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AGRICULTURE, WATER & RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

786-7411

2SSB 5343: CONCERNING AIR EMISSIONS FROM ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

**Signed by the Governor*

- The time allowed to achieve sulfur emissions within Department of Ecology's (DOE) guidelines is extended to December 31, 2016, for some generators powered by gas from anaerobic digesters.
- If requested, DOE must provide technical assistance to help the generator meet these requirements.
- DOE must report to the Legislature by December 1, 2012, on the degree to which current state air quality regulations consider different feed sources for anaerobic digesters.
- Contains a null and void clause.

ESSB 5575: RECOGNIZING CERTAIN BIOMASS ENERGY FACILITIES AS AN ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE RESOURCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hatfield

**Signed by the Governor*

- Immediately expands the types of biomass fuels electric utilities may use to achieve renewable energy targets required by the Energy Independence Act (I-937). The new biomass fuels are organic by-products of pulping and the wood manufacturing process; untreated wooden demolition or construction debris; yard waste; food waste and food processing residuals; animal manure, replacing the term animal waste; liquors derived from algae; and qualified biomass energy.
- Allows electric generating plants built before 1999 that use biomass as a fuel (legacy biomass plants) to count their electricity as renewable starting in 2016, which was not previously allowed under I-937.
- Limits the sale of electricity from a legacy biomass plant to the utility that owns the plant or that is directly connected to the plant by a transmission line.

SSB 5631: REMOVING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS IN STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Swecker

**Signed by the Governor*

- A reference that no longer exists that defined butter is replaced with a definition of butter.
- A provision relating to authorized uses of the Grain Inspection Revolving Account that expired in 1995 is removed from the code.
- Repeals other obsolete references in laws administered by the Department of Agriculture.

SB 5981: CHANGING SEED DEALER LICENSE FEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the seed license fee to \$125 per year to provide funding for the state seed inspection program.

SB 6082: REGARDING THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE LANDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Ecology (DOE) must conduct rulemaking by December 31, 2013, to review and consider whether the current environmental checklist ensures consideration of potential impacts to agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance.
- DOE must ensure that the checklist is adequate to allow consideration of impacts on adjacent agricultural properties, drainage patterns, agricultural soils, and normal agricultural operations.

SSB 6208: REGARDING LICENSE FEES UNDER THE WAREHOUSE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler

**Signed by the Governor*

- To provide funding for auditing and regulation of grain warehouses, the license fees are increased as follows: (1) terminal warehouses – the current fee of \$1,350 is increased to \$1,900; (2) sub-terminal warehouses – the current fee of \$1,050 is increased to \$1,500; (3) grain dealers – the current fee of \$750 is increased to \$1,750; (4) exempt grain dealers – the current fee of \$300 is increased to \$500; and (5) country warehouses – the current fee of \$500 is increased to \$700.

HB 1381: REGARDING SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR THE NONUSE OF WATER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Warnick

**Signed by the Governor*

- Under current law, all or a portion of a water right is relinquished if it is unused for five or more consecutive years and if its nonuse is without sufficient cause recognized by statute.
- Waiting for a final determination from the Department of Ecology on a water right transfer or change application is sufficient cause for nonuse of a water right.

SHB 2212: EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF RCW 90.90.030

Prime Sponsor: Representative Blake

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the Department of Ecology's authority to enter into voluntary regional agreements in the Columbia River Basin that currently expires on June 30, 2012, until June 30, 2018.
- A voluntary regional agreement is a mechanism that allows for appropriation of new water for out-of-stream uses while also protecting instream flows.

HB 2356: CONCERNING STATE CAPITAL FUNDING OF HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Warnick

(SB 6221 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture (WSDA) for health and safety improvements at agricultural fair facilities are to be allocated on a competitive basis. Community fairs, as well as county fairs, may compete for available funds.
- WSDA must develop and manage contracts with the selected applicants, monitor grantee expenditures and performance, report information, and exercise due diligence.
- Contract provisions must require capital improvements be held by the grantee for a specific time period and be used for the purpose of the grant.

HB 2362: REGARDING WINE PRODUCER LIENS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haler

(SB 6156 Senator Delvin)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The time allowed to perfect the agricultural lien for producers of *vinifera* grapes is lengthened from 20 days to 60 days.

SHB 2367: REGARDING THE DAIRY PRODUCTS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Buys

(SB 6092 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Dairy Products Commission's current seven districts are reduced to four with one commissioner each.
- The current positions for a dealer/processor and the Department of Agriculture are retained and three new, at-large positions are added as follows: one for the whole state, one for the east side, and one for the west side.
- The total number of commissioners remains nine.

HB 2456: REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chandler

(SB 6087 Senator Hatfield)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specified information considered as proprietary by livestock owners that was to be collected to implement the proposed National Animal Identification System (NAIS) was exempt from public disclosure by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). NAIS was originally designed to improve the traceability of animal diseases by the federal government but was subsequently withdrawn.
- Instead, specified information submitted by livestock owners and collected by WSDA for animal disease traceability purposes is exempt from state public disclosure laws.
- Other information held by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture which is not disclosable under federal law may be provided to WSDA but is also exempt from state public disclosure laws.

ESHB 2567: AUTHORIZING AN OPTIONAL SYSTEM OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SSB 6303 Senator Nelson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides the county legislative authority to approve establishing rates and charges as a local option to fund the activities of conservation districts.
- The maximum amounts that apply to benefit assessments also apply to rates and charges. The maximum per parcel amount is \$5 per year, \$10 per year in King County, and/or \$0.10 per acre.
- Counties may charge either a benefit assessment, or a rate and charge, but not both.

EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

786-7420

ESSB 5715: REQUIRING ADOPTION OF CORE COMPETENCIES FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS AND CHILD AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- By December 31, 2012, the Department of Early Learning (DEL) must adopt core competencies for early care and education professionals and child and youth development professionals, and they must develop an implementation plan.
- DEL must incorporate the core competencies into all appropriate professional development opportunities including, but not limited to, Quality Rating and Improvement System, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, child care licensing, and Early Support for Infants and Toddlers.
- The purpose of the core competencies is to serve as a foundation for what early care and education professionals and child and youth development professionals need to know and do to provide quality care for children. The core competencies must be reviewed and updated every five years.

SSB 6038: REQUIRING RULES TO ADDRESS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS IN SHARED OR COLOCATED FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt rules to ensure that a host school district of a shared or co-located facility is not penalized when calculating state school construction assistance.
- *SB 6040 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6038.*

SB 6040: REGARDING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE RULES

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

**SB 6040 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6038.*

SSB 6041: REGARDING LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate elementary schools to serve as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) lighthouse schools.
- Creates an account to support the lighthouse schools to serve as resources to others that want to create STEM schools. The account may include private sector gifts; and state and federal funds.

HB 2247: EXPANDING THE TYPES OF MEDICATIONS THAT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE MAY ADMINISTER TO INCLUDE TOPICAL MEDICATION, EYE DROPS, AND EAR DROPS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Green

(SB 6174 Senator Conway)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The type of medication that may be administered by a school employee is expanded to include topical medication, eye drops, and ear drops.
- In order to be able to administer the medications, a physician, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a registered nurse must be designated to delegate the proper medication procedures to designated school district personnel.

E2SHB 2337: REGARDING OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN K-12 EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlyle

(SB 6231 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) must take the lead in identifying and developing a library of openly-licensed courseware aligned with the common core state standards. OSPI may consider openly-licensed courseware from for-profit organizations as well as nonprofit organizations, and may consider multiple sources of openly-licensed courseware.
- OSPI must make its best efforts to secure outside funding to support the project, and advertise to school districts that the openly-licensed courseware is available at no cost to them.
- The Open Educational Resources Account is created in the custody of the State Treasurer for all funds collected.

HB 2485: AUTHORIZING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE ELECTRONIC FORMATS FOR WARRANTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Probst

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specifies that school district warrants and warrant registers may be sent in an electronic format and may use facsimile signatures.

SHB 2492: REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS BEFORE MAKING RULE CHANGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haigh

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the State Board of Education to provide a school district impact statement on most proposed rules and hold a hearing on it.
- The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction develops the impact statement by soliciting estimates from a representative sample of school districts.
- The legislative education committees will receive a copy of the fiscal statements.

ESHB 2586: PHASING-IN STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON KINDERGARTEN INVENTORY OF DEVELOPING SKILLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

(SB 6326 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Administration of the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills (WaKIDS) replaces administration of other assessments being required by school districts except for assessments that seek to obtain information not covered by the WaKIDS.
- Establishes a workgroup, to be convened by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Department of Early Learning (DEL), to provide, among other things, annual recommendations to the Legislature with respect to implementation of WaKIDS.
- Until full, statewide implementation of all-day kindergarten programs, OSPI, in consultation with the director of DEL, may grant annual renewable waivers to school districts so they may administer a kindergarten assessment other than WaKIDS if the assessment meets certain criteria.

SHB 2617: REGARDING SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL INSOLVENCY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Anderson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a process for school district dissolution when a district becomes financially insolvent.

ESHB 2799: AUTHORIZING A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROJECT FOR UP TO SIX COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS FOR INNOVATION AND SUCCESS OPERATED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sullivan

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a five-year Collaborative Schools for Innovation and Success (CSIS) Pilot Project where colleges of education and school districts select a low-performing elementary school and implement models of instruction and educator preparation.
- Provides a process for an "application of intent"; selection of up to six CSIS Pilot Projects, (specifically including the two largest school districts in eastern and western Washington that submit applications); and development of a comprehensive Innovation and Success Plan for each school.
- Subject to appropriated funds, planning and implementation grants will be allocated for three of the CSIS Pilot Projects. Three other projects are authorized to participate without state funding.

**Bill considered on Senate floor – not referred to committee.*

HCR 4410: ESTABLISHING A JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS SCHOOL FUNDING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sullivan

- Makes legislative findings regarding the paramount duty of the State to make ample provision for the education of all children under Article IX of the State Constitution.
- Declares that judicial oversight of the Legislature's implementation of education reforms is not necessary but is understandable because of the unique circumstances presented by the constitutional duty.
- Creates a legislative Joint Select Committee on Article IX litigation comprised of eight legislators, two from each caucus in the House and Senate, and staffed by SCS and OPR to (1) facilitate communication between the Court and the Legislature on the McCleary case, school funding legislation, and other actions of the Legislature related to the Article IX duty; and (2) advise and direct the attorneys who represent the Legislature before the Court in the McCleary case.

**Bill considered on Senate floor – not referred to committee.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

786-7409

ESB 5169: ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY EXEMPTING CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM THE FOREST LAND COMPENSATING TAX

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rockefeller

**ESB 5169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESHB 2502.*

SB 5401: AUTHORIZING USE OF SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES IN INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP ZONES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

**SB 5401 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2482.*

SB 5404: AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION BOARD FUNDING TO BENEFIT INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP ZONES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

**SB 5404 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2482.*

SSB 5982: CREATING THE JOINT CENTER FOR AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kastama

(HB 2155 Representative Kenney)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation (Center) to pursue joint industry-university research under the joint authority of the University of Washington and Washington State University. The Center is to be governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from the aerospace industry and higher education.
- Directs the board to identify research areas to benefit the aerospace industry; assist firms in integrating existing technologies into their operations; ensure that students enrolled in aerospace engineering have direct experience with aerospace firms; assist researchers and firms in guarding intellectual property; and promote collaboration between industry and faculty.
- Requires the Center to develop an operating plan by June 30, 2013, and submit a biennial report to the Governor and Legislature.

2SSB 6140: CONCERNING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

**Signed by the Governor*

- Municipalities with public corporations issuing industrial revenue bonds prior to 2012 may create economic development finance authorities to provide nonrecourse revenue bond financing, on a taxable or nontaxable basis, for a variety of economic development activities.
- Economic development finance authorities may participate in federal and other governmental economic development finance programs and conduct programs to stimulate and encourage the development of new products.
- The finances of an authority are subject to examination by the creating municipality and the State Auditor's Office. Authorities may receive no appropriation of state funds and municipalities may not provide monies or property in aid of an authority.

ESB 6141: CREATING A LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 2580 Representative Kenney)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes a lifelong learning program for employees, with the support of their employers, to create educational savings accounts.
- Under the program, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Board) may partner with financial institutions and nonprofits to develop operating procedures, ensure adequate marketing, and coordinate career counseling services.
- The Board may work with financial institutions to encourage their full engagement in activities, such as management of accounts and the provision of financial literacy training.

SB 6289: FACILITATING SELF-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Repeals the July 1, 2012, expiration of the self-employment assistance program.
- Individuals eligible for unemployment insurance benefits must be informed of the availability of self-employment assistance programs, entrepreneurial training programs, and the Commissioner of the Department of Employment Security approved training. Individuals eligible for federal Workforce Investment Act services must have the opportunity to enroll in self-employment assistance or entrepreneurial training programs on the same basis as they are provided the opportunity to enroll in other training programs.
- The Department of Employment Security is directed to work with local workforce development councils to facilitate entrepreneurial training and the councils must develop a plan for providing such training.

SSB 6354: REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO OFFER ELECTRONIC FILING FOR BUSINESS FORMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- A state agency that requires a business to submit a document, form, or payment of fee in paper format must, with limited exceptions, provide the business with an option to submit such materials electronically.
- An agency may exempt a document, form, or payment of fee from the electronic filing option if there is a legal requirement for materials to be submitted in paper format or when it is not technically or fiscally feasible or practical or in the best interest of businesses for such materials to be submitted electronically.
- If applicable, the director of an agency or the director's designee must, within existing resources, establish and maintain a process to notify the public as to what materials have been exempt from electronic filing.
- Unless otherwise obligated, a business may authorize a second party to submit such filing requirements on its behalf.

ESSB 6355: CONCERNING ASSOCIATE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Associate Development Organizations (ADOs), local nonprofit organizations established to provide economic development of community development services, must meet at least twice annually and share best practices.
- ADOs must provide the Department of Commerce (Commerce) with specific performance measures in order for Commerce to analyze their impacts on employment and overall changes in employment.
- Commerce must provide business services training to ADOs, including but not limited to, export assistance training and the identification of services available from private and public export assistance providers in the state and business retention and expansion services;
- ADOs must use a web-based information system to track data on business recruitment, retention, expansion, and trade.
- Innovative Partnership Zones are included as authorized partners for ADOs to collaborate with when providing assistance to businesses.
- Commerce must submit a preliminary report to the Washington Economic Development Commission by September 1 of each even-number year on the performance results of the contracts with ADOs.

SSB 6359: MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY ASSISTANCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Office of Regulatory Assistance (ORA) must provide local jurisdictions with information concerning best permitting practices, methods for improving early engagement with stakeholders, and effective ways to communicate project timelines and costs.
- ORA's biennial performance reports must include the number and type of projects or initiatives the office assisted and identify collaborative work done with key agencies.
- A certification process is established for local level permitting. ORA must, within available funds, work with local jurisdictions to establish criteria and the process for certifying a permit process as streamlined.
- Local jurisdictions with certified streamlined permitting processes receive priority when applying for state infrastructure funding.

SSB 6371: EXTENDING THE CUSTOMIZED EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the expiration date for the Washington Customized Employment Workforce Training Program to July 1, 2017.
- Extends the expiration date for the customized employment training business and occupation tax credits to July 1, 2021.

SSJM 8016: ENCOURAGING THE BEYOND THE BORDER ACTION PLAN ON PERIMETER SECURITY AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND THE ACTION PLAN ON REGULATORY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kastama

(HJM 4017 Representative Kenney)

- The Legislature recognizes the history of partnership and the economic and trade relationship between the United States and Canada.
- A request is made to the President of the United States, executive branch agencies, and United States Congress to work together to see that the United States-Canada Beyond the Borders Action Plan and the Action Plan on Regulatory Cooperation are carried out, and that necessary resources are provided to assist in realizing the goals of both plans.
- The relevant committees of the Legislature are encouraged to monitor implementation of both action plans for opportunities to cooperate and participate at the state level.
- Copies of the Senate Joint Memorial must be delivered to the President of the United States, each member of the United States Congress from the State of Washington, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and specified secretaries of executive branch agencies.

