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### House Bills

**HB 1467** by Representatives Sells, Pollet, and Santos  
Revising academic supports associated with high school graduation requirements.

Requires a school district to: (1) Prepare a student learning plan; and

(2) Notify the parent or guardian about the information in the plan that includes, if applicable, the student's individualized education program team.

Requires the student learning plan to include achieving educational and career goals established in the student's high school and beyond plan.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to implement, for the graduating classes of 2014 onward, an expedited process for authorizing eligible students who have not met the state standard on one or more assessments to satisfy the unmet requirements by demonstrating that they possess the skills and knowledge necessary for postsecondary success.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Education.

**HB 1468** by Representatives Thai, Lovick, Ortiz-Self, Callan, Morgan, Entenman, Appleton, Senn, Doglio, Stanford, Valdez, Pollet, Ramos, Hudgins, Jinkins, and Macri; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Concerning bilingual educators.

Authorizes annual bonuses for certificated instructional staff and instructional paraeducators who have fulfilled certain requirements.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Develop Spanish language arts standards;

(2) Contract with an organization to conduct a bias and sensitivity review of the proposed Spanish language arts standards; and

(3) Provide professional learning outreach to school districts to help educators implement the Spanish language arts standards.

Authorizes certain teachers to be funded by the transitional bilingual instruction program for two years.

Delays, until July 1, 2026, the K-12 dual language grant program.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Education.

**HB 1469** by Representatives Jenkin, Chapman, Lovick, Young, Ryu, Orcutt, McCaslin, and Barkis

Modifying provisions relating to approaching emergency or work zones and tow truck operators.

Requires certain vehicles, that are making use of flashing lights that meet the requirements of RCW 46.37.300 or warning lights with three hundred sixty degree visibility to reduce the speed of the vehicle to fifty miles per hour or less, on a highway having four or more lanes, and to at least ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit, on a highway having less than four lanes.

Prohibits a person from driving a vehicle, at a speed greater than fifty miles per hour, in an area where a tow truck is making use of visual red lights meeting the requirements of RCW 46.37.196.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**HB 1470** by Representatives Young, Lovick, Slatter, Sells, Goodman, Kraft, Van Werven, Gildon, McCaslin, Bergquist, Doglio, and Klobo

Providing incentives for the use of open source instructional materials in higher education.

Establishes the textbook affordability via open sourcing act.

Authorizes a credit against the business and occupation tax or the public utility tax otherwise due for a person that provides, at no cost, open source instructional material to a private institution of higher education or public institution of higher education that is used in lieu of other instructional materials for a course of study offered at the institution.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to College & Workforce Development.

Jan 25 Committee relieved of further consideration.

Referred to Finance.

**HB 1471** by Representatives Young, Walsh, and Shea

Concerning state board of health rules regarding on-site sewage systems.

Addresses the adoption of rules by the state board of health regarding inspections and failures of on-site sewage systems.

Prohibits a local health officer from denying or conditioning a permit application related to an on-site sewage system located on a single property and serving a single dwelling unit upon the granting of an easement allowing for the inspection or maintenance of the on-site sewage system.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

**HB 1472** by Representatives Young, Shea, Walsh, and Eslick

Assisting persons with special transportation needs by providing tax incentives to businesses.

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to an eligible person that provides transportation for persons with special transportation needs.

Expires January 1, 2030.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 1473** by Representatives Young, Walsh, Shea, Orcutt, Irwin, Barkis, and Eslick

Providing a right of first repurchase for surplus transportation property.

Gives a former owner the right of repurchase if the department of transportation determines that all or a portion of the former owner's real property or an interest in the real property that was acquired through condemnation within the previous ten years is no longer necessary for a transportation purpose.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Transportation.

**HB 1474** by Representatives Young, Orcutt, Irwin, and Eslick

Providing tax relief to motorists by exempting certain mobile communications technology from retail sales and use tax.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption for hands-free wireless communications devices whether sold as original equipment by the manufacturer of an automobile or as an aftermarket product or service.

