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### House Bills

**HB 2483-S2** by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Haler, Zeiger, and Kelley; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Regarding higher education coordination.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Creates the student achievement council to provide the focus and propose the goals for increasing educational attainment including improving student transitions from secondary to postsecondary education and training and between and among postsecondary institutions.

Creates a joint higher education committee to: (1) Review the work of the student achievement council and provide legislative feedback;

(2) Engage with the student achievement council and the higher education community to create greater communication, coordination, and alignment between the higher education system and the expectations of the legislature; and

(3) Provide recommendations for higher education policy.

Requires the education data center to: (1) In consultation with institutions of higher education, develop information on the approximate amount of state support that students receive; and

(2) Determine and report on amounts constituting undergraduate and graduate educational costs.

Directs that the office of student financial assistance is within the student achievement council and under the direction of the council.

Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the higher education coordinating board to the student achievement council.

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Jan 19 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM.

Jan 23 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Jan 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 10:00 AM.

Jan 30 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 1:30 PM.

Feb 6 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Feb 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Mar 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Mar 3 WAYS - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 5 Placed on second reading.

Mar 6 2nd substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 64; nays, 32; absent, 0; excused, 2.

**HB 2762-S** by House Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, Anderson, Kagi, Orwall, Springer, Seaquist, Dickerson, Sells, Appleton, Fitzgibbon, Reykdal, Ormsby, Wylie, Ryu, Pollet, Sullivan, Hasegawa, Roberts, Hansen, Jinkins, and Goodman)

Concerning tax expenditure reform to provide transparency and accountability in fiscal matters.

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to: (1) Periodically expire all nonconstitutionally required tax preferences that are not already subject to expiration; and

(2) Require corporations that continue to benefit from tax preferences to disclose the value of the tax preferences claimed and to disclose data regarding wages and benefits.

Repeals joint legislative audit and review committee tax preferences, sales and use tax exemptions, and business and

occupation tax exemptions, credits, deductions, and preferential tax rates.

Incorporates expiring state tax preferences into the state budget process.

Consolidates the annual report and survey for tax preferences into a single document.

Requires a statement of intent to be included for enacted bills that adopt a new tax preference or expand or extend an existing tax preference.

Requires persons claiming the warehouse, grain elevator, and distribution center sales and use tax exemption to file annual surveys.

Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

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Feb 29 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Mar 1 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 10:00 AM.

Mar 3 WAYS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM.

Mar 5 Placed on second reading.

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### Senate Bills

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**SB 6406-S** by Senate Committee on Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Hobbs, Delvin, Hatfield, Tom, Stevens, Regala, Morton, Ranker, and Shin)

Modifying programs that provide for the protection of the state's natural resources.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/12)

Updates provisions relating to natural resource management and regulatory programs including the hydraulic project approval program, the forest practices act, and the state environmental policy act.

Modifies duties of the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, the department of ecology, the forest practices board, the department of commerce, and the University of Washington.

Creates the hydraulic project approval account and the forest practices application account.

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Jan 25 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM.

Feb 2 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.

Feb 3 ENRM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
And refer to Ways & Means.  
Minority; do not pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; without recommendation.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Feb 29 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 5 1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
Third reading, passed; yeas, 27; nays, 21; absent, 0; excused, 1.

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Mar 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

**SB 6607-S** by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kilmer, Frockt, Kastama, Hatfield, Harper, Hargrove, Hill, Murray, Becker, Hobbs, and Hewitt)

Instituting policies to reduce the central service costs of state government.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/05/12)

Requires the office of the chief information officer, in consultation with the department of enterprise services, to develop a state policy on the purchasing and use of cellular telephone communications devices and services, to be applicable to all agencies of state government except institutions of higher education.

Requires the department of enterprise services to: (1) In consultation with the office of the chief information officer, develop a state policy on the purchasing and use of state agency mailings, to be applicable to all agencies of state government except institutions of higher education;

(2) Develop a state policy on the use of agency-based printing, to be applicable to all agencies of state government except institutions of higher education; and

(3) Develop a state policy on the acquisition of motor vehicles, to be applicable to all agencies and institutions of state government.

Requires the office of financial management and the department of enterprise services to jointly establish a work group on central services rate methodology to examine the methods by which the costs of state agency central services are allocated among the agencies and institutions of state government.

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Feb 23 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.

Feb 27 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.  
Minority; without recommendation.  
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM.

Mar 5 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

1st substitute bill substituted.  
Floor amendment(s) adopted.  
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

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

-- IN THE HOUSE --

Mar 6 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.