HB 2482: DESIGNATING INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP ZONES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

**Signed by the Governor*

- Innovation Partnership Zones (IPZs), in which research institutions, workforce training organizations, and globally competitive companies work cooperatively to create commercially viable products and jobs, must have an industry cluster within their boundaries.
 - Provides information and options to applicants that do not meet all the criteria for IPZ designation.
- *SB 5401 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2482, as described below:*
- For purposes of the use of sales and use tax proceeds for public facilities in rural counties, the term public facilities includes research, testing, training, and incubation facilities in IPZs.
- *SB 5404 is incorporated in its entirety into HB 2482, as described below:*
- For purposes of Community Economic Revitalization Board financing, the term public facilities includes research, testing, training, and incubation facilities in IPZs.

ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES & MARINE WATERS

786-7419

ESB 5661: REGARDING DERELICT FISHING GEAR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Nelson

(HB 1717 Representative Fitzgibbon)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires a person who loses or abandons commercial fishing nets to report the location and gear type to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) within 24 hours. Under current law, a person is encouraged, but not required, to report such a loss within 48 hours.
- Directs DFW to work with interested tribes to develop a program to assist coordination and communication on the location of lost or abandoned fishing nets from tribal fisheries by December 31, 2012.

SSB 5977: MAKING THE DISCOVER PASS TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN TWO VEHICLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

(HB 2153 Representative Hudgins)

**SB 5977 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 2373.*

SSB 5997: REGARDING THE OLYMPIC NATURAL RESOURCES CENTER

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove.

**Signed by the Governor*

- Reinstates legislative authority for the Olympic Natural Resource Center (ONRC) Policy Advisory Board with members chosen by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor for four-year terms.
- Updates the ONRC statutes to reflect the name change of the College of Forest Resources to the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at the University of Washington.

SSB 6044: CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF WATER BY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS BORDERED BY THE COLUMBIA RIVER TO BE USED IN PUMPED STORAGE PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 2616 Representative Blake)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a public utility district (PUD) bordering the Columbia River to sell water for a pumped storage project if the PUD holds a previously perfected water right from an industrial user and the water right recognizes power generation as an authorized purpose.

SSB 6135: REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

(HB 2364 Representative Blake)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes a number of changes related to the enforcement policies of the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and the crimes primarily enforced by DFW.
- Creates new fish and wildlife related crimes, decriminalizes certain acts, provides new penalties for existing crimes, and changes details for certain crimes.
- Provides new direction to DFW regarding seizure and forfeiture of property.
- Provides new definitions for existing terms.

**SB 6139 is incorporated in part into SSB 6135, as described below:*

- Makes the feeding of certain large wild game unlawful.

SB 6139: REGARDING LARGE WILD CARNIVORE CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

(HB 2365 Representative Blake)

**SB 6139 is incorporated in part into SSB 6135.*

SSB 6169: CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON STATE COASTAL SOLUTIONS COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

**SSB 6169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in 2SSB 6263.*

SB 6188: CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM BY ENSURING CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 36.70A RCW, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, CHAPTER 34.05 RCW, AND THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, CHAPTER 43.21C RCW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

(HB 2487 Representative Takko)

**HB 6188 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in EHB 2671.*

2SSB 6263: FACILITATING MARINE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

(HB 2618 Representative Van De Wege)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Modifies the statutes governing the marine management planning process including allowing planning to occur in geographic segments and removing the requirement that nonstate funding be a prerequisite to initiating the planning process.
- Temporarily narrows the permissible uses of funding from the Marine Resources Stewardship Trust Account, used to fund marine management planning, to purposes including mapping of marine resource uses and development of a marine management plan for the outer coast through July 1, 2016.

**SSB 6169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in 2SSB 6263, as described below:*

- ~~Creates the Washington State Coastal Solutions Council (Council) as a forum and point of communication for policy issues affecting the state's coastal waters. The Council is comprised of state agency and stakeholder representation.~~

SB 6385: EXTENDING THE TENURE OF THE HABITAT AND RECREATION LANDS COORDINATING GROUP

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the existence of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (Lands Group) through July 31, 2017. The Lands Group includes state agencies and stakeholder groups and is responsible for duties including reviewing agency land acquisition plans and facilitating opportunities to coordinate land acquisition planning.
- Prioritizes the work of the Lands Group if it lacks the resources to conduct all statutory duties.
- Directs natural resources land management agencies to participate in the Lands Group within existing resources.

SB 6387: CONCERNING STATE PARKS, RECREATION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES FISCAL MATTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires county treasurers to provide all monies received from Discover Pass infractions and Fish and Wildlife Vehicle Access pass infractions to the state for deposit into the Recreation Access Pass Account, which is the same account that receives revenue from Discover Pass sales.

2ESSB 6406: MODIFYING PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Establishes Hydraulic Project Approval (HPA) fees through June 30, 2017, for projects at or below the ordinary high water line at the rate of \$150 per permit. Exemptions from the fees are provided for project types including HPAs on farm and agricultural lands and for mineral prospecting and mining activities.
- Specifically authorizes the issuance of multiple, site-specific HPAs and expands the use of an existing 5 year renewable marina maintenance permit.
- Integrates the HPA for forestry activities into forest practices permitting following the incorporation of relevant HPA fish protection rules into the forest practices rules, which must occur by December 31, 2013.
- Increases the general duration of an approved forest practices application (FPA) from 2 to 3 years, and allows for renewal.
- Increases FPA fees, including from \$50 to \$150 for most commercial timber harvests. The fee is reduced to \$100 for small forest landowners harvesting on a single, contiguous ownership. Forest practices involving conversion from forestry to another land use are increased from \$500 to \$1500.
- Directs the Department of Ecology to conduct rulemaking processes by December 31, 2012 and 2013, in order to update rule-based categorical exemptions and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist.
- Makes changes to SEPA and other local development provisions, including expanding streamlined environmental review for certain non-project actions and authorizing SEPA lead agencies to, in certain circumstances, recognize actions adequately covered by other regulations.
- ~~Specifies circumstances in which a local government may recover expenses incurred in preparing certain non-project environmental impact statements.~~
- Specifies timeframes for certain requirements within the Phase II municipal storm water general permit for Western Washington municipalities scheduled to be issued by July 31, 2012. Extends for an additional one year, for a total of two years, the current Phase II municipal storm water general permit for Eastern Washington municipalities.

SSB 6414: CREATING A REVIEW PROCESS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PROPOSED ELECTRIC GENERATION PROJECT OR CONSERVATION RESOURCE QUALIFIES TO MEET A TARGET UNDER RCW 19.285.040

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ranker

(SHB 2688 Representative Upthegrove)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to issue advisory opinions to consumer-owned utilities on whether a proposed electric generation project or conservation resource will qualify under the Energy Independence Act, Initiative 937 (I-937).
- Provides that a Commerce advisory opinion is binding on the auditors responsible for determining compliance with I-937, if the opinion is adopted by the governing body of a consumer-owned utility that will use the project or resource.

ESHB 2223: REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RCW 19.122.130, FROM THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

(SB 6220 Senator Nelson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Utilities and Transportation Commission to contract with a nonprofit entity to create a safety committee, allows the safety committee to pass bylaws, and allows the safety committee to establish organizational processes necessary to complete its tasks, in advance of January 1, 2013, the effective date of the Underground Utilities Damage Prevention Act.

HB 2244: CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS FOR UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES THAT RESULT FROM CERTAIN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AIRSTRIP OPERATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hargrove

(SB 6090 Senator Fain)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds general aviation activities, including but not limited to, ultra-light airplanes, hanggliders, parachutes, and paragliders to the list of activities under the Recreational Use Immunity Statute which allows landowners to be immune from liability for unintentional injury to a recreational user of a landowner's property.

HB 2329: REPLACING ENCUMBERED STATE FOREST LANDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF MULTIPLE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

(SB 6195 Senator Hatfield)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Gives the Board of Natural Resources authority to create a state forest land pool to be managed by Department of Natural Resources for counties that qualify by having a population of 25,000 or fewer and having the land in question be encumbered with timber harvest deferrals of greater than 30 years.
- Establishes processes for managing the land pool including how the land pool is to be funded, how proceeds are to be distributed, which accounts are to be used and for what purpose, how a county may withdraw from the land pool, and what effect withdrawal will have on the land pool.

SHB 2349: CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF BEAVERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kretz

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides specific permitting and conditioning authority for the relocation of beavers.
- Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to provide certain information to the public on its website including information on nuisance beaver activity, beaver trapping, and beaver relocation activities.
- Directs DFW to initiate a beaver management stakeholder forum by January 1, 2013.

E2SHB 2373: CONCERNING THE STATE'S MANAGEMENT OF ITS RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

**Signed by the Governor*

- Includes an expanded list of vehicles to which the state parks opt-out donation program applies, including but not limited to mopeds, off road vehicles, snow mobiles, and motor homes.
- Modifies Discover Pass (DP) permitting including: providing agencies with the option to issue a Family DP which is transferrable to any vehicle at a maximum fee of \$50; and allowing the one-year effective period of a DP to run from the date of its activation, which may differ from the purchase date under policies developed by the agencies.
- Makes changes to DP requirements including: authorizing agencies to waive the DP requirement for a person who has paid for the ability to access state land; and expanding the geographic scope of the DP requirement on DNR managed lands to include all uplands managed by the agency.

**SB 5977 is incorporated in its entirety into E2SHB 2373, as described below:*

- Makes the Discover Pass (DP) and Vehicle Access Pass transferable between two vehicles.

SHB 2422: SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION BIOFUELS PRODUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Billig

(SSB 6238 Senator Brown)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Designates aviation biofuels production facilities as projects of statewide significance.
- Authorizes the Housing Finance Commission to finance aviation biofuels production facilities.
- Requires Innovate Washington to convene a sustainable aviation biofuels workgroup, which must include legislative members.

HB 2440: AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE WILDFIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR PUBLIC LANDS MANAGED BY STATE AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

(SB 6144 Senator Ranker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specifies that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may provide fire-related services on DNR managed lands as well as lands managed by other state agencies, so long as a cooperative agreement is in place that provides for reimbursement.

HB 2487: CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM BY ENSURING CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 36.70A RCW, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, CHAPTER 34.05 RCW, AND THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, CHAPTER 43.21C RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

(SB 6188 Senator Ranker)

**HB 2487 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in EHB 2671.*

ESHB 2545: INCLUDING COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, OR PROPANE IN FUEL USAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows local governments and state agencies to substitute compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, and propane for electricity or biofuel to satisfy fuel usage requirements if the Department of Commerce determines that electricity and biofuel are not reasonably available.
- Exempts transit agencies using compressed natural gas on June 1, 2018, from fuel usage requirements.

ESHB 2664: CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY OPTION TO PURCHASE QUALIFIED ENERGY RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Morris

(SB 6450 Senator Swecker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds thermal energy as a qualified alternative energy resource under the voluntary green power program.
- Eliminates mandatory annual reports on the voluntary green power program, but still requires utilities to maintain the information and make it available to the Legislature upon request.

EHB 2671: CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FINAL ACTION ON A LOCAL SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM BY ENSURING CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS OF THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 36.70A RCW, THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, CHAPTER 34.05 RCW, AND THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, CHAPTER 43.12C RCW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

**Signed by the Governor*

**SB 6188 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in EHB 2671, as described below:*

**HB 2487 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in EHB 2671, as described below:*

- Clarifies when and how the State Environmental Policy Act relates to appeals of shoreline master programs (SMP). Changes the standard by which SMP appeals are reviewed so that the Shoreline Management Act and Growth Management Act are consistent. Clarifies when a master program amendment becomes effective.
- Revises existing language to make it clear that all types of parties, not just local governments, have authority and responsibilities related to appeals of a SMP decision by the Department of Ecology.

ENVIRONMENT

786-7406

SB 6131: REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MERCURY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

(HB 2507 Representative Hunt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Includes mercury-added products in the definition of bulk mercury.
- Removes the restrictions on mercury for devices regulated by the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.
- Removes the requirement to submit to the Department of Ecology an annual inventory of purchases, sales, and uses of bulk mercury for the following facilities: dangerous waste recycling; treatment, storage, and disposal; research; and industrial.

HB 2304: TRANSFERRING THE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE SITE USE PERMIT PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hudgins

(SB 6491 Senator Nelson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Transfers the authority for the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Site Use Permit Program from the Department of Ecology (DOE) to the Department of Health (DOH).
- Authorizes DOH to administer a user permit system and issue site use permits for generators, packagers, or brokers to use the commercial low-level radioactive waste disposal site.
- Provides that site use permits issued by DOE will remain valid until the first expiration date that occurs after July 1, 2012.

SHB 2326: PROTECTING AIR QUALITY THAT IS IMPACTED BY HIGH EMITTING SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Jenkins

(SB 6102 Senator Regala)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Revises when burn bans can be called for areas in nonattainment or areas at risk for nonattainment of federal fine particulate air quality standards.
- Requires the Department of Ecology or local air authority in nonattainment areas to provide households public education about cleaner burning practices, the importance of burn bans, and opportunities for assistance to obtain cleaner devices.
- Exempts from burn bans shops and garages that are detached from main residences or commercial establishments and do not have an adequate source of heat without burning wood.

EHB 2469: REGARDING BOATYARD STORM WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Uptegrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that requirements to obtain a substantial development permit, conditional use permit, or variance do not apply to the installation of site improvements for storm water treatment in a boatyard if the improvements are conducted to meet requirements of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storm water general permit.
- Requires the Department of Ecology to ensure site improvements comply with the substantive requirements of Shoreline Management Act through the review of engineering reports and other documents related to the installation of the boatyard storm water treatment facilities.

HB 2651: CHANGING THE NUMERIC LIMIT FOR BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION FOR INDUSTRIAL STORM WATER PERMITTEES WITH DISCHARGES TO WATER BODIES LISTED AS IMPAIRED TO A NARRATIVE LIMIT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SB 6393 Senator Nelson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires permittees with discharges to water bodies listed as impaired for bacteria to comply with nonnumeric, narrative, effluent limitations under the industrial storm water general permit.

HB 2653: CORRECTING TECHNICAL STATUTORY CROSS-REFERENCES IN PREVIOUS PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO REGULATORY FEES FOR WASTEWATER COMPANIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen

(SB 6214 Senator Kilmer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Corrects statutory references pertaining to regulatory fees for wastewater companies.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, HOUSING & INSURANCE

786-7408

SB 5694: ADDRESSING THE HANDLING OF CLAIMS ASSOCIATED WITH PRODUCTS ISSUED UNDER SPECIALTY PRODUCER LICENSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(SHB 1865 Representative Kirby)

**SB 5694 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6242.*

SB 5913: INCREASING THE PERMISSIBLE DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WITH CREDIT UNIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

(HB 1327 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Federally-chartered credit unions are included as institutions authorized to act as public depositories.
- Authorized credit unions may receive public deposits up to the maximum insurable limit permitted by the federal insurance fund, which is currently set at \$250,000.
- Credit unions are subject to the Public Deposit Protection Commission's regulatory authority and reporting requirements when acting as a public depository.

ESB 6155: CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(SHB 2383 Representative Kelley)

**Signed by the Governor*

- It is clarified that third-party account administrators (TPAA) are not debt adjusters.
- Debt adjusters are limited to a 15 percent cap on fees they charge the consumer. This cap includes all other fees, including those of the TPAA. The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) is granted the authority to enforce this statutory cap on fees.
- Any person or entity providing debt adjusting services in this state must provide DFI with specified information by September 1, 2012. DFI must summarize the information received and submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2012.
- TPAA's must follow specific requirements when working with debt adjusters. TPAA's must be licensed as money transmitters and comply with the requirements from the federal Telemarketing Sales Rule.
- Violation of these requirements by TPAA's constitute a per se violation of the CPA. In addition, an injured person may bring a civil action to recover \$1,000 or actual damages, whichever is greater.