Expires December 31, 2019.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 1475** by Representatives Young, Santos, McCaslin, Shea, Bergquist, Walsh, Goodman, Frame, Ortiz-Self, Appleton, Tarleton, Shewmake, Eslick, Van Werven, and Steele

Establishing an educational grant program to promote confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills in students.

Establishes the little toasters act.

Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to establish a pilot project grant program to award grants to two school districts for the promotion of confidence, public speaking, and leadership skills in students in grades two through five.

Expires June 20, 2022.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Education.

**HB 1476** by Representatives Stanford, Appleton, and Fitzgibbon

Concerning contracts for dogs and cats.

Modifies consumer lease provisions and specifies that certain contracts are void and unenforceable for transferring ownership of, or repaying a loan for the purchase of, a dog or a cat.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Civil Rights & Judiciary.

Jan 31 Committee relieved of further consideration.

Referred to Consumer Protection & Business.

**HB 1477** by Representatives Robinson, Harris, Kloba, Stokesbary, Springer, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Chandler, McCaslin, Macri, DeBolt, Cody, Jinkins, and Steele

Concerning senior students in accredited schools of chiropractic.

Requires a senior student practicing chiropractic to pass an open book written jurisprudence examination approved by the chiropractic quality assurance commission before administering a chiropractic adjustment.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

**HB 1478** by Representatives Volz, Santos, Steele, Harris, McCaslin, Dolan, MacEwen, Stonier, Walsh, Caldier, Boehnke, Sells, Paul, Ormsby, and Fitzgibbon

Requiring state officials to complete high school assessments required for graduation from a public school.

Requires a person holding state elective office in the legislative, executive, or judicial branch of state government, and each member of the state board of education, to complete all statewide high school assessments required for graduation from a public school.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

**HB 1479** by Representatives Senn, Ortiz-Self, Harris, Dolan, Orwall, Stonier, Cody, Riccelli, Slatter, Callan, Fey, Eslick, Kilduff, Bergquist, Doglio, Paul, Reeves, Pollet, Hudgins, Davis, Leavitt, Macri, and Steele

Building capacity within the educator workforce to improve student mental health and well-being.

Requires the professional educator standards board to: (1) Convene a work group to make recommendations for standards and professional development courses on student mental health and well-being;

(2) Based on the recommendations of the work group, adopt, require educators to meet, and implement a continuing education program that meets the knowledge, skill, and performance standards related to student mental health and well-being; and

(3) Collaborate with the University of Washington Bothell on the development of a series of online courses for school staff related to behavioral health.

Requires school districts to use one of the funded professional learning days to improve the effectiveness of school district staff in addressing student mental health needs and implementing best practices in social-emotional learning.

Provides an August 1, 2021, expiration date for the work group.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Education.

**HB 1480** by Representatives Fey, Barkis, and Jinkins

Streamlining the permitting process for disposing of dredged materials.

States that a permit is not required in order to dispose of dredged materials at a disposal site approved through the cooperative planning process, if the dredged material disposal proponent has obtained a valid site use authorization from the dredged material management program office within the department of natural resources.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Environment & Energy.

**HB 1481** by Representatives Dolan, Walsh, Hudgins, Gregerson, Senn, Tarleton, Eslick, Doglio,

Reeves, Valdez, Pollet, Ramos, and Jinkins; by request of Secretary of State

Concerning state reimbursement of election costs and payment of prepaid postage return costs.

Provides prepaid postage for all election ballots, state reimbursement of election costs, and state payment and reimbursement of prepaid postage costs.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

**HB 1482** by Representatives Hudgins, Walsh, Appleton, and Reeves; by request of Secretary of State

Requiring the secretary of state to print and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary in each even-numbered year and for the general election every year.

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-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

**HB 1483** by Representative Young

Extending the business and occupation deduction for government-funded behavioral health services.

