing communication service and connectivity in the state.

Finds that: (1) Changes in technology and the structure of the telecommunications industry have produced conditions under which traditional regulation of local exchange companies may not in all cases provide the most efficient and effective means of achieving the public policy goals of universal service; and

(2) Local exchange companies should have the option to elect to be regulated under an optional form of regulation and pricing flexibility.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5616 by Senators Tom, Litzow, McAuliffe, Hill, and Shin; by request of Governor Gregoire

Creating the launch year program.

Establishes the launch year act.

Helps students progress from high school to a certificate or degree by increasing opportunities and providing a clear pathway.

Provides for community and technical colleges and four-year higher education institutions to publish a list of high school courses and adopt uniform scores for proficiency exams or competency requirements that will be given credit toward certificate or degree requirements.

Requires the higher education coordinating board to annually publish certain information on its web site.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Feb 3 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change)

SB 5617 by Senators Hobbs and Fain

Making certain lines of group disability insurance more available.

Authorizes group disability insurance for certain lines of coverage that is offered to residents of this state under a group disability insurance policy to be issued to certain other groups.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5618 by Senators Chase, Kline, and Hobbs; by request of Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Limiting private activity bond issues by out-of-state issuers.

Declares it is the policy of the state that in order to maintain an effective system of monitoring the use of federal subsidies within the state, facilities within the state proposed to be financed with bonds issued by an issuer that does not have jurisdiction over the location of those facilities must receive prior approval from the statewide issuer authorized by state law to issue bonds for the proposed project.

Prohibits the department of commerce from making an allocation of the state ceiling to an issuer formed or organized under the laws of another state.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5619 by Senators Keiser, Becker, Carrell, Parlette, and Shin

Clarifying which surgical facilities the Washington state department of health is mandated to license pursuant to chapter 70.230 RCW.

Clarifies the surgical facilities that the department of health is mandated to license.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5620 by Senators Becker, Keiser, and Parlette

Requiring the certification of dental anesthesia assistants.

Prohibits a person from practicing or representing himself or herself as a certified dental anesthesia assistant without being certified by the dental quality assurance commission as having met the standards established for certification.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5621 by Senator White

Establishing the voting age for school board elections.

Allows students, having attained the age of fourteen as of the date of the election, to vote in school board elections for the district in which they are enrolled and in good standing.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

Executive session in the Senate Committee on Government Operations and Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM.

SB 5622 by Senators Ranker, Swecker, Fraser, Hargrove, White, Regala, Shin, Chase, Kline, and Conway; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Fish and Wildlife

Concerning recreation access on state lands.

Finds that: (1) There is an increasing demand for outdoor recreation opportunities and conservation measures on certain state lands; and

(2) The recreating public cannot readily discern which state agency is responsible for the management of particular state lands or which policies apply to those lands.

Reforms and improves access to and management of state lands on a sustainable basis by: (1) Providing an integrated personal and vehicle access permit and access policies for state lands;

(2) Recovering the cost incurred by the state for operations and management of recreation opportunities;

(3) Providing resources to address the growing demand and impacts of outdoor recreationists and conservation of our natural resources; and

(4) Providing effective education and enforcement of state land access policies.

Creates the discover pass as a renewable annual pass that is required at any recreation site or land.

Creates the discover pass and day-use permit account.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

Feb 2 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

SB 5623 by Senators Murray and Kohl-Welles

Amending the consideration of houseboats and houseboat moorages for the purposes of aquatic lands and shoreline management.

Modifies provisions relating to houseboats and houseboat moorages for the purposes of aquatic lands and shoreline management.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

SB 5624 by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Kastama, King, and Shin

Defining the term employ for minimum wage purposes.

Revises the definition of "employ" for purposes of the minimum wage act.

-- 2011 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 1 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.