SB 6172: REVISING FRANCHISE INVESTMENT PROTECTION PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

(HB 2235 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Numerous technical corrections are made to the Franchise investment Protection Act to correspond with provisions in the Federal Trade Commission's Franchise laws and the Washington Administrative Procedure Act.
- To qualify for an exemption from the standard registration requirements, a franchisor must deliver a disclosure document to the prospective franchisee 14 calendar days prior to the execution of a franchise agreement.
- A franchise offer may be renewed for an additional year if a renewal application is filed no later than 20 calendar days prior to the date of expiration.
- A person has 20 days to request a hearing from the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) concerning a stop order or cease and desist order to suspend or revoke a registration statement issued by the Director of DFI.

SSB 6242: ADDRESSING SPECIALTY PRODUCER LICENSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(EHB 2457 Representative Kirby)

**Signed by the Governor*

- A vendor, its employees, and authorized representatives may sell insurance covering portable electronics.
- A training program must be established for employees that sell or offer portable electronics insurance on behalf of a licensed vendor.

**SB 5694 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6242, as described below:*

- Under specified conditions, individuals employed by a licensed independent adjuster to collect claim information for portable electronics equipment are exempt from the adjuster licensure requirement.
- A licensed adjuster must keep and maintain records of employees engaged in collecting information for portable electronics equipment, provide approved training for such employees, and is liable for any unlawful conduct employees participate in while providing claim collection services.

SSB 6295: MODIFYING CERTAIN EXCHANGE FACILITATOR REQUIREMENTS AND PENALTIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Morton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exchange facilitators are required to either (1) maintain a fidelity bond for at least \$1 million which covers the dishonest acts of employees and principles; or (2) deposit all exchange funds in a qualified escrow account or qualified trust.
- The qualified escrow account or qualified trust must require the exchange facilitator and the client to independently authenticate a record of any withdrawal or transfer from the account or trust.
- Exchange facilitators must (1) provide a disclosure statement on the company website and in the contractual agreement regarding the fidelity bond and qualified escrow account or qualified trust; and (2) disclose any financial benefits they may receive for recommending other products or services to clients.
- Criminal sanctions are enacted for violating the exchange facilitator provisions.
- A stakeholder taskforce must meet over the interim to identify effective regulatory procedures for the exchange facilitator industry and provide specific recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2012.

SSB 6315: CONCERNING THE FAIR TENANT SCREENING ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

(HB 2614 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prior to screening a prospective tenant, and in order to charge the prospective tenant for that screening, the prospective landlord must first notify the prospective tenant in writing or by posting information regarding what types of information will be accessed to conduct the tenant screening and what criteria may result in the denial of the application.
- If an adverse action is taken, the prospective landlord must provide this information to the prospective tenant in writing. If the adverse action is based on information received from a consumer report, the contact information of the consumer reporting agency is to be provided.
- A stakeholder workgroup comprised of landlords, tenant advocates, and representatives of consumer reporting and tenant screening companies is to meet for the purpose of addressing tenant screening issues. Specific recommendations are due to the Legislature by December 1, 2012.

SSB 6472: CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harper

(HB 2672 Representative Blake)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The State's seller disclosure form is amended to add a disclosure regarding whether or not the property is equipped with carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.
- Licensed real estate brokers are not liable for the failure of any seller to comply with the requirements proscribed by statute or rules adopted by the State Building Code Council as it relates to carbon monoxide alarms.

SSB 6515: CONCERNING THE RESCISSION OF A TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

**SSB 6515 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2614.*

SB 6566: ADJUSTING WHEN A JUDGMENT LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY COMMENCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Litzow

(HB 2511 Representative Kelley)

**Signed by the Governor*

- For judgments in Superior Court where the real property is situated, a lien of judgment on real estate of the judgment debtor begins when filed by the county clerk on the execution docket.

EHB 1398: CREATING AN EXEMPTION FROM IMPACT FEES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SB 5524 Senator White)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Local governments may grant exemptions for the payment of impact fees for low-income housing by (1) permitting a full waiver with full replacement of funds from other public funds; or (2) waiving up to 80 percent of impact fees, with exempted portion paid from impact fee accounts.
- A school district who receives school impact fees must approve the exemption.

ESHB 2048: CONCERNING LOW-INCOME AND HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE SURCHARGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

(SSB 5952 Senator Kohl-Welles)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The local homeless housing and assistance surcharge is temporarily increased from \$30 to \$40.
- The Department of Commerce must work with interested landlords regarding housing available for housing vouchers, work with stakeholders to identify issues with the surcharge fees; and provide an annual report to the Legislature.
- Local governments receiving \$3.5 million or more in surcharge fee assistance annually must apply to the Washington State Quality Award Program (a Baldrige assessment) for an independent assessment of its quality management, accountability and performance system.

SHB 2188: REGULATING AIR RESCUE OR EVACUATION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu

(SSB 6021 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Subscription services providing air rescue and evacuation services are exempt from insurer classification under the following specified conditions: (1) a subscription service must either fulfill any applicable licensing requirements or contract with a service provider that has fulfilled such requirements; and (2) if air ambulance services are to be provided, the service provider must satisfy the licensing and accreditation requirements before providing such services.
- A subscription service is not required to own the means of transportation used to provide such air rescue and evacuation services.
- The subscription service is limited to those instances when a person is traveling more than 100 miles away from home.

SHB 2194: MODIFYING THE MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME LANDLORD TENANT ACT AND OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- A written rental agreement must include specific information about utility hook-ups.
- A landlord cannot prohibit a tenant from posting for sale signs within certain parameters.
- A landlord may not prohibit tenants from having meetings in a tenant's home to discuss park-related issues.
- A landlord may terminate a tenancy if a tenant creates a nuisance or there is any other substantial just cause that materially affects the health, safety, or welfare of other park residents. The landlord must provide the tenant with written notice to cease the nuisance or other conduct immediately and that failure to do so will result in termination of the tenancy.
- In the case of a notice from the tenant that the landlord has failed to provide water or heat, the landlord must commence remedial action within 48 hours, except where circumstances are beyond the landlord's control.

SHB 2255: CONCERNING NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS REGULATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SSB 6173 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) is allowed to use a multistate licensing system for a number of licensees, a system which is already in place for other licensees, like mortgage brokers.
- Clarifies that the agency has the authority to do informal settlements requiring payment to DFI for the purposes of financial literacy and education.
- Clarifies that all payday lenders, in-state and out-of-state, are to be licensed to do business in Washington State.

ESHB 2361: CONCERNING USAGE-BASED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(E2SSB 5730 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Usage-based insurance is defined as private passenger automobile coverage that uses data gathered from any recording device as defined in the Event Data Recorder laws under RCW 46.35.010, or a system, or business method that records and preserves data arising from the actual usage of a motor vehicle to determine rate or premiums.
- The usage-based insurance component of the rate filing is confidential and the Office of Insurance Commissioner must withhold such information from public inspection;
- An insurance company must disclose the use of location data and obtain consent from the insured prior to collecting such information.
- The use and retention of individually identifiable information from a recording device is limited for purposes of determining premiums or as authorized by statute.
- With limited exceptions, individual identifiable usage information retrieved from a recording device may not be disclosed to any third party.

ESHB 2384: REGULATING PERSONAL VEHICLE SHARING PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hudgins

(SB 6426 Senator Prentice)

**Signed by the Governor*

- A regulatory framework is established for the operation of personal vehicle sharing programs in the state.
- Personal vehicle sharing programs must provide insurance coverage for the vehicle, the vehicle operator, and all authorized users.
- Personal vehicle sharing programs assume all liability of the vehicle owner for any loss or injury that occurs when the vehicle is under a program and are considered the vehicle owner for all insurance purposes.
- Personal vehicle sharing programs must provide vehicle owners and persons operating the vehicle with a disclosure document explaining the requirements under the personal vehicle sharing program statute including notice that the vehicle owner's insurer has no duty to defend or indemnify for any loss that occurs during use of the vehicle under the program.

SHB 2421: MODIFYING THE FORECLOSURE FAIRNESS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

(SSB 6314 Senator Hobbs)

**SHB 2421 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 2614.*

HB 2523: REGULATING INSURERS AND INSURANCE PRODUCTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bailey

(SB 6181 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provisions in the insurance code are further modified to come into conformity with the Federal Affordable Care Act.
- Preexisting condition exclusions for health insurance and portability are modified. Persons under the age of 19 are exempt from taking the standard health questionnaire if they are in the individual market because their employer has discontinued coverage.
- Internal and external review procedures for health insurance are amended. Each carrier and health plan must have a comprehensive grievance and appeals process to review adverse benefit determinations.

- The requirement that individual plans offer the option of covering a dependent child under the age of 26 is changed by removing dependent and limiting the broad requirement to plans that are not grandfathered plans as defined by existing law. Grandfathered plans must offer the option of coverage until age 26 unless the child is eligible to enroll in an eligible health plan sponsored by the child's employer or the child's spouse's employer.

ESHB 2614: ASSISTING HOMEOWNERS IN CRISIS BY PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES, REMEDIES, AND ASSISTANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

(SSB 6337 Senator Frockt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- If a beneficiary agrees to a short sale of owner-occupied residential property, it must provide written notice to the seller, stating whether or not it will pursue the deficiency, the amount of the outstanding debt, the fact that the beneficiary may collect upon the debt for three years after releasing its interest, and that the seller has the ability to negotiate for a full release of the debt.
- If a court action is not pursued within three years of releasing its security interest, the beneficiary forfeits the right to collect upon the debt.
- Real estate licensees are to notify sellers that a decision by any beneficiary to release its interest in the real property does not automatically relieve the seller of the obligation to pay any debt remaining at closing, including fees such as the real estate licensee's commission.

**SHB 2421 is incorporated into ESHB 2614 in its entirety, as described below:*

- Amends the Foreclosure Fairness Act (FFA), ESHB 1362, which passed the Legislature in 2011.
- A borrower may no longer be referred to mediation during the meet and confer period. A housing counselor or attorney assisting the borrower may refer the borrower to mediation any time after the borrower has received a notice of default but no later than 20 days after the notice of sale has been recorded. The mediation timeline is clarified. Immunity for foreclosure mediators is extended to all foreclosure mediators.
- Of the expenditures, 76 percent is for housing counseling activities to benefit the borrowers, and up to 13 percent or \$590,000 per biennium, whichever is greater, is for the implementation and operation of the FFA.
- A notice is provided to owners when the notice of trustee's sale is recorded that they have only 20 days to pursue mediation through a housing counselor or attorney.

**SSB 6515 is incorporated into ESHB 2614 in its entirety, as described below:*

- A domestic limited liability corporation incorporated under specific statutes may be a trustee under the Deeds of Trust Act.
- Up to 11 days following the trustee's sale, the trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent for the beneficiary may declare the trustee's sale and trustee's deed void for a number of reasons, including prior to the sale there was an agreement for a loan modification, forbearance plan, or other loss mitigation agreement to postpone or discontinue the trustee's sale.
- The trustee must refund the bid amount to the purchaser.

SHB 2640: EMPHASIZING COST-EFFECTIVENESS IN THE HOUSING TRUST FUND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Smith

**Signed by the Governor*

- For Housing Trust Fund applications reviewed by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) through June 30, 2013, Commerce must consider total project cost and per-unit cost compared to similar housing projects constructed or renovated within the same geographic area.
- Commerce, with input from the Affordable Housing Advisory Board, must report to the Legislature by December 1, 2012, with recommendations for awarding funds from the Housing Trust Fund in a cost-effective manner.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

786-7432

E2SSB 5292: EXEMPTING CERTAIN STRUCTURES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED BY IRRIGATION DISTRICTS AND PORT DISTRICTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF CRITICAL AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

(HB 1390 Representative Taylor)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the definition of critical areas to provide that fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas do not include artificial features or constructs, such as irrigation delivery systems, irrigation infrastructure, irrigation canals, or drainage ditches maintained by a port district or an irrigation district.

2SSB 5355: REGARDING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS OF PUBLIC AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Morton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Meeting notices must be prominently displayed at the main entrance of an agency's principal location, as well as at the meeting site, if different. All notices must be posted on an agency's website except under the following instances: (1) the agency does not have a website; (2) the agency employs fewer than ten full-time staff; or (3) the agency does not employ personnel whose duty, as defined by a job description or existing contract, is to maintain or update the website.

SB 5381: ADJUSTING VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE LEVIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

(HB 1476 Representative Haigh)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The continuation of a six-year or ten-year emergency medical services levy must be authorized by a majority of the registered voters at a general or special election.

SSB 5766: ADDRESSING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- The board of fire commissioners for a fire protection district with an annual budget of \$10 million or more may increase the number of commissioners to seven.
- Fire commissioner districts with seven commissioners may decrease the size of their board by resolution or by election from seven to five or five to three.

SSB 5995: AUTHORIZING URBAN GROWTH AREA BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND BY CERTAIN COUNTIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a city planning under the Growth Management Act to request that a county, as part of the county's annual comprehensive plan amendment process, amend the Urban Growth Area (UGA) within which the city is located.
- Establishes certain conditions on these requests, including that the request may only occur in certain counties, must be for the purpose of increasing an area within the UGA for industrial purposes; may not increase the UGA by more than 7 percent; must be preceded by a completed development proposal, phased master plan, and a capital facilities plan; and are null and void if the development proposal has not been implemented within five years of the amendment or the area has not been annexed within five years of the amendment to the UGA.
- Establishes that these requests must be completed before December 31, 2015.

SSB 6116: CONCERNING ON-SITE SEWAGE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLANS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

(HB 2332 Representative Hunt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Specifies that a local board of health in the 12 counties bordering Puget Sound currently implementing an on-site sewage program management plan may impose and collect reasonable rates or charges to pay for the actual cost of administration and operation of the on-site sewage management plan.
- Establishes that a local board of health may contract with the county treasurer to collect the rates or charges imposed.
- Provides that a local board of health does not have the authority to impose a lien on real property for failure to pay rates and charges imposed.
- Establishes that a local board of health may not impose and collect rates and charges related to the implementation of an on-site sewage program management plan beyond the powers currently vested in a local board of health to establish fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits, or for other activities authorized by the law and rules of the State Board of Health.

SB 6175: ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pridemore

(HB 2232 Representative McCoy)

**Signed by the Governor*

- State elected officials and agencies must seek to collaborate with tribes in programs affecting tribes, develop a consultation process, designate tribal liaisons, ensure training of tribal liaisons and agency directors in cultural competency, and annually report to the Governor on activities involving tribes.
- Agency tribal liaisons must assist in promoting communication and collaboration, serve as the contact person with tribes, maintain communication, and coordinate training of agency employees.
- At least annually, the Governor and other statewide elected officials must meet with tribal leaders to address issues of mutual concern. The Governor must maintain a list of tribal liaisons and tribal leaders, with contact information.

ESSB 6239: CONCERNING CIVIL MARRIAGE AND DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray

(SHB 2516 Representative Pedersen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Marriage is a civil contract between two persons who are at least 18 years old and who are otherwise capable.
- No regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest, imam, rabbi, or similar official of any religious organization is required to solemnize or recognize any marriage.
- A religious organization must be immune from any civil claim or cause of action, including a claim pursuant to RCW 49.60, based on its refusal to provide accommodations, facilities, advantages, privileges, services, or goods related to the solemnization or celebration of a marriage.
- Any state registered domestic partnership in which the parties are the same sex, where neither party is at least 62 years old, and that has not been dissolved or converted into a marriage by the parties by June 30, 2014, is automatically merged into a marriage as of June 30, 2014.
- The Secretary of State must send a letter to the mailing address on file of each same-sex state registered domestic partner notifying the person that the laws relating to state registered domestic partners will change in relation to certain same-sex registered domestic partners.

SB 6290: CONCERNING MILITARY SPOUSES OR REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING STATUS DURING DEPLOYMENT OR PLACEMENT OUTSIDE WASHINGTON STATE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 2524 Representative Orwall)

**Signed by the Governor*

- License moratoriums parallel to the moratoriums for service members are created for the spouse or registered domestic partner of a service member while the service member is deployed or stationed outside of Washington State.

- The Department of Health must return the license of the spouse or registered domestic partner of a service member to active status if the spouse or registered domestic partner applies to activate the license within six months of returning to the state, and pays the current renewal fee.