Delays, until January 1, 2030, the expiration of the business and occupation deduction for government-funded behavioral health services.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 1484** by Representatives Thai, Cody, Slatter, and Jinkins; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Concerning medicare supplemental insurance policies.

Revises medicare supplemental health insurance act policies.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

**HB 1485** by Representatives Lekanoff, Pettigrew, Shewmake, Gregerson, Entenman, Pellicciotti, Doglio, Appleton, Frame, Ormsby, Hudgins, Jinkins, and Leavitt

Concerning the appointment of religious coordinators.

Requires the secretary of the department of corrections to: (1) Appoint institutional religious coordinators for the state correctional institutions for convicted felons; and

(2) Appoint the institutional religious coordinators as employees of the department.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

**HB 1486** by Representatives Mosbrucker, Gregerson, and Chandler; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Concerning delegation of inspection duties for factory built housing and commercial structures.

Authorizes the department of labor and industries to delegate all or part of its duties of inspection to a qualified inspection agency.

Requires qualified inspection agencies to: (1) Be objective, competent, and independent from the companies responsible for the work being inspected;

(2) Disclose any conflict of interest to the department;

(3) Have adequate equipment to perform the required inspections; and

(4) Employ experienced personnel.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

Jan 29 LAWS - Majority; do pass.

Jan 31 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

**HB 1487** by Representatives Chapman, Chandler, and Doglio; by request of Department of Labor & Industries

Extending the validity of temporary elevator licenses, expanding membership of the elevator safety advisory committee, allowing homeowners to remove certain conveyances from their residences, and eliminating duplicate paperwork.

Revises provisions regarding elevators, lifting devices, and moving walks.

Changes the composition of the elevator safety advisory committee.

Increases the amount of time, from thirty days to one year, in which a temporary elevator mechanic license is valid.

Permits a homeowner, or person employed by a homeowner, to permanently remove a stairway chair lift or a platform lift located in a private residence as described in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

Jan 29 LAWS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

**HB 1488** by Representatives Orwall, Goodman, Valdez, Jinkins, Harris, Stanford, Pellicciotti, Frame, Appleton, Tarleton, Ormsby, Ramos, Walen, Cody, Hudgins, Davis, Macri, and Riccelli; by request of Attorney General

Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

Eliminates the death penalty and requires life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Public Safety.

**HB 1489** by Representatives Goodman, Frame, Appleton, Valdez, Walen, and Jinkins; by request of Attorney General

Creating a program for the consolidation of traffic-based financial obligations to facilitate reinstatement of driving privileges that are suspended because of failure to pay.

Creates a program for the consolidation of traffic-based financial obligations from multiple courts of limited jurisdiction into a consolidated payment plan, to help reinstate driving privileges that are suspended because of failure to comply with a notice of traffic infraction, criminal complaint, or citation for a moving violation.

Requires the program to be managed by the administrative office of the courts.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Civil Rights & Judiciary.

**HB 1490** by Representatives Ormsby, Sells, Tarleton, Doglio, and Pollet; by request of Attorney General

Amending the application of the occupational disease presumption for cancer for Hanford site workers.

Addresses the state industrial insurance act and the presumption established for cancer that applies to a United States department of energy Hanford site worker that was not given a qualifying medical examination because the examination was not required.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

**HB 1491** by Representatives Macri, Lekanoff, Frame, Davis, Fitzgibbon, and Cody

Concerning employer and employee scheduling.

Revises labor regulations regarding employer and employee scheduling.

Requires an employer to: (1) At the time of hire, provide a new covered employee a written good faith estimate of the employee's work schedule;

(2) Provide a written work schedule at least fourteen calendar days before the first day of the work schedule;

(3) Compensate an employee for each employer-requested change to the employee's written work schedule that occurs after the required advance notice; and

(4) When additional hours of work become available, offer the additional hours to existing employees before hiring new employees.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

**HB 1492** by Representatives Sells, Ormsby, and Jinkins

Concerning industrial insurance wage loss.

Revises the state industrial insurance act regarding the computation of wages and lost earning capacity of workers, and additional payments for prior pensioners.