ESSB 6383: REGARDING WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION PENALTIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Benton

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), or another voluntary nonprofit entity to whom control and supervision of interscholastic activities has been delegated, to impose penalties for rules violations.
- Prohibits the imposition of penalties upon a student unless the student knowingly violated the rules or unless a student gained a significant competitive advantage or materially disadvantaged another student by means of a rule violation.
- Provides that any penalty for a rule violation must be proportional to the offense.
- Imposes specific limitations and processes with respect to removing a team from postseason competition for a rule violation.

ESSB 6470: AUTHORIZING BENEFIT CHARGES FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator McAuliffe

(SHB 2615 Representative Goodman)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a city or town to impose a benefit charge for the purposes of enhancing fire protection services if the city or town is conducting an annexation or has annexed since 2006 all or part of a fire protection district.
- Establishes that the imposition of a benefit charge is subject to voter approval by a 60 percent majority of the voters living within the jurisdiction of the city or town.
- Establishes that a benefit charge may not remain in effect for a period of more than six years or more than the number of years authorized by the voters, if fewer than six years, unless subsequently reapproved by the voters.
- Sets forth exemptions from the benefit charge for certain persons and certain circumstances.

SHB 1073: AUTHORIZING PERSONS DESIGNATED BY THE DECEDENT TO DIRECT DISPOSITION, IF THE DECEDENT DIED WHILE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ANY BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, UNITED STATES RESERVE FORCES, OR NATIONAL GUARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kelley

(SSB 5190 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a person has the first right to control the disposition of the remains of a service member who dies while in military service if the person is designated by the service member on a DD Form 93.

EHB 1234: ADDRESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS REGARDING SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS AND CRIME WATCH PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LOCATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Moscoso

(2SSB 5244 Senator Fraser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts from public disclosure personally identifying information collected by law enforcement agencies regarding local security alarm system programs and vacation crime watch programs.
- The exemption does not prohibit the legal owner of a residence or business from accessing information pertinent to the owner's residence or business.

ESHB 1627: LIMITING THE AUTHORITY OF BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SB 5491 Senator Nelson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows boundary review boards (Boards) to modify a proposal by adding territory that would increase the total area of a proposal.
- Establishes that Boards may not modify a proposal by adding an amount of territory to the proposed city or town annexations that is more than 100 percent of the area within the proposal before the Board.
- Provides that a Board may not increase the area of a city or a town annexation unless it holds a separate public hearing and provides at least ten days notice of the hearing to the registered voters and property owners residing within the area subject to the proposed increase.

E3SHB 1860: REGARDING PARTISAN ELECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hurst

**Signed by the Governor*

- A new method for electing precinct committee officers (PCOs) is established, in response to a 2011 federal court ruling striking down the previous method.
- PCOs will be elected in even-year primary elections. Ballot instructions will provide that a vote for a PCO candidate affirms voter affiliation with the candidate's party, and that voter preference is private and will not be matched to the voter's name or shared.
- Only contested PCO races will appear on the ballot. If only one candidate has filed, that candidate is deemed elected. If no one files, the position will be filled by appointment by a local party official. Filing as a write-in candidate is prohibited.
- The bill contains an emergency clause.

HB 2138: ESTABLISHING NATIONAL KOREAN WAR VETERANS ARMISTICE DAY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby

**Signed by the Governor*

- July 27 is recognized as National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, but is not a legal holiday. The POW/MIA, U.S., and Washington flags must be displayed by public entities on that date.
- The day on which the POW/MIA flag is to be displayed along with the U.S. and Washington flags in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Day is specified as the third Friday in September.

EHB 2152: CLARIFYING TIMELINES ASSOCIATED WITH PLATS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Angel

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies time limitations governing the submission of final plats after the preliminary plat is approved by the local government in order to provide (1) nine years for projects approved on or before December 31, 2007, if the project is within city limits and not subject to the Shoreline Management Act (SMA); (2) seven years for projects approved on or before December 31, 2014; and (3) five years for projects approved on or after January 1, 2015.
- Modifies time limitations associated with provisions governing lots in final plats and subdivisions, in order to provide that any lots in a final plat are a valid land use, notwithstanding changes in zoning laws, for (1) nine years for lots in a final plat filed on or before December 31, 2007, provided the project is within city limits and not subject to the SMA; (2) seven years for lots in a final plat filed on or before December 31, 2014; and (3) five years for lots in a final plat filed on or after January 1, 2015.
- Provides that subdivisions must be governed by the terms of approval of the final plat, and the requirements in effect at the time of final plat approval, for (1) nine years provided the project is within city limits and not subject to the SMA, and the date of approval is on or before December 31, 2007; (2) seven years provided the date of approval is on or before December 31, 2014; and (3) five years provided the date of approval is on or after January 1, 2015.

SHB 2181: EXTENDING THE AGE FOR SERVICE IN THE WASHINGTON STATE GUARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dammeier

(SB 6352 Senator Hobbs)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Adjutant General of the Washington State Guard may extend the service age upon request by an active member of the Guard if the Adjutant General determines that the member's extension would be in the best interest of the Guard.
- Extensions are for a one-year duration and may be renewed until the member turns 68.

HB 2210: EXTENDING CONTRIBUTION LIMITS TO SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Billig

**Signed by the Governor*

- School board candidates are added to the list of candidates for public offices that are subject to campaign contribution limits.
- Initial contribution limits for school board candidates are up to \$900 per election by individuals, unions, businesses, and political action committees; up to \$0.90 per registered school district voter during an election cycle by state party organizations and legislative caucus political committees; and up to \$0.45 per registered school district voter during an election cycle by county and legislative district party committees.
- As with contribution limits for candidates for other offices, contribution limits for school board candidates will be periodically adjusted by the Public Disclosure Commission for inflation or deflation.

HB 2213: MODIFYING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIREFIGHTING SERVICES FOR UNPROTECTED LANDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chandler

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the definition of improved property to specify that bridges and agricultural structures, as defined in the state building code, are included within the provisions concerning firefighting services on unprotected land.

ESHB 2233: CREATING A PROCEDURE FOR THE STATE'S RETROCESSION OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER INDIAN TRIBES AND INDIAN COUNTRY

Prime Sponsor: Representative McCoy

(SB 6147 Senator Prentice)

**Signed by the Governor*

- A new process is created to retrocede to the federal government all or part of state civil and criminal jurisdiction over a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- To start the process a tribe will submit a retrocession proposal to the Governor that provides information about its plan to exercise jurisdiction after retrocession. Interlocal agreements are encouraged.
- The Governor must meet with tribal representatives to consider the proposal and must consult local elected officials. The Legislature may hold hearings and submit recommendations.
- The Governor must approve or deny a proposal within a year of receiving it. This deadline may be extended. Gubernatorial approval must be by proclamation, submitted to the federal government. Retrocession will not take effect until approved by the federal government.
- For proclamations addressing operation of motor vehicles on public roads, the Governor must consider whether there are pertinent interlocal agreements, tribal policing agencies ensuring safe operation, sufficient traffic control devices, and tribal traffic codes and courts.
- Retrocession will not affect state jurisdiction over civil commitment of sexually violent predators, which is retained, or abate court or state or local government actions filed preceding retrocession.

HB 2305: CHANGING AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Angel

(SB 6125 Senator Regala)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows port districts to contract with service groups to make various improvements to port habitat sites or to maintain such facilities or environmental stewardship projects, without conforming to competitive bidding requirements under certain circumstances.

EHB 2328: ADDRESSING JOB ORDER CONTRACTING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dammeier

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the restriction limiting work orders of \$350,000 to two per contract year.
- Expands the use of job order contracting to include the regional universities, the Evergreen State College, and Sound Transit.
- Public bodies must provide information regarding work orders to the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board each fiscal year, rather than each contract year.

SHB 2360: CONCERNING DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT PROVISIONS FOR THE PREARRANGEMENT TRUST FUNDS OF CEMETERY AUTHORITIES AND FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stanford

(SSB 6000 Senator Harper)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Private cemeteries and funeral homes may deposit prearrangement trust funds (funds), prepaid by consumers for funeral services, in several state- or federally-chartered financial institutions, in addition to currently authorized depositories.
- Funds need not be invested in federal bonds, as formerly required, but must be invested in accordance with prudent investor fiduciary standards. In addition, funds may not be borrowed by, loaned to, or invested with associated persons or businesses.

2SHB 2452: CENTRALIZING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, PROCESS, AND OVERSIGHT OF STATE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie

(SB 6198 Senator Pridemore)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Charges the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) with oversight of state procurement of goods and services.
- Requires DES to adopt uniform policies and procedures and provide training on best practices for state procurement.
- Requires agencies to submit sole source contracts to DES and make the contracts available for public inspection not less than ten days before the proposed starting date of the contract.
- Requires agencies with procurement authority to develop clear and transparent complaint and protest processes.
- Establishes a process under which the Director of DES may debar a contractor in certain circumstances.
- Requires agencies to provide DES with a list of all contracts that the agency has entered into or renewed on an annual basis.

HB 2499: EXPANDING DISCLOSURE OF POLITICAL ADVERTISING TO INCLUDE ADVERTISING SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING BALLOT MEASURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Billig

**Signed by the Governor*

- Political advertising costing \$1,000 or more, that supports or opposes a ballot measure, and is sponsored by a political committee, must include a listing of the names of the five persons or entities making the largest

contributions in excess of \$700 during the 12-month period before the date the advertisement is initially published or presented to the public.

ESHB 2502: MODIFYING EXCEPTIONS TO THE COMPENSATING TAX PROVISIONS FOR REMOVAL FROM FOREST LAND CLASSIFICATION TO MORE CLOSELY PARALLEL OPEN SPACE PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen

**Signed by the Governor*

**ESB 5169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESHB 2502 as described below:*

- Broadens an existing exception for sales or transfers of property in the Designated Forest Land (DFL) program from the payment of back taxes upon removal of property from DFL classification.
- The existing exception for transfers in high-population counties is expanded to include counties bordering Puget Sound with a population of at least 245,000 when the sale or transfer of property in the DFL classification is made to a governmental entity, nonprofit historic preservation corporation, or a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation for the purpose of conservation for public use and enjoyment.

HB 2834: PROVIDING COST SAVINGS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BY REDUCING A LIMITED NUMBER OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Eliminates certain reporting requirements for cities and counties.
- Establishes that the requirement that first class cities report total public works construction budgets and supplemental budgets to the state auditor is discretionary.
- ~~Requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM), together with statewide organizations representing cities and counties, to develop a process and criteria to conduct a review of reports, mandates, and programs that create additional expenses for state and local government.~~
- ~~Requires OFM to submit recommendations and executive request legislation to the Legislature every odd-numbered year regarding which reports, mandates, and programs should be terminated or consolidated.~~

**Bill considered on Senate floor – not referred to committee.*

HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

786-7456

SSB 5197: CONCERNING THE DELEGATION OF NURSING CARE TASKS TO HOME CARE AIDES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

(HB 1278 Representative Cody)

**SSB 5197 is incorporated in part into ESHB 2314.*

E2SSB 5620: REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATION OF DENTAL ANESTHESIA ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

(SHB 1576 Representative Jinkins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- In order to practice as a dental anesthesia assistant, a person must be certified through the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.
- Certified dental anesthesia assistants must work under the supervision of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon or a dental anesthesiologist.
- Certified dental anesthesia assistants may initiate and discontinue an intravenous line for a patient being prepared to receive intravenous medications, sedation, or general anesthesia; draw up and prepare medications; and administer emergency medications.

SSB 5966: ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY OMBUDSMAN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

**Signed by the Governor*

- A new volunteer position with the Office of Insurance Commissioner must assist retirees enrolled in the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB) program with questions and concerns, assist the PEBB program with identification of retiree concerns, and maintain access to updated program information.

ESSB 5978: CONCERNING MEDICAID FRAUD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pflug

(SHB 2246 Representative Eddy)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Establishes a state Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act (Act) that creates civil liability for false or fraudulent claims against the state Medicaid program, and authorizes private parties to bring actions on behalf of the state.
- Establishes whistleblower protections for employees who report fraudulent practices by their employers.
- Terminates the Act on June 30, 2016, and requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct a sunset review.
- ~~Provides an emergency clause that directs the Act to take effect immediately.~~

ESSB 6103: CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF REFLEXOLOGY AND MASSAGE THERAPY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

**Signed by the Governor*

- A certification requirement for reflexologists is established under the Department of Health (DOH).
- Various technical and clarifying changes are made to the massage licensure statute including providing for consistent use of terms and deleting obsolete examination provisions.

**SB 6104 is incorporated in part into ESSB 6103, as described below:*

- DOH is authorized to inspect the premises of any reflexology or massage business establishment during business hours in order to ascertain statutory violations.

SB 6104: GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF MASSAGE BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

**SB 6104 is incorporated in part into ESSB 6103.*

SSB 6105: CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HB 2288 Representative Haigh)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Health must adopt alternative reporting requirements for veterinarians under the prescription drug monitoring program.

ESSB 6237: CREATING A CAREER PATHWAY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

(SHB 2227 Representative Cody)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Four new health care professions are created: medical assistant-certified; medical assistant-registered; medical assistant-hemodialysis technician; and medical assistant-phlebotomist.
- The seven categories of health care assistants currently in use are to be eliminated and merged into the appropriate medical assistant category.
- The Secretary of the Department of Health must develop recommendations regarding a career path for medical assistants and report this plan to the Legislature by December 15, 2012.

SSB 6384: ENSURING THAT PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSITION TO A COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM AFTER ENROLLMENT IN AN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

**Signed by the Governor*

- Division of Developmental Disabilities clients who are receiving employment services must be offered the choice to transition to a community access program after nine months of enrollment in an employment program.
- The Department of Social and Health Services must inform clients and their legal representatives of all available options for employment and day services, including the opportunity to request an exception from enrollment in an employment program.

SSB 6403: REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO PERSONS SEEKING VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION ORDERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Regala

**Signed by the Governor*

- A public agency may not charge a filing fee or a fee for service of process to a vulnerable adult seeking relief from abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect.
- Vulnerable adults must be provided the necessary number of certified copies at no cost.

SB 6412: ASSISTING PERSONS SEEKING INDIVIDUAL HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE WHEN THEIR PRIOR CARRIER HAS TERMINATED INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides additional exceptions for those that must complete the standard health questionnaire when purchasing insurance coverage for those individuals whose health carrier is discontinuing individual and catastrophic coverage by July 1, 2012.
- Requires insurance carriers to credit prior time in catastrophic coverage toward the preexisting condition waiting period in new catastrophic coverage.

HB 1486: AUTHORIZING WASHINGTON PHARMACIES TO FILL PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN OTHER STATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Green

(SB 5390 Senator Prentice)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Washington pharmacies may honor the prescriptions of out-of-state advanced registered nurse practitioners with respect to controlled substances.

SHB 2056: CONCERNING ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Van De Wege

**Signed by the Governor*

- The term boarding home is changed to assisted living facility throughout the boarding home licensing statute and elsewhere in the RCW.
- The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to apply rules regarding boarding homes to assisted living facilities.

EHB 2186: CONCERNING LICENSED MIDWIVES ABILITY TO WORK WITH REGISTERED NURSES AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bailey

**Signed by the Governor*

- Licensed midwives are authorized to direct registered nurses and licensed practical nurses to complete tasks that are within the scope of practice of both the midwife and the nurse.

ESHB 2229: REGARDING REPORTING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Jinkins

**Signed by the Governor*

- Nonprofit and public hospital district hospitals must report certain employee compensation to the Department of Health, beginning with employee compensation for 2012.
- Hospitals may provide a copy of the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 with the compensation information or they may submit the information for the top five highest paid employees who do not have direct patient responsibilities.

SHB 2261: PROVIDING LIMITED IMMUNITY FOR ORGANIZATIONS MAKING CHARITABLE DONATIONS OF EYE GLASSES OR HEARING INSTRUMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Takko

(SB 6216 Senator Padden)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Charitable organizations are provided with immunity from liability when they distribute previously used eyeglasses and hearing instruments to individuals who have been examined by certain licensed health care professionals.

HB 2306: AUTHORIZING THE PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT FOR PATHOLOGY SERVICES TO DIRECT PATIENT-PROVIDER PRIMARY CARE PRACTICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hinkle

(SB 6236 Senator Becker)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Clinical laboratories and physicians that provide anatomic pathology services may present claims for payment to direct practices.
- Claims may only be presented to direct practices that are in compliance with direct practices laws; provide written confirmation the patient does not have insurance coverage for the anatomic pathology services; provide the patient with an itemized bill that does not mark up the amount billed by the physician or laboratory; and disclose to the patient that all pathology services are billed at the same amount charged.

ESHB 2314: CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

**Signed by the Governor*

- Initiative 1163, relating to long-term care workers and long-term care services, is modified to clarify that various provisions begin on January 7, 2012, and to correct inconsistencies in the RCW.

**SSB 5197 is incorporated in part into ESHB 2314, as described below:*

- Certified home care aides may perform tasks that are delegated to them by a nurse.

ESHB 2318: CONCERNING SHARED DECISION MAKING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 6361 Senator Pflug)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Health Care Authority is authorized to certify or approve patient decision aids for use in obtaining informed consent through the shared decision making process.

E2SHB 2319: IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 6178 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Removes restrictions on the authority of, and adds new duties for, the Washington Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange), and authorizes Exchange employees to participate in state health benefit and retirement programs.
- Establishes new market rules for plans sold inside and outside of the Exchange.
- Creates a process for certifying qualified health plans authorized to offer coverage in the Exchange.
- Establishes a rating system for qualified health plans.
- Establishes a process for designating the essential health benefits that must be offered both inside and outside of the Exchange.
- Creates a process for identifying state-mandated benefits that would result in federally imposed costs to the state if enforced.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to report to the Legislature on the federal Basic Health Option, and requires the HCA to initiate design and development for the program if funding is specifically provided in the state operating budget. Program operational parameters are provided if the Legislature determines to proceed with implementation of the program.
- Establishes federal reinsurance and risk adjustment programs and allows the Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP) to administer the programs by contract.
- Requires the WSHIP to make findings regarding continued operation after January 1, 2014.
- Requires the state to apply for a wellness program demonstration project.
- ~~Requires the Exchange to suspend operations if at any time it is not self-sustaining.~~(PV)

ESHB 2341: CONCERNING COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Jenkins

**Signed by the Governor*

- Nonprofit hospitals must make community health needs assessments and community benefits implementation strategies widely available to the public.

ESHB 2366: REQUIRING CERTAIN HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO COMPLETE EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**Signed by the Governor*

- Mental health practitioners must complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management every six years as part of their continuing education requirements.
- The Department of Health must report to the Legislature by December 15, 2013, on the effect of suicide prevention training on the ability of health care professionals to identify, refer, treat, and manage suicidal patients.

HB 2420: REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STUDY AND REPORT CONCERNING DIRECT PRACTICES THAT THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER MUST PROVIDE TO THE LEGISLATURE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 6391 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Repeals the requirement for a comprehensive report on direct practices due December 2012.

ESHB 2473: CREATING A MEDICATION ASSISTANT ENDORSEMENT FOR CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS WHO WORK IN NURSING HOMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Green

(SB 6382 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Certified nursing assistants may administer certain medications and treatments in a nursing home if they hold a medication assistant endorsement and act under a registered nurse's supervision.

ESHB 2582: REQUIRING NOTICE TO PATIENTS FOR CERTAIN CHARGES AT A HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Johnson

(SB 6362 Senator Keiser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires hospital-owned or operated provider-based clinics that charge a facility fee to notify patients that they may receive a separate billing for a facility fee.
- Requires certain hospitals that own or operate provider-based clinics to report specified information about their facility fees to the Department of Health.

HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

786-7415

SSB 5217: ALLOWING APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT MEMBERS ON THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a college district board of trustees to establish a sixth trustee that must be filled by a student.

SSB 6121: REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING CURRICULUM FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Office of Student Financial Assistance to provide an online financial aid counseling curriculum to all higher education institutions participating in the State Need Grant (SNG) program by July 1, 2013.
- Requires the curriculum to include specific elements, such as an explanation of SNG program rules, an overview of student loan options and consequences, an overview of financial literacy, and student perspectives.
- Requires higher education institutions to take reasonable steps to ensure that each SNG recipient receives the financial aid counseling curriculum by referencing or linking to a website on the SNG Conditions of Award statement by the 2013-14 academic year.
- Allows institutions to also require non-SNG students to participate in the counseling.

2SHB 2156: REGARDING COORDINATION AND EVALUATION OF WORKFORCE TRAINING FOR AEROSPACE AND MATERIALS MANUFACTURING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kenney

(SB 5976 Senator Tom)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, with certain training providers, to facilitate coordination and alignment of aerospace training programs.
- Requires an advisory committee of industry representatives, labor representatives, and training providers to perform certain duties, such as recommending training programs for review.
- Requires the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to evaluate certain training programs every year and analyze the results of the training system every four years.

**HB 2292 is incorporated in its entirety into 2SHB 2156, as described below:*

- Makes available the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program to students enrolled in aerospace industry courses offered by Renton Technical College.

SHB 2254: ENACTING THE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR YOUTH AND ALUMNI OF FOSTER CARE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlyle

(SB 6374 Senator Kilmer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the Passport to College Promise program from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2022.
- Automatically enrolls foster children in grades 7-12, or ages 18-21 who have not graduated from high school in the College Bound Scholarship program.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to contract with at least one nongovernmental entity to administer a program of education coordination for foster youth, to the extent that funds are appropriated. School districts must work together to facilitate credit acquisition and on-time graduation for foster youth.
- Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to report on the implementation status of the state's plan for cross-system collaboration to promote educational stability and improve educational outcomes of foster youth in consultation with others by December 1, 2012, and annually through December 1, 2015.

- Transfers reporting requirements with respect to educational experiences and progress of students in foster care from SPI to the Education Research and Data Center.

SHB 2259: ELIMINATING CERTAIN DUPLICATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

**Signed by the Governor*

- Repeals requirements in state law for institutions of higher education related to crime statistics reporting and campus safety plan development.

HB 2292: INCLUDING RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THE AEROSPACE TRAINING STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Maxwell

**HB 2292 is incorporated in its entirety into 2SHB 2156.*

SHB 2313: CONCERNING THE MEETING PROCEDURES OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND BOARDS OF REGENTS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

**Signed by the Governor*

- Restates that the governing boards of institutions of higher education must follow the procedures for open public meetings required under the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Requires the governing boards to provide time for public comment at meetings.
- Requires each governing board to make public its proposal for tuition and fee increases 21 days before the governing board considers adoption and allow opportunity for public comment. This requirement does not apply if the omnibus appropriations act has not passed the Legislature by May 15.

SHB 2352: CONCERNING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reykdal

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires institutions of higher education to annually post Services and Activities Fees expenditure information on their website by September 30. The information must be clearly visible and easily accessible.
- Requires the Services and Activities Fees budget information to include, at a minimum, all the major categories of expenditure and amounts expended in each category.

E2SHB 2483: REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Seaquist

(E2SSB 6232 Senator Kilmer)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Creates the Student Achievement Council (Council) to propose goals for increasing the educational attainment in Washington and to monitor progress toward meeting those goals, propose improvements and innovations needed for educational attainment, and to advocate for higher education.
- Creates a nine-member council, made up of five citizens, one of which is a student, and one representative each from the following: the four-year institutions; community and technical college system; the independent, non-profit institutions; and the K-12 education system.
- Requires the Council to employ an executive director, to be appointed by the Governor from a list of three names submitted by the Council.
- Moves the Office of Student Financial Assistance under the direction of the Council.
- Creates a Joint Higher Education Committee to review the work of the Council and provide legislative feedback; to create greater communication, coordination, and alignment between the higher education system and expectations of the Legislature; and provide recommendations for higher education policy. The Committee is made up of four senators and four representatives.
- ~~Changes references to the Higher Education Coordinating Council in a Passport to College Promise Program Statute to the Council.~~

3SHB 2585: CREATING EFFICIENCIES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(2SSB 6401 Senator Tom)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Allows institutions of higher education to do the following: (1) make advance payments for equipment maintenance services to be performed up to 60 months after such payment, rather than the current 12 months; ~~(2) implement compensation changes for health care special pay classifications and other identified health care classifications, without getting approval from the Human Resources Director at the Office of Financial Management;~~ (3) require salary and wage payments via direct deposit or alternate payment methods such as payroll cards; and (4) use appropriate means for making and paying for travel arrangements.
- No longer requires formal competitive bidding processes for purchases or personal services contracts at institutions of higher education under \$100,000. However, institutions of higher education must include quotations from at least three vendors and keep documented evidence of these quotations for audit purposes for purchases between \$10,000 and \$100,000.
- Makes local operating fee accounts subject to allotment procedures by budget program and fiscal year and requires allotments to be spent in such a ratio as to conserve appropriated funds.
- Requires institutions of higher education to report on the amount of savings from this Act and how such savings were used to promote student academic success by January 1, 2017.

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ESSB 5991: EXTENDING MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO SPECIFIED EMPLOYEES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Designates employees in administrative, academic, and athletic departments of state and private higher education institutions as child abuse or neglect mandatory reporters if they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.
- Requires employees of higher education institutions who are not mandatory reporters to immediately report suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate administrator or supervisor, who must report the incident to a mandatory reporter.
- Requires higher education institutions to ensure that employees have knowledge of their reporting responsibilities.

ESSB 6010: ADDRESSING SAFETY ISSUES AT STATE HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Carrell

**ESSB 6010 is incorporated in part into SSB 6492.*

SSB 6100: UPDATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SEXUAL ASSAULT GRANT PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- Updates references in the RCW to programs that provide services to victims of sexual assault.
- Articulates new practice principles for professionals who work with sexual assault victims.

SB 6157: REQUIRING JUVENILE DETENTION INTAKE STANDARDS FOR JUVENILES WHO ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Counties must develop an intake and risk assessment standard to determine whether a juvenile admitted to a county juvenile detention facility is developmentally disabled.
- The assessment standard must be developed and implemented no later than December 31, 2012.

SSB 6167: REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM INFORMATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Washington State Patrol may disclose criminal background information about a potential client or resident at no cost to a nonprofit business or organization that provides emergency shelter or transitional housing to children, persons with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults.
- Clarifying changes are made to the statute for purposes of readability.

2E2SSB 6204: MODIFYING COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove;

(HB 2826 Representative Hunter)

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- A new violation process for offenders on community custody is outlined. The Department of Corrections (DOC) must adopt rules creating a structured violation process that includes presumptive sanctions, aggravating and mitigating factors, and definitions for low-level violations and high-level violations.
- Sanctions for violations are swift and certain but reduced in length, ranging from three days for a low-level violation to thirty days for a high-level violation.
- When an offender on community custody commits a new crime, DOC will refer the matter to local law enforcement to charge a new crime and hold the offender for three or thirty days depending on the offender's underlying crime for which the offender is being supervised.

SB 6223: REPEALING THE EARLY SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME TRANSITION PROJECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Regala

(HB 2437 Representative Dickerson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Repeals the Early Supplemental Security Income Project.

SSB 6226: CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION PERIODS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Eligibility must be re-authorized every 12 months for all recipients of subsidized child care services regardless of whether the child is also enrolled in Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, Head Start, or early Head Start.
- The 12-month certification applies only if enrollments in Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) or child subsidies are capped.
- An applicant or recipient of WCCC must provide the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) the following information, if appropriate: (1) notification to DSHS within five days if the provider changes; and (2) notification to DSHS within ten days about any significant change related to the number of child care hours the applicant or recipient needs, cost sharing, or eligibility.

SB 6234: CONCERNING THE INVOLUNTARY MEDICATION OF PERSONS COMMITTED AS CRIMINALLY INSANE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

**SB 6234 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6492.*

SSB 6240: MODIFYING PROVISIONS RELATING TO ORDERS OF DISPOSITION FOR JUVENILES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Regala

**Signed by the Governor*

- The court may dismiss an underlying conviction if a juvenile has completed all the terms of a deferred disposition except the payment of restitution.
- If the court dismisses a conviction under a deferred disposition and restitution is still owing, the court must enter a continuing civil judgment for the restitution along with terms of payment.
- A juvenile must pay restitution in full before the court may seal the records of a deferred disposition that has been vacated.

**SHB 2603 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6240, as described below:*

- At the request of the Statutory Law Committee, the juvenile sentencing grid is rearranged and revised to improve readability and reflect the Legislature's prior elimination of two seriousness levels for the offense of malicious mischief in the third degree.

ESB 6296: MODIFYING BACKGROUND CHECK PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harper

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes individuals to request full personal criminal history copies on file at a criminal justice agency.
- Excludes police incident reports from the definition of criminal history record information.
- Harmonizes sections of the Criminal Records Privacy Act and the Child and Adult Abuse Information Act for consistency thereby authorizing that the same information is disseminated under both chapters.

SSB 6328: AUTHORIZING CREATION OF A RETIRED ACTIVE LICENSE FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Health must promulgate rules related to the issuance of a retired active license to mental health professionals, including mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, advanced social workers, and independent clinical social workers.

SSB 6386: ENACTING MEASURES TO REDUCE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Carrell

**Signed by the Governor*

- In assigning a personal identification number (PIN) to an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card, the Department of Social and Health Services is not categorically prohibited from using a sequence of numbers that appear on an EBT card as the PIN for that card, but it is prohibited from doing so routinely, except in circumstances of a disaster, either in-state or national.
- The offense of possessing or being in control of EBT cards in the name of two or more persons is a criminal offense if the person in possession of the cards does not have authorization from the persons in whose names the cards were issued.
- Removes the provision requiring applicants and recipients of subsidized child care to seek child support enforcement services as a condition of receiving subsidized child care.
- The Office of Fraud and Accountability, in collaboration with the Department of Early Learning and the State Auditor, must identify, review, and report to the Legislature on integrated monitoring and detection systems to prevent overpayments of public assistance from occurring.

SSB 6492: IMPROVING TIMELINESS, EFFICIENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF FORENSIC RESOURCE UTILIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- Performance targets are established for completion of an evaluation of a defendant for competency to stand trial by a state hospital.
- A competency evaluation for a defendant in custody must be performed in the jail unless the defendant is charged with murder; the court finds that it is more likely than not that an evaluation in a jail would be inadequate to complete an accurate evaluation; or the court finds that an evaluation outside the jail setting is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the defendant.
- The Department of Social and Health Services must report quarterly and annually regarding its performance administering competency services and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee must independently assess state hospital performance.

**ESSB 6010 is incorporated in part into SSB 6492, as described below:*

- A jail may not refuse to book a patient of a state hospital based solely on the patient's status as a state hospital patient.

**SB 6234 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6492, as described below:*

- A state hospital may administer antipsychotic medications without consent to a person committed as criminally insane pursuant to court order by following the same procedures applicable to petitions for court orders authorizing the involuntary medication of patients committed to a state hospital for 180 days under the Involuntary Treatment Act.

SSB 6493: ADDRESSING SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR CIVIL COMMITMENT CASES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Regala

**Signed by the Governor*

- Contractual responsibility and oversight for indigent defense in sexually violent predator civil commitment cases is transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services to the Office of Public Defense (OPD.)
- OPD must report annually on the operation of indigent defense services, including recommended levels of appropriation to maintain defense services to the extent constitutionally required.
- An indigent person is limited to one court appointed counsel unless the court finds good cause to appoint additional counsel.
- Prosecuting agencies are authorized to obtain a current evaluation of a respondent or sexually violent predator in a civil commitment proceeding which may include, if ordered by the court, clinical interviews, psychological testing, plethysmograph testing, and polygraph examinations.

SSB 6494: IMPROVING TRUANCY PROCEDURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- The maximum age of a child at which a school district is legally required to file a truancy petition under appropriate circumstances is lowered from 17 to 16 years of age.
- A court may not issue a bench warrant for a child for failure to appear at an initial truancy hearing, but may enter a default order assuming jurisdiction over the child.
- The truancy petition must include information describing the child's current academic status in school, and the school district must periodically update the court about the child's academic status.