Requires an employer insured with the department of labor and industries, who pays a worker's portion of a

health insurance premium in addition to the employer portion, to be eligible for reimbursement of the amount he or she paid for the worker's portion of the premium.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards.

**HB 1493** by Representatives Morgan, Jinkins, Kirby, Ryu, Fey, Doglio, Ormsby, and Pollet

Authorizing cities and counties to impose additional taxes for affordable housing.

Authorizes counties and cities to impose an additional excise tax on the purchase and sale of real property in its jurisdiction at the rate of one-half of one percent of the selling price with the proceeds of the tax being used for the development of affordable housing.

Requires a city to collect the excise tax within its incorporated boundaries, and a county to collect the excise tax within its unincorporated areas, if they both exercise the authority provided in this act.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Finance.

**HB 1494** by Representatives Walsh, Gregerson, and Hudgins; by request of Secretary of State

Aligning statutory redistricting deadlines to the Constitution.

Changes the deadline, from January 1st of the year ending in two to November 15th of the year ending in one, in which the redistricting commission must submit a redistricting plan to the legislature.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.

**HB 1495** by Representatives Goodman, Klippert, Appleton, Ormsby, and Jinkins

Establishing the joint legislative task force on criminal sentencing.

Creates the joint legislative task force on criminal sentencing and requires the task force to review state sentencing laws and develop recommendations for: (1) Reducing sentencing implementation complexities and errors;

(2) Improving the effectiveness of the sentencing system; and

(3) Promoting and improving public safety.

Provides a January 1, 2021, expiration date for the task force.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Public Safety.

**HB 1496** by Representatives Dolan, Harris, Shewmake, Thai, Doglio, and Walen

Improving climate science education.

Requires common schools to give instruction in science with special reference to the environmental and sustainability standards.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to establish and manage a grant program for nonprofit

community-based organizations and educational service districts to create and implement plans to provide teacher training in next generation science standards, including climate science standards.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Education.

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## Senate Bills

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**SB 5485** by Senators Darneille, Cleveland, and Conway

Licensing of music therapists.

Creates a music therapy advisory committee within the department of health.

Requires the secretary of the department of health to appoint members of the advisory committee that are familiar with the practice of music therapy.

Authorizes the advisory committee to: (1) Meet at least once per year;

(2) Facilitate development of materials that may be used to educate the public concerning music therapist licensure, the benefits of music therapy, and use of music therapy by individuals and in facilities or institutional settings; and

(3) Act as a facilitator of state-wide dissemination of information between music therapists, the American music therapy association, the certification board for music therapists, and the secretary.

Specifies that the secretary has authority, under the uniform disciplinary act, in relation to certified music therapists.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care.

**SB 5486** by Senators Padden, Kuderer, and Bailey

Concerning activities that exploit persons with dwarfism.

Prohibits the following from allowing or permitting a contest, promotion, or other form of recreational activity involving exploitation that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of a person with dwarfism: A holder of a retail license to sell liquor and adult entertainment venues in a city, town, code city, or county, with performances that contain erotic material and where minors under the age of eighteen are not permitted.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5487** by Senators Padden, Kuderer, and Saldaña

Providing personal caregiver access in places of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement.

Prohibits a place of public resort, accommodation, assemblage, or amusement that charges for admission, from denying complimentary admission and one accompanying seat or removable adjacent chair for one caregiver accompanying a person with a disability who pays admission.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5488** by Senators Darneille, Saldaña, Wilson, C., Keiser, and Nguyen

Concerning the sentencing of persons under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the commission of a crime.

Addresses sentencing enhancements and exceptional sentences with regard to an offender being sentenced in adult court for a crime committed as a minor.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

**SB 5489** by Senators Saldaña, Das, Nguyen, Hasegawa, Darneille, Palumbo, Randall, McCoy, Conway, Billig, Cleveland, Keiser, Kuderer, Rolfes, Wilson, C., and Frockt

Establishing a healthy environment for all by creating a definition of environmental justice, directing agencies to address environmental health disparities, and creating a task force.