SSB 6508: AUTHORIZING WAIVERS FROM CERTAIN DSHS OVERPAYMENT RECOVERY EFFORTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pridemore

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Permits the Department of Social and Health Services to waive collection of overpayments to recipients of public assistance benefits if it determines that the elements of equitable estoppel are met.
- ~~• Requires the Office of Fraud and Accountability, the State Auditor's Office, and the Department of Early Learning to collaborate in an effort to identify and review child care overpayments and to provide the Legislature with recommendations for monitoring and detection systems to prevent future overpayments; a report is due to the Legislature by October 1, 2013.~~

ESSB 6555: PROVIDING FOR FAMILY ASSESSMENTS IN CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor*

- When the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) receives a report of child abuse or neglect, DSHS must use one of two responses for reports that are screened in and accepted for response: an investigation or a family assessment.
- A family assessment is defined as a comprehensive assessment of child safety, risk of subsequent child abuse or neglect, and family strengths and needs that is applied to a child abuse or neglect report. The assessment does not include a determination as to whether child abuse or neglect occurred but does determine the need for services to address the safety of the child and the risk of subsequent maltreatment.
- DSHS must implement the Family Assessment Response by December 1, 2013. DSHS must develop an implementation plan in consultation with stakeholders including the tribes. DSHS must submit the implementation plan report to the Legislature by December 31, 2012.
- Within 30 days of receiving notice from DSHS that the person has been named as a perpetrator in an allegation of abuse or neglect, the person must provide written notice to DSHS if the person wishes to contest the finding.
- After receiving notification of the results of DSHS's review, the person has 30 days to ask for an adjudicative hearing with an administrative law judge. If the request is not made within the 30-day period, the person has no right to further review.

**ESHB 2510 is incorporated in its entirety into ESSB 6555, as described below:*

- Provides that the child's health and safety interests should prevail over conflicting legal interests of a parent, custodian, or guardian.
- Addresses the liability of governmental entities for acts or omissions in conducting emergent placement investigations of child abuse or neglect.
- Provides that the state is not liable for actions taken to comply with court orders and that child abuse investigators are entitled to the same witness immunity as other witnesses.

SHB 1775: ENCOURAGING JUVENILE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

(SB 5706 Senator Harper)

**Signed by the Governor*

- As part of a diversion or a counsel and release, a diversion counselor may refer the juvenile to a restorative justice program.
- A restorative justice program is a voluntary program designed to encourage offenders to accept responsibility for repairing the harm caused by their offense by providing safe and supportive opportunities for communication between the victim, the offender, their families, and relevant community members.

ESHB 1983: INCREASING FEE ASSESSMENTS FOR PROSTITUTION CRIMES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parker

(SB 5813 Senator Kohl-Welles)

**Signed by the Governor*

**ESSB 6260 is incorporated in its entirety into ESHB 1983, as described below:*

- Fees are increased for convictions, deferred sentences, deferred prosecutions, and diversion agreements relating to the crimes of promoting prostitution, permitting prostitution, patronizing a prostitute, and trafficking.
- The fees are made mandatory but the court may waive up to two-thirds if it finds that the defendant does not have the ability to pay. The fees must be retained by the local jurisdiction and invested in prevention programs that reduce the commercial sale of sex.
- Promoting prostitution in the first or second degree is made a sex offense requiring sex offender registration if there is a prior promoting prostitution conviction.

EHB 2262: REGARDING CONSTRAINTS OF EXPENDITURES FOR WORKFIRST AND CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- DSHS must create a budget structure, including a biennial spending plan, to allow for transparent tracking of program spending for TANF grants, Working Connections, WorkFirst activities, and the administration of the WorkFirst program.
- The spending plan must be submitted to the legislative fiscal committees and the Task Force no later than July 1, of odd numbered years, beginning on July 1, 2013. DSHS must also provide expenditure reports to the legislative fiscal committees and the Task Force beginning September 1, 2012, and on a quarterly basis thereafter.
- The Caseload Forecast Council must forecast the TANF and Working Connections as a courtesy.

SHB 2263: REINVESTING SAVINGS RESULTING FROM CHANGES IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the Child and Family Reinvestment Account (Account) to be used to achieve certain outcomes.
- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to develop a methodology for calculating savings resulting from decreases in foster care caseload and per capita costs. Requires DSHS to report the methodology to the Legislature by December 1, 2012.
- Requires DSHS to utilize the methodology and calculate savings based on actual foster care caseload and per capita expenditures at the end of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2014.
- Requires the State Treasurer to transfer the amount of state General Fund savings calculated by DSHS pursuant to the methodology into the Account.

E2SHB 2264: CONCERNING PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING RELATED TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to enter into performance-based contracts with one or more network administrators for the provision of family support and related services by December 1, 2013.
- Requires DSHS to consult with specified stakeholders to identify the categories of family support and related services for inclusion in the procurement.
- Clarifies that the DSHS may enter into performance-based contracts for additional services, other than case management, in future procurements.
- DSHS must actively monitor network administrator compliance with terms of contracts.
- The deadline for DSHS to begin the demonstration sites in which child welfare services, including case management, are provided by private agencies pursuant to 2SHB 2106 (2009) is extended to December 1, 2015.

HB 2346: REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PURCHASE UNIFORMS FROM CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Walsh

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Corrections (DOC) is exempt from the requirement to purchase uniforms for correctional officers from a class II inmate work program.
- Offenders are prohibited from making or assembling uniforms to be worn by correctional officers with DOC.

ESHB 2363: PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor*

- A gross misdemeanor is created prohibiting intentional and malicious release of confidential information regarding the location of a domestic violence program.
- Penalties for violation of a no-contact order under certain circumstances are increased from a simple misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.
- The Washington State Institute for Public Policy must assess recidivism by domestic violence offenders and the efficacy of domestic violence perpetrator treatment.

HB 2393: CONCERNING EMPLOYER REPORTING TO THE STATE SUPPORT REGISTRY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

(SB 6222 Senator Hargrove)

**Signed by the Governor*

- An employer must report the date an employee begins work when reporting new hires to the support registry.
- Definitional changes are made to clarify when a re-hired employee must be reported by an employer.

HB 2510: LIMITING GOVERNMENT LIABILITY DURING PRESHELTER CARE INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

**ESHB 2510 is incorporated in its entirety into ESSB 6555.*

HB 2535: CREATING A JUVENILE GANG COURT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ladenburg

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes counties to establish and operate juvenile gang courts, where juvenile offenders involved in criminal gangs may receive services designed to reduce gang-related offenses while under continuous court supervision.
- Provides minimum requirements for admission to a juvenile gang court, allowing individual counties to set more stringent standards.
- Requires the counties operating juvenile gang courts to track data regarding the participants, and requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to study the data and report to the Legislature regarding recidivism outcomes.

E2SHB 2536: CONCERNING THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND JUVENILES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dickerson

(SB 6205 Senator Hargrove)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) by June 30, 2012, in consultation with other entities, to publish descriptive definitions for and to prepare an inventory of evidence-based, research-based, and promising practices in the areas of child welfare, juvenile rehabilitation, and children's mental health.
- Requires DSHS and the Health Care Authority (HCA), by June 30, 2013, to complete a baseline assessment on the use of evidence-based and research-based practices in the areas of child welfare, juvenile rehabilitation, and children's mental health.
- Requires DSHS to develop strategies to use unified and coordinated case plans for clients who are or who will likely be involved in multiple systems with DSHS.
- Requires DSHS and HCA, by December 30, 2013, to report regarding recommended strategies, timelines, and costs for increasing the use of evidence-based and research-based practices for the next two biennia and to provide updated reports in 2014 and 2015.

SHB 2541: CONCERNING THE SEALING OF JUVENILE RECORDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Darneille

(SB 6291 Senator Harper)

** Governor vetoed*

- ~~Requires the court to set a date for an administrative hearing, within 30 days of the juvenile turning 18, to enter an order sealing a successfully completed deferred disposition.~~
- ~~Requires the court to grant a motion to seal a successfully completed deferred disposition that was vacated prior to the effective date of this act, if the person is 18 years or older when the motion to seal is made.~~

ESHB 2592: CONCERNING EXTENDED FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Roberts

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Foster Care to 21 program to cease operating in three years.
- Authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services to provide extended foster care services to youth ages 18 to 21 who participate in or complete a postsecondary or vocational program.
- Requires the court to postpone dismissing a dependency proceeding for six months for certain youth.

SHB 2603: REFORMATTING THE JUVENILE OFFENDER SENTENCING GRID

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**SHB 2603 is incorporated in its entirety into SSB 6240.*

SHB 2657: REVISING PROVISIONS AFFECTING ADOPTION SUPPORT EXPENDITURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Roberts

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Sets the maximum adoption support payment at 80 percent of what the foster care maintenance payment would have been had the child remained in foster care.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to establish a central unit of adoption support negotiators to help ensure consistent negotiations of adoption support agreements.
- Requires DSHS to request, in writing, that adoptive families with existing adoption support contracts renegotiate their contracts to a lower payment if it is fiscally feasible.

- ~~Requires the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery to convene a workgroup as part of the children's mental health redesign to better address the mental health needs of adoptive families and report to the Legislature on its progress by December 15, 2012.~~

HB 2803: CONCERNING HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INCARCERATED OFFENDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

(SB 6531 Senator Regala)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The minimum copay an offender must pay for health care services is increased from \$3 to \$4.
- The Department of Corrections is authorized to act on behalf of an inmate for purposes of applying for Medicaid eligibility.
- Hospitals licensed with the Department of Health must contract with DOC for inpatient, outpatient, and ancillary services.
- DOC must reimburse hospital providers for the treatment of DOC offenders at no more than the Medicaid reimbursement rate plus a percentage increase as determined in the operating budget.

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SSB 5627: CONCERNING SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(SHB 1615 Representative Ladenburg)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Washington Service Members' Civil Relief Act is amended to apply to National Guard members who are under a call to service authorized by the Governor for a period of more than 30 consecutive days.

SB 6030: ADDRESSING LICENSE SUSPENSION CLERICAL ERRORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shin

**Signed by the Governor*

- If a court finds that a driver license suspension notice to the Department of Licensing (DOL) has been delayed for three years or more due to a clerical or court error, the court may order that the person's driver license not be revoked, suspended, or denied for that offense.
- Upon receipt of the order, DOL must not revoke, suspend, or deny the license, permit, or nonresident privilege of the person for that offense.

SB 6108: CLARIFYING THE LOCATION AT WHICH THE CRIME OF THEFT OF RENTAL, LEASED, LEASE-PURCHASED, OR LOANED PROPERTY OCCURS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harper

**Signed by the Governor*

- The location at which a person is deemed to have committed the crime of theft of rental property is either at the physical location where the written agreement was executed or the address at which proper notice may be mailed to the renter.

SSB 6187: CONCERNING HEALTH CARE CLAIMS AGAINST STATE AND GOVERNMENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARISING OUT OF TORTIOUS CONDUCT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pflug

(HB 2307/ HB 2741 Representative Rodne)

**Signed by the Governor*

- All claims against the state, its officers, employees, or volunteers for damages arising out of tortious conduct, including claims involving injuries from health care, must be presented to the risk management division of the Department of Enterprise Services.

SB 6218: CONCERNING ESCROW LICENSING REQUIREMENT EXCEPTIONS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Clarifies when a person licensed to practice law in Washington is exempt from the escrow licensing requirements.

ESSB 6251: REGULATING ADVERTISING OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the offense of advertising commercial sexual abuse of a minor.
- A person commits the offense if the person knowingly publishes, disseminates, or displays or causes directly or indirectly to be published, disseminated, or displayed any advertisement for a commercial sex act that is to take place in the state and which includes the depiction of a minor.

- It is a defense that the defendant made a reasonable attempt to figure out the true age of the minor depicted in the advertisement by requiring, production of an identification card or paper of the minor depicted in the advertisement.
- In order to use the defense, the defendant must produce for inspection by law enforcement a record of the identification used to verify the age of the person depicted in the advertisement.

ESSB 6252: ADDRESSING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR, PROMOTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR, AND PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

**Signed by the Governor*

- Commercial sexual abuse of a minor and promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor are added as criminal offenses that may constitute a pattern of criminal profiteering activity.
- A single act of commercial sexual abuse of a minor, promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor, or promoting prostitution may trigger the criminal profiteering act remedies.

SB 6253: CONCERNING SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY IN COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING PROSTITUTION IN THE FIRST DEGREE CRIMES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes civil forfeiture of the proceeds of or property traceable to commercial sexual abuse of a minor, promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor, or promoting prostitution in the first degree.
- Property seized under this section is sold, with the proceeds remitted to the Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account, unless the law requires that the property be destroyed.
- The seizing agency bears the burden of establishing that the property is subject to forfeiture and, if they cannot meet that burden, the claimant is entitled to attorney's fees.

ESB 6254: CHANGING PROMOTING PROSTITUTION PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

**Signed by the Governor*

- Promoting prostitution in the first degree is committed if an individual knowingly advances prostitution by compelling a person with a mental or developmental disability to engage in prostitution or profits from that act.
- The disability must be one that renders the person incapable of consent.

SB 6255: CONCERNING VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND PROMOTING PROSTITUTION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Fraser

**Signed by the Governor*

- It is an affirmative defense to prostitution that the actor committed the offense as a result of having been a victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution in the first degree, or trafficking in persons under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
- Every person convicted of prostitution, who committed the offense as a result of being a victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution in the first degree, or trafficking in persons under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act may apply to the sentencing court for vacation of the applicant's record of conviction.
- Being named as a current victim in an information or investigative record creates a presumption that the person's participation in prostitution was a result of having been a victim of trafficking, promoting prostitution in the first degree, or trafficking in persons.

SB 6256: ADDING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL STREET GANG-RELATED OFFENSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor is added to the list of gang-related offenses that are committed to provide the gang with any advantage in or control or dominance over a market sector.

ESB 6257: ADDRESSING A SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds sexually explicit acts to the crimes of trafficking and commercial sexual abuse of a minor.

SSB 6258: CONCERNING UNACCOMPANIED PERSONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Stevens

**Signed by the Governor*

- Expands the elements of the crime of luring to include luring a person away from a bus terminal, airport terminal, or other transportation terminal.

ESSB 6260: REVISING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FEES CHARGED FOR VARIOUS CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

**ESSB 6260 is incorporated in its entirety into ESHB 1983.*

E2SSB 6284: AUTHORIZES A CIVIL COLLECTION PROCESS FOR UNPAID TRAFFIC FINES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines.
- Removes the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.
- Requires the Department of Licensing, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to adopt and maintain rules that define a moving violation.

SHB 1194: CONCERNING BAIL FOR THE RELEASE OF A PERSON ARRESTED AND DETAINED FOR A CLASS A OR B FELONY OFFENSE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kelley

**Signed by the Governor*

- When a person is arrested and detained for a class A or B felony, a judicial officer must make a bail determination on an individualized basis.

SHB 1552: CONCERNING GARNISHMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies the forms used in garnishment proceedings.
- Increases the exemption for wages from 30 times the federal minimum hourly wage to 35 times the federal minimum hourly wage.
- Increases the minimum and maximum amounts that may be collected for the garnishment attorneys' fee.
- Provides that state pensions are exempt from garnishment whether in the possession of the person or deposited into a bank account.

SHB 1652: REGARDING ELECTRONIC IMPERSONATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- A civil cause of action is established to allow a person injured by electronic impersonation to seek damages.

SHB 2177: PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ladenburg

**Signed by the Governor*

- Prohibits the duplication or distribution of child pornography as part of the discovery process in a criminal prosecution, so long as the material is made reasonably available to the prosecution, defense counsel, and expert witnesses.
- Allows the defendant to review such materials only in the presence of counsel or, if pro se, under supervision of a person appointed by the court.
- Provides for the sealing or destruction of such materials at the close of trial.

SHB 2191: CONCERNING POLICE DOGS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rivers

**Signed by the Governor*

- In addition to any criminal penalties, courts are authorized to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for harming a police dog or a fine of at least \$5,000 if the dog is killed; however, the court has authorization to increase that fine up to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Monies collected from the fines are distributed to the jurisdiction that owns the police dog.
- Police dogs are exempt from the statutory provisions that make a police-dog owner liable for damages that a victim may sustain from a police-dog bite.

HB 2195: ENACTING THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS AND DISCOVERY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rivers

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act is adopted which includes procedures for litigants in proceedings located outside of Washington to obtain subpoenas for depositions and production of discoverable materials located in Washington.