Creates a task force to recommend how best to incorporate environmental justice principles into how state agencies discharge their responsibilities.

Declares that the legislature establishes that state agencies will use all practicable means and measures to promote environmental justice and fair treatment, to ensure implementation and adherence to state policies of fostering and promoting the general welfare by assuring the people of this state have a safe and healthful environment and serving as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations.

Requires the state agencies that are represented on the task force, after issuance of the task force report, to adopt rules as recommended in the report.

Authorizes the state agencies to adopt interim guidelines and practices before the adoption of rules.

Requires the department of ecology to adopt rules implementing the task force recommendations to provide uniform rules and guidelines to state agencies serving on the task force.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

**SB 5490** by Senators Frockt, Brown, Hobbs, and Mullet  
Transferring duties of the life sciences discovery fund.

Requires the department of commerce to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization to either provide services or make grants, or both, to entities under a contract to foster growth of the state's life science sector and to improve the health and economic well-being of its residents.

Authorizes the department of commerce to sue and be sued on behalf of the life sciences discovery fund and adopt rules for the implementation of this act.

Changes the authority for allowing expenditures from the life sciences discovery fund from the governing board of trustees or designee to the department of commerce or designee.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --  
Jan 23 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade.

**SB 5491** by Senators Darneille, Saldaña, Wilson, C., and Keiser

Sentencing for persistent offenders who committed crimes as juveniles.

Revises the definition of "persistent offender," for purposes of the sentencing reform act of 1981, and states that a persistent offender is an offender who has multiple convictions and is subject to life without the possibility of release or the death penalty, as provided in section 2 of this act (RCW 9.94A.570).

Specifies that a conviction for a crime committed by an offender before turning eighteen years old does not constitute a conviction for purposes of determining whether an offender is a persistent offender.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5492** by Senators Billig, Padden, Pedersen, Holy, and Dhingra

Sentencing of motor vehicle-related felonies.

Authorizes a court to sentence an offender to community custody for a period of six to twelve months when the midpoint of the standard sentence range is greater than one year and the person is being sentenced for one of the following crimes: Theft of a motor vehicle, possession of a stolen vehicle, attempt of theft or possession of a vehicle or stolen vehicle, or taking a motor vehicle without permission in the first or second degree.

Requires the department of corrections to: (1) Conduct an assessment of the offender and identify programming and services that would be appropriate to address his or her needs; and

(2) Make the programming identified by the assessment available while the offender is on community custody.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5493** by Senators Zeiger, Darneille, and Walsh

Establishing a board of advisors to provide local guidance to community services offices operated by the department of social and health services.

Requires a board of advisors to be established to: (1) Provide advice and guidance to the operations for each local community services office; and

(2) Coordinate collaborations with community partners.

Requires the regional administrator for the department of social and health services to meet monthly with each board of advisors in the regional administrator's catchment area to present local data, trends, and recommendations.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

**SB 5494** by Senators Zeiger, Darneille, Walsh, and Nguyen

Concerning the baby court initiative.

Creates the baby court initiative to support early interventions with parents of young children who are found to be dependent.

Defines "baby court" as a therapeutic court that provides an intensive court process for families with a child under age three who has been found dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW (the juvenile court act).

Requires the family and juvenile court improvement grant program to:

- (1) Develop standards for baby courts;

- (2) Develop a process where a superior court may apply for grant funds from the grant program to establish a baby court;

- (3) Distribute grant funds to support baby courts in two superior courts that serve rural and urban populations; and

- (4) Sponsor and coordinate training for judicial officers and other professionals that participate in baby courts receiving grant funding.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

**SB 5495** by Senators Zeiger, Nguyen, Padden, and Frockt

Concerning social media extortion and relief.

Creates the crime of social media extortion which is a class C felony.

Finds a person guilty of social media extortion if he or she commits extortion by means of a threat.