ESHB 2197: CONCERNING THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pedersen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Revised Article 1 and Revised Article 7 of the UCC as promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws are adopted, with minor modifications to conform to Washington law.

2SHB 2216: INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND VEHICULAR ASSAULT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hurst

(SB 6052 Senator Frockt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The seriousness level of vehicular homicide while driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is increased from a level IX to a level XI.

HB 2224: CONCERNING WASHINGTON ESTATE TAX APPORTIONMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Nealey

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exonerates small gifts of money, \$50,000 maximum, or tangible personal property, \$100,000 maximum, from estate tax apportionment.
- The tax associated with the exonerated gifts is reapportioned among the beneficiaries receiving non-exonerated gifts.

SHB 2239: ESTABLISHING SOCIAL PURPOSE CORPORATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pedersen

(SB 6230 Senator Frockt)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Social purpose corporations are created.
- Procedures are established for forming and dissolving social purpose corporations.
- Standards of conduct are established for directors and officers of social purpose corporations.

HB 2293: EXPANDING CONSUMER COOPERATIVE PROVISIONS UNDER THE NONPROFIT MISCELLANEOUS AND MUTUAL CORPORATIONS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pedersen

(SB 6151 Senator Harper)

**Signed by the Governor*

- A consumer cooperative (CC) must give notice to its members of the place, day, and hour of its annual meeting not less than ten nor more than 120 days before the date of the meeting.
- A CC may satisfy requirements that information or materials must be set forth in writing by posting materials electronically not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.
- A CC's bylaws or articles of incorporation may provide that the annual meeting not involve a physical assembly at a particular location if the meeting is held by means of electronic or other remote communications.
- Members must have a reasonable opportunity to read or hear the proceedings concurrently with their occurrence, to vote on matters submitted to a vote, and to pose questions of and make comments to management.

ESHB 2302: CONCERNING BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH A CHILD IN THE VEHICLE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor*

- For DUI-related arrests, law enforcement must note that a child under the age of 16 was present in the vehicle.
- Increases the passenger age that triggers a Child Protective Services notification from 13 to 16 years.
- Increases the amount of additional time from 60 days to six months that an individual must have an ignition interlock installed if convicted of a DUI-related offense with a minor child in the vehicle
- Establishes enhanced monetary penalties for individuals convicted of a gross misdemeanor DUI with a child under the age of 16 in the vehicle, with fines increasing based on the number of prior convictions.
- Establishes an enhanced sentence for individuals convicted of DUI-related felonies with a child under the age of 16 present in the vehicle.

HB 2308: REGULATING AWARDING OF COSTS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, IN ACTIONS CHALLENGING ACTIONS TAKEN BY PROFESSIONAL PEER REVIEW BODIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Rodne

(SB 6301 Senator Kline)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Revises the standard for the award of prevailing party costs and attorneys' fees in actions under the state Health Care Peer Review Act.

ESHB 2347: CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF SPRING BLADE KNIVES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dammeier

(ESSB 5697 Senator Kastama)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Law enforcement officers, firefighters and other rescue members, Washington State Patrol officers, and active military members may possess, transport, and store spring blade knives for purposes of official duty.
- Spring blade knives may be manufactured, sold, transported, transferred, distributed, or possessed pursuant to contracts with these actors' agencies.
- A manufacturer pursuant to contracts with other manufacturers and commercial distributors is exempt from the prohibition against spring blade knives.
- Trials, testing, and other uses related to the evaluation and assessment of spring blade knives by permitted users, companies, and agencies are also allowed.

SHB 2354: ADDING TRAFFICKING IN STOLEN PROPERTY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DEGREES TO THE SIX-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

(SB 6143 Senator Eide)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The statute of limitations for the crimes of trafficking in stolen property (motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts) in the first and second degrees is extended to six years.

2SHB 2443: INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY OF PERSONS WHO DRIVE IMPAIRED

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor*

- Superior courts have jurisdiction for up to five years over a defendant convicted of DUI whose sentence has been suspended.
- A person required to have an ignition interlock device installed after the person's driver license is reinstated, must pay an additional fee of \$20 per month which is deposited into the Ignition Interlock Device Revolving Account.
- A record of conviction for felony DUI may not be vacated.
- When a person is arrested for felony DUI, a breath or blood test may be administered without the person's consent.
- The Washington State Patrol (WSP) adopts fees for ignition interlock manufacturers, technicians, providers, and persons required to install the devices. Fees are used to fund WSP impaired driving section projects.

ESHB 2570: ADDRESSING METAL PROPERTY THEFT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- ~~A taskforce is created to formulate suggestions for state policy regarding regulation of commercial and nonferrous metal property theft.~~
- The crimes of theft in the first and second degrees include damage caused by the theft of metal wire from a public service company or a consumer-owned utility.

ESHB 2692: CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF THE COMMERCIAL SALE OF SEX

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- ~~Increases an additional fine imposed in relation to a prosecution for patronizing a prostitute.~~
- ~~Directs revenue from this fine to the jurisdiction in which the offense occurred to pay for increased enforcement and prevention programs.~~
- Mandates john school for first-time offenders.

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SB 5259: CONCERNING THE TAX PAYMENT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SMALL WINERIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

(HB 1373 Representative Condotta)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Small wineries are no longer required to report and pay taxes monthly, but may now report and pay taxes annually.

SSB 5412: PROVIDING REMEDIES FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS IN THE CONVEYANCE WORK INDUSTRY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser

**Signed by the Governor*

- An employee of an elevator contractor who was subjected to workplace reprisal or retaliatory action as the result of being a whistleblower has remedies for this action through the Human Rights Commission.
- The definition of workplace reprisal or retaliatory action includes actions such as discharge or discrimination against an employee of an elevator contractor who has reported or filed a complaint related to the safe operation, inspection, installation, repair, or maintenance of elevators, lifting devices, and moving walks.

E2SSB 5539: CONCERNING WASHINGTON'S MOTION PICTURE COMPETITIVENESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HB 1554 Representative Kenney)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Changes the expiration date for earning business and occupation tax credits for the Washington Motion Picture Competitiveness Program (Program) from July 1, 2011, to July 1, 2017.
- Increases the allowable uses and percentage of funding that may be credited for specific purposes.
- Modifies definitions and expands the Program's board by one member.
- Adds additional survey and reporting requirements to acquire additional Program data.

SSB 6005: EXEMPTING CERTAIN VEHICLES FROM THE WRITTEN ESTIMATE REQUIREMENT FOR AUTO REPAIR FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Carrell

**Signed by the Governor*

- Auto repair facilities are not required to provide a written estimate before providing parts and labor for parts cars, street rod vehicles, custom vehicles, or vehicles that qualify for a horseless carriage license plate or a collector vehicle license plate.
- A customer seeking repair services for one of these vehicles may still request a written estimate.

SB 6046: ADDRESSING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice

(HB 2219 Representative Alexander)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Washington State Gambling Commission is authorized to issue certain gambling-related licenses that are valid for up to 18 months.

SB 6059: ESTABLISHING THE VETERANS' RAFFLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes provisions specifying when tickets for the veterans' raffle must go on sale and when the drawing must occur.

SB 6095: MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO GENDER-BASED TERMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- Gender-specific terms and references are made gender-neutral in several titles of RCW.

SB 6098: REVISING FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSING OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS AND PRIVATE SECURITY GUARDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits an applicant to obtain a private investigator license without submitting fingerprints for a background check if the applicant was licensed as a private security guard in the last 12 months.
- Permits an applicant to obtain a private security guard license without submitting fingerprints for a background check if the applicant was licensed as a private investigator in the last 12 months.

SB 6133: REQUIRING TRAINING FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN ELECTRICIAN CERTIFICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

(HB 2358 Representative Reykdal)

**Signed by the Governor*

- An applicant for a journeyman certificate of competency or a specialty electrician certificate of competency must complete a minimum of 24 to 96 hours of classroom training, depending on the number of work hours required for certification.

SSB 6325: EXEMPTING COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY MANAGERS FROM REAL ESTATE BROKER AND MANAGING BROKER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Holmquist

(SHB 2513 Representative Roberts)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Common interest community managers are exempt from the real estate brokers and salespersons licensing requirements.

SSB 6421: ADDRESSING THE AFFIDAVIT OF WAGES PAID ON PUBLIC WORKS

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

**Signed by the Governor*

- A contractor may file an affidavit of wages paid on behalf of a subcontractor if the contractor had a contractual relationship with the subcontractor and the subcontractor has ceased operations or failed to file an affidavit as required.

SB 6465: CONCERNING RAFFLES EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Holmquist Newbry

**Signed by the Governor*

- Charitable and nonprofit organizations are authorized to provide unopened containers of alcoholic beverages as prizes in members-only raffles that exceed \$5,000 if the organization obtains a license from the Gambling Commission and a permit from the Liquor Control Board.

ESSB 6486: GRANTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR POSTDOCTORAL AND CLINICAL EMPLOYEES AT CERTAIN STATE UNIVERSITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HB 2681 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Allows postdoctoral and clinical researchers employed by the University of Washington and the Washington State University who are excluded from collective bargaining as faculty to participate in collective bargaining under the provisions of the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act.
- ~~The bill contains a null and void clause.~~

SHB 1057: CREATING THE FARM LABOR CONTRACTOR ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hudgins

(SSB 5069 Senator Prentice)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The statutory language enacted in the 2011 operating budget is reenacted to create the Farm Labor Contractor Account in the state treasury.

SHB 1559: LIMITING INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENTS INVOLVING DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Haigh

**Signed by the Governor*

- The enforceability of indemnification agreements for architectural, landscape architectural, engineering, or land surveying services is limited.
- The duty and cost to defend is considered part of an indemnity agreement subject to enforceability restrictions in construction-related and design professional contracts.

ESHB 2301: CONCERNING MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, BOXING, MARTIAL ARTS, AND WRESTLING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Green

**Signed by the Governor*

- Modifies exemptions regarding amateurs and amateur events.
- Extends the scope of regulation to include amateur mixed martial arts.
- Requires licensing of training facilities, amateur sanctioning organizations, and amateur mixed martial arts participants by the Department of Licensing.

SHB 2491: ADDRESSING WHEN PREDECESSOR-SUCCESSOR RELATIONSHIPS DO NOT EXIST FOR PURPOSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE RATING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Upthegrove

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Amends the definition of a predecessor-successor relationship for unemployment insurance purposes so that a predecessor-successor relationship does not exist when a significant purpose of the transfer of a business or its operating assets is for the employer to move or expand an existing business, or for an employer to establish a substantially similar business under common ownership, management, and control.

EHB 2509: PROMOTING WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH BY ENACTING THE BLUEPRINT FOR SAFETY PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chandler

** Governor vetoed*

- ~~The Blueprint for Safety Program is established and expanded to include an additional region.~~
- ~~The goal of the Blueprint for Safety Program is to improve safety for employees and lower costs for employers.~~

HB 2758: STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S ABILITY TO COLLECT SPIRITS TAXES IMPOSED UNDER RCW 82.08.150

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

(SB 6571 Senator Kohl-Welles)

**Signed by the Governor*

- If a taxpayer is more than 30 days delinquent in reporting or remitting spirits taxes to the Department of Revenue (DOR), DOR may request that the Liquor Control Board (LCB) suspend a taxpayer's spirits license and refuse to renew any existing spirits license held by the taxpayer. DOR may also request that LCB refuse to issue any new spirits license to the taxpayer.

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ESB 5159: AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF SERVICE CREDIT AND CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY MEMBERS WHO SERVED AS COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS AND THEN BECAME COMMISSIONED TROOPERS IN THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler

(HB 1260 Representative Bailey)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows active members of Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS) to transfer service credits earned as a Communications Officer or a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers to WSPRS.
- Requires that an employee who chooses to transfer credits to the WSPRS pay the difference between the employee and employer contributions that would have been paid to WSPRS, and any other amount, to ensure that the funding status of WSPRS does not change due to the transfer.

E2SSB 5188: HARMONIZING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO YELLOW CHANGE INTERVALS, CERTAIN FINE AMOUNT LIMITATIONS, AND CERTAIN SIGNAGE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Becker

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires all stop lights to have yellow light interval durations that at least meet federal standards.
- Prohibits reducing the yellow light interval duration after installation of a traffic camera.
- Limits the fine issued for traffic camera violations to no more than the identical fine for running a red light issued without a camera – currently \$124.
- Requires certain reporting and signage actions applicable to locations at which a traffic camera is installed.

SSB 5246: CONCERNING EMPLOYER REVIEW OF ABSTRACTS OF DRIVING RECORDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Chase

(HB 1504 Representative Fitzgibbon)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Licensing (DOL) to enter into contractual agreements with an employer or an employer's agent to review the driving records of existing employees for changes in the record.
- Requires DOL to set a fee for this service.

ESSB 5990: CREATING STATE FLOWER SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

**ESSB 5990 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2299.*

SSB 6081: AUTHORIZING COUNTIES AND FERRY DISTRICTS OPERATING FERRIES TO IMPOSE A VESSEL REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE ON FERRY FARES SOLD

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes counties and ferry districts to impose a vessel replacement surcharge on ferry fares.
- Requires the surcharge to be at least equal to the surcharge amount included in Washington State ferry fares, which is currently \$0.25 per fare.

SSB 6112: CONCERNING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE TRACTION DEVICES ON TIRES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

(HB 2355 Representative Armstrong)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows alternative traction devices on tires, in addition to tire chains and metal studs, to prevent a vehicle from skidding in slippery conditions, subject to conformance with Washington State Patrol rules.

SSB 6138: INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Ericksen

(HB 2430 Representative Overstreet)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Exempts auto recycling carriers, up to 42 feet in length and manufactured prior to 2005, from the state maximum vehicle length limit.

ESSB 6150: ADDRESSING THE DRIVER'S LICENSE, PERMIT, AND IDENTICARD SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A FACIAL RECOGNITION MATCHING SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

(HB 2433 Representative Clibborn)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes the Department of Licensing to implement a facial recognition matching system for driver licenses, permits, and identicards.
- Changes the renewal period from five to six years for driver licenses, motorcycle endorsements, and identicards.
- Increases fees for driver licenses, identicards, commercial driver licenses, instruction permits, original license examinations, duplicate licenses, and DUI hearings.

SB 6171: MODIFYING THE WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN VESSELS EXEMPT FROM THE PILOTAGE ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows the Board of Pilotage Commissioners to grant an exemption from the compulsory marine pilotage requirements to any yacht not heavier than 750 gross tons and not longer than 200 feet in overall length.

ESB 6215: ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT REBATE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frockt

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a transportation benefit district that includes a city with a population of 500,000 or more to establish a rebate program for the purpose of refunding low-income individuals up to 40 percent of fees, taxes, or tolls paid by that individual.

E2SSB 6284: AUTHORIZES A CIVIL COLLECTION PROCESS FOR UNPAID TRAFFIC FINES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kline

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes a civil collection process for unpaid traffic fines.
- Removes the requirement for law enforcement intervention for the failure to appear and pay a traffic ticket.
- Requires the Department of Licensing, in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to adopt and maintain rules that define a moving violation.

SSB 6423: CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF FARM VEHICLE

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

**Signed by the Governor*

- Conforms the general definition of farm vehicle within the Motor Vehicles code with the use of that term in the commercial driver license exemption provided for farmers operating farm vehicles.

SSB 6444: CONCERNING ELIGIBLE TOLL FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Haugen

(HB 2675 Representative Clibborn)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes tolling on the portion of State Route 99 that is the deep bore tunnel under First Avenue from the vicinity of the sports stadiums in Seattle to Aurora Avenue north of the Battery Street tunnel.

ESSB 6445: CONCERNING THE INTERSTATE 5 COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING PROJECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pridemore

(HB 2676 Representative Moeller)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Designates the Columbia River Crossing Project as an authorized toll facility.
- Prohibits the collection of tolls on the Columbia River Bridge until (1) the Secretary of Transportation certifies to the Governor that the Washington State Department of Transportation has satisfactory evidence that sufficient funding, including federal funds, will be available for the project to complete the bridge and landings.; and (2) an agreement between Washington and Oregon related to the joint setting and adjustment of toll rates has been reached and is in effect.