Requires a social media provider to remove negative social media communications identified within a copy of a police report filed with law enforcement within twenty-four hours after being presented a copy of the police report that alleges social media extortion, and a copy of the threat.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5496** by Senators Zeiger and Hunt

Concerning modification of precinct and district boundary lines.

Authorizes each county auditor to propose an adjustment to the division of election precincts or precinct boundaries to the county legislative authority at least forty-five days before the following date: Seven days before the first day for candidates to file for a primary election and ending with the day of a general election.

Requires voting precincts to be either wholly outside of a city or town, or wholly within a single city or town and, where applicable, a single council district or ward of that city or town.

Allows the requirement for contiguity to be suspended in the case of an unincorporated area entirely surrounded by incorporated territory and in incorporated areas that are geographically separated from the remainder of the city or town of which they are a part, subject to the restrictions on precinct boundaries and the maximum registered voter count.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --  
Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5497** by Senators Wellman, Nguyen, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Frockt, Das, Keiser, Saldaña, Mullet, McCoy, Randall, Cleveland, Hunt, Liias, Conway, and Darneille

Establishing a statewide policy supporting Washington state's economy and immigrants' role in the workplace.

Creates a keep Washington working statewide work group.

Requires the attorney general, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, to publish model policies for limiting immigration enforcement at public schools, health facilities, courthouses, and shelters, so they remain safe and accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

Provides a list of state agencies that are required to review their confidentiality policies and identify any changes necessary to ensure that information collected from individuals is limited to that necessary to perform agency duties and not used or disclosed otherwise.

Prohibits state agencies, state departments, and law enforcement from cooperating with or assisting in an investigation or enforcement of a federal registration or surveillance program that targets residents on the basis of race, religion, immigration or citizenship status, or national or ethnic origin.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Law & Justice.

**SB 5498** by Senators Takko and Nguyen

Establishing compassionate care renewals for medical marijuana qualifying patients.

Allows a health care professional to indicate that a qualifying patient qualifies for a compassionate care renewal of his or her registration in the medical marijuana authorization database and authorization card if the health care professional determines that requiring the qualifying patient to renew a registration in person would likely result in severe hardship to the qualifying patient because of the qualifying patient's physical or emotional condition.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce.

**SB 5499** by Senators Kuderer, Zeiger, Hunt, Hasegawa, Keiser, and Liias; by request of Secretary of State

Requiring the secretary of state to print and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary in each even-numbered year and for the general election every year.

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-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5500** by Senators Hunt, Zeiger, Kuderer, and Hasegawa; by request of Secretary of State

Concerning state reimbursement of election costs and payment of prepaid postage return costs.

Provides prepaid postage for all election ballots, state reimbursement of election costs, and state payment and reimbursement of prepaid postage costs.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the state institute for public policy for conducting the study. Expires June 30, 2021.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5501** by Senators Zeiger and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

Repealing the electronic authentication act.

Repeals chapter 19.34 RCW (the Washington electronic authentication act).

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5502** by Senators Zeiger and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

Aligning statutory redistricting deadlines to the Constitution.

Changes the deadline, from January 1st of the year ending in two to November 15th of the year ending in one, in which the redistricting commission must submit a redistricting plan to the legislature.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections.

**SB 5503** by Senators Das, Fortunato, and Takko

Concerning state board of health rules regarding on-site sewage systems.

Declares it is the intent of the legislature to ensure that only requirements that are reasonable, appropriately tailored, and necessary are imposed on the installation, operation, maintenance, or repair of on-site sewage systems.

-- 2019 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 23 First reading, referred to Environment, Energy & Technology.

**SB 5504** by Senators Warnick, Sheldon, Hasegawa, Hunt, Zeiger, Takko, Wagoner, Hawkins, Honeyford, Carlyle, Keiser, and Wilson, L.

Concerning state agency employee access to peer-reviewed journals.

Directs the state institute for public policy to conduct a study that addresses potential funding, organizational structure, and policy mechanisms that would provide relevant state employees with comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed journals.