SHB 1700: MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO DESIGNING VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes cities, towns, and counties to use any funds that are available for streets or roads to make existing streets and roads more suitable and safe for pedestrian travel.
- Requires the design standards committees to adopt design standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities by July 1, 2012, and from time to time thereafter.
- Requires that bicycle and pedestrian facilities that are constructed or modified after December 31, 2012, meet the updated design standards adopted by the cities or counties design standards committees.

ESHB 2190: MAKING 2011-2013 SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Adjusts appropriations for state transportation agencies and programs for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium.

E2SHB 2238: REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Wilcox

(SB 6093 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates an environmental mitigation option that pairs mitigation investments available to specific forestry programs with various environmental mitigation mandates.
- Requires the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to report to the Legislature the successes and constraints of the identified programs and the appropriateness of extending the option to additional programs.
- Requires the Department of Natural Resources and, when appropriate, the Small Forest Landowner Office to assist in identifying potential projects.

SHB 2252: CONCERNING PROOF OF PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION FARES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SB 6114 Senator Shin)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Permits certain transit agencies to require passengers to produce proof of payment in a manner determined by the transit agency.
- Requires signage related to fare payment.
- Defines personally identifying information, in the context of fare media, to include purchase and use data, and limits the disclosure of that data.

HB 2274: ALLOWING REGISTERED TOW TRUCK OPERATORS TO PASS THE COSTS OF TOLLS AND FERRY FARES TO THE IMPOUNDED VEHICLE'S REGISTERED OWNER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Armstrong

(SB 6160 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows tow truck operators to collect the costs of tolls and ferry fares paid during the course of towing, removing, impounding, or storing an impounded vehicle.

SHB 2299: CREATING "4-H" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Warnick

(SSB 6034 Senator King)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the 4-H special license plate.
 - Directs the proceeds from the 4-H special license plate to promote 4-H throughout Washington State.
- *ESSB 5990 is incorporated in its entirety into SHB 2290, as described below:*
- Creates the state flower special license plate.
 - Directs the proceeds from the state flower special license plate to support the Meerkerk Rhododendron Garden and to provide grants to other nonprofit organizations that work to preserve rhododendrons.

SHB 2312: MAKING MILITARY SERVICE AWARD EMBLEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the following military service award emblems for display on license plates: (1) Distinguished Service Cross; (2) Navy Cross, Air Force Cross; (3) Silver Star medal; and (4) Bronze Star medal.

2SHB 2443: INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY OF PERSONS WHO DRIVE IMPAIRED

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

**Signed by the Governor*

- Superior courts have jurisdiction for up to five years over a defendant convicted of DUI whose sentence has been suspended.
- A person required to have an ignition interlock device installed after the person's driver license is reinstated, must pay an additional fee of \$20 per month which is deposited into the Ignition Interlock Device Revolving Account.
- A record of conviction for felony DUI may not be vacated.
- When a person is arrested for felony DUI, a breath or blood test may be administered without the person's consent.
- The Washington State Patrol (WSP) adopts fees for ignition interlock manufacturers, technicians, providers, and persons required to install the devices. Fees are used to fund WSP impaired driving section projects.

HB 2459: AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL TO CONFISCATE LICENSE PLATES FROM A MOTOR CARRIER WHO OPERATES A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A REVOKED REGISTRATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

(SB 6206 Senator Eide)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington State Patrol or other law enforcement agencies to confiscate the license plates from a motor carrier who operates a commercial motor vehicle while the vehicle's registration is revoked, suspended, or cancelled.

SHB 2574: ALLOWING SPECIAL YEAR TABS ON CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kristiansen

**Signed by the Governor*

- Makes any special license plate that is available for general use be available to individuals with a special year tab or a special license plate for persons with disabilities.

EHB 2660: ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION REVENUE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

(ESSB 6455 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the fee for an abstract of driving record, vehicle certificate of ownership, certain vehicle license plates, title transfer late penalties, and vehicle dealer licenses.
- Removes the current expiration date of June 30, 2014, for the allowable fee for the vehicle documentary service of up to \$150 and makes the up to \$150 fee permanent.
- Establishes a \$100 annual license fee for electric vehicles.
- Establishes a Public Transportation Grant Program Account to aid transit authorities with operations until July 1, 2015.
- Makes technical corrections to the 2010 and 2011 vehicle statutes recodification.

SHB 2673: ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to coordinate with the Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council (Council) in providing workforce development training services.
- Requires WSDOT, in coordination with the Council, to report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of workforce development training programs.

EHB 2814: CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE STATE ROUTE NUMBER 520 CORRIDOR

Prime Sponsor: Representative Clibborn

(SB 6599 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes construction authorization and conditioning provisions for the replacement of the floating bridge and landings of the State Route (SR) 520 Evergreen Point Bridge, including allowing construction during any shoreline permit appeals.
- Prevents the Washington State Department of Transportation from engaging in construction on any portion of the SR 520 corridor between the western landing of the floating bridge and Interstate 5 until the Legislature has authorized the imposition of tolls on Interstate 90 and/or other funding sufficient to complete construction of the SR 520 bridge replacement and high occupancy vehicle project.
- Construction authorization and conditioning provisions expire on June 30, 2014.

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ESB 5127: CONCERNING STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND RELATED ACCOUNTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 1348/SHB 2793 Representative Dunshee)

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- The capital budget appropriates \$510.4 million in state general obligation bonds to support projects in the 2011 Supplemental Capital Budget.
- The State Finance Committee is authorized to issue state general obligation bonds to finance \$500.5 million in projects in the 2011 Supplemental Capital Budget.

ESB 5169: ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY EXEMPTING CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM THE FOREST LAND COMPENSATING TAX

Prime Sponsor: Senator Rockefeller

**ESB 5169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESHB 2502.*

SB 5365: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RETIREMENT PENSION COVERAGE BY CERTAIN VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND RESERVE OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Nelson

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allows a member of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension System to purchase retirement pension coverage for years of eligible service as a volunteer fire fighter or relief officer prior to the member's enrollment in the pension plan.
- A member choosing to purchase pension credit for prior service must make a contribution to the system equal to the full actuarial value of the resulting benefit increase; however, an employer may make some or all of the payment required to purchase the credit.

E2SSB 5539: CONCERNING WASHINGTON'S MOTION PICTURE COMPETITIVENESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HB 1554 Representative Kenney)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The last date during which business and occupation tax credits may be earned for contributions to the Motion Picture Competitiveness Program (Program) is moved from July 1, 2011, to July 1, 2017.
- The provision allowing the Program funding to be used for a tax credit marketer to market the tax credits is removed.
- Other adjustments to the Program are made.

ESSB 5895: REGARDING CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray

**Signed by the Governor*

- Adds specificity to the statewide four-tiered evaluation policy for teachers and principals which the Legislature adopted in 2010.
- Specifies the four tiers as unsatisfactory (Level 1); basic (Level 2); proficient (Level 3); and distinguished (Level 4). Teachers and principals receive a level rating on each of eight evaluation criteria, plus a level rating for the evaluation overall. Student-growth data must be a substantial factor in evaluating performance for at least three of the eight criteria for both teachers and principals.
- The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction establishes the rules for statewide consistency of ratings.

- Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, evaluation results for certificated classroom teachers and principals are used as one of multiple factors in making human resource and personnel decisions.
- Low ratings for specific periods of time result in extended probation or loss of continuing contract status.
- Principals and administrators who are evaluators must engage in professional development before evaluating teachers and principals.

ESSB 5940: CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires school districts to modify employee benefits, including requiring premiums for all employees, and establishing a set of goals for benefits that include premium equity for full-family coverage and single employee coverage; establishing at least one benefit option for full-time employees that includes a premium share similar to the state employee premium share (15 percent); offering a high deductible with a health savings account option; and requiring competitive contracting.
- Requires school districts and their benefit providers begin annual reporting of specified data to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, including detailed financial and experience data, and detailed enrollment data.
- The Office of Insurance Commissioner must produce summary reports annually for the Legislature, beginning December 1, 2013.
- The Health Care Authority must review the data and reports, and submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) by June 1, 2015, on the established goals, and a list of options to be analyzed.
- The JLARC must submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2015, to review school progress to meet the established goals, and identify performance in rank order; develop performance grants to assist high ranking districts in reducing employee insurance co-payments and deductibles; and provide recommendations for Legislative action.

SB 5950: REGULATING NONSTATE PENSION PLANS OFFERED BY TOWNS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Roach

**Signed by the Governor*

- Authorizes continued participation in a non-state defined benefit pension plan by a town, provided that the town began such participation prior to January 1, 1999.

SSB 5984: CONCERNING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray

**Signed by the Governor*

- An independent financial review of a Public Facility District (PFD) must occur prior to the formation of a PFD; the issuance of debt by a PFD; or the lease, purchase, or development of a facility by a PFD.
- The State Treasurer and the State Auditor, in consultation with local governments, must examine the state's 2400 local governmental entities to determine any indications of financial distress.
- If a PFD has defaulted on debt, the jurisdiction in which the public facility is located – the anchor jurisdiction – may impose a councilmanic sales tax of two-tenths of 1 percent for the purposes of refinancing the debt. This is in addition to any sales tax imposed by the PFD.

SSB 6002: MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE FORMULA

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 2184 Representative Dunshee)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) students who reside outside of a school district are excluded from the school construction funding formula for determining state assistance.
- School districts may calculate an alternative adjustment that counts out-of-district ALE students who use district classroom facilities offset by in-district ALE students who do not.
- Kindergarten students included in enrollment counts must be counted as full-time headcount students.

SSB 6073: CONCERNING SALES AND USE TAXES RELATED TO THE STATE ROUTE NUMBER 16 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 2394 Representative Seaquist)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The deferment period for state and local sales and use taxes on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge project is extended by six years.
- The repayment of sales and use taxes begins in 2018 as opposed to 2012.

ESB 6074: FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(SHB 2168 Representative Dunshee)

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- New supplemental capital budget appropriations of \$378.1 million are made for the 2011-13 biennium, including all appropriation increases and decreases. State agencies are authorized to enter into alternative financing contracts for projects totaling \$189.8 million.

SB 6134: ALLOWING DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TRANSFER SERVICE CREDIT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin

(HB 2418 Representative Hinkle)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The date after which the prior service credit of a Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) Enforcement Officer who has completed the payment required for the transfer of service credit from the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters Retirement System (LEOFF) may be transferred by the Department of Retirement is moved up two years, from June 30, 2014, to June 30, 2012.
- DFW Enforcement Officers who have already applied for a transfer of prior service credit from PERS to LEOFF still have until June 30, 2014, to complete their transfer payments.

SB 6159: CONCERNING A BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS RECEIVED WITH RESPECT TO DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hargrove

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Provides a deduction from the business and occupation (B&O) tax to a Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) organized under chapter 7.75 RCW for amounts received as a contribution from federal, state, or local governments and nonprofit organizations for providing dispute resolution services.
- A nonprofit organization may deduct from the measure of B&O tax amounts received from federal, state, or local governments for distribution to a DRC.
- ~~Provides an emergency clause that directs the Act to take effect immediately.~~

SB 6277: CREATING AUTHORITY FOR COUNTIES TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXATION NEW AND REHABILITATED MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLINGS IN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED URBAN CENTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

(HB 2489 Representative Ladenburg)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The multi-unit housing property tax exemption that is available for certain areas of cities is also available in an urban center where the unincorporated population of a county is at least 350,000 and there are at least 1200 students living on campus at an institute of higher education during the academic year, for example, the area surrounding Pacific Lutheran University.
- For any multi-unit housing located in an unincorporated area of a county, a property owner seeking tax incentives under this chapter must commit to renting or selling at least 20 percent of the multi-family housing units as affordable housing units to low- and moderate-income households.

2ESB 6378: REFORMING THE STATE RETIREMENT PLANS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Zarelli

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Closes two Alternate Early Retirement options created in 2000 and 2007 in the Public Employees', Teachers', and School Employees' Retirement Systems (PERS, TRS, and SERS) Plans 2 and 3 for the purposes of new members first joining a plan after June 30, 2013.
- Creates a new early retirement option for new members joining PERS, TRS, and SERS Plans 2 and 3 after June 30, 2013, allowing retirement from age 55 for members who have at least 30 years of service, with a benefit reduction of 5 percent per year of difference between the member's age at retirement and age 65.
- Directs the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) to evaluate high risk job classifications within PERS for possible membership in the Public Safety Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and the potential need for early retirement options in TRS and SERS.
- Reduces the actuarially assumed rate of return on pension fund investments from 8.0 percent to 7.9 percent effective July 1, 2013, to 7.8 percent effective July 1, 2015, and to 7.7 percent effective July 1, 2017.

SSB 6468: REQUIRING STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES TO ADOPT POLICIES GOVERNING INVESTMENT OF UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Boards of Regents of the University of Washington and the Washington State University must adopt policies creating investment accounts.
- Public monies from operating funds not needed for immediate expenditure may be deposited into the investment accounts.
- The State Investment Board (SIB) is given full power to invest or reinvest funds in the investment accounts in a manner consistent with SIB investment and management standards.
- Income from SIB investments of investment accounts must be for the exclusive benefit of and credited to the state university, less SIB expense account allocations.
- Investment accounts are investment funds within the meaning of Article XXIX, section 1 of the State Constitution, for determining eligible investment and deposits.
- The SIB must report annually to the Ways & Means Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on investment activities for the investment accounts.
- The act takes effect if the proposed constitutional amendment (SJR 8223) is approved and ratified by the voters.

ESSB 6486: GRANTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR POSTDOCTORAL AND CLINICAL EMPLOYEES AT CERTAIN STATE UNIVERSITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

(HB 2681 Representative Stanford)

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Allows postdoctoral and clinical researchers employed by the University of Washington and the Washington State University who are excluded from collective bargaining as faculty to participate in collective bargaining under the provisions of the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act.
- ~~The bill contains a null and void clause.~~

SB 6545: TRANSFERRING THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ENDOWMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray;

(HB 2604 Representative Dickerson)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Transfers the developmental disabilities endowment from the Department of Health to the Department of Commerce.

SSB 6574: AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITIES IN WHICH STADIUM AND EXHIBITION CENTERS ARE LOCATED TO IMPOSE ADMISSIONS TAXES IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

**Signed by the Governor*

- The city of Seattle is allowed to collect an admissions tax at Century Link Field during 2012 for college or university games that are played at that location due to the temporary closure of the facility owned by that college or university.
- The city may impose a maximum admissions tax of 5 percent at these events, and the county may not impose an admissions tax at these events.

SSB 6581: ELIMINATING ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray

**Signed by the Governor*

- Forty-seven inactive funds and accounts are repealed.

SSB 6600: EXTENDING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PROPERTY USED EXCLUSIVELY BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT IS LEASED FROM AN ENTITY THAT ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY FROM A PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Eide

**Signed by the Governor*

- Property remains eligible for a property tax exemption for exempt social service activities if the property is owned by a property tax-exempt church that loans, leases, or rents the property to another organization for exempt purposes.
- Property also remains eligible for a property tax exemption if (1) the property is owned by an entity formed exclusively for the purpose of leasing the property to an organization that will use the property for youth character building purposes; (2) the property is leased to an organization that uses the property for the exempt purposes; (3) the immediate previous owner of the property had received an exemption for the property; and (4) the benefits of the exemption must be passed on to the lessee of the property.

ESB 6608: CHANGING JUDICIAL STABILIZATION TRUST ACCOUNT SURCHARGES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harper

(HB 2798 Representative Hudgins)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Increases the amounts of temporary surcharges collected by the courts.

ESB 6635: IMPROVING REVENUE AND BUDGET SUSTAINABILITY BY REPEALING, MODIFYING, OR REVISING TAX PREFERENCE AND LICENSE FEES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Murray

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- A financial business that is located in more than ten states may not deduct from the business and occupation (B&O) tax amounts received from interest earnings on loans secured by first mortgages or deeds of trust on residential properties. The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee is directed to review the first mortgage deduction by June 30, 2015, as part of its tax preference review process.
- B&O tax exemptions for manufacturing of fruits or vegetables, dairy, and seafood are extended to July 1, 2015, and are then replaced by a preferential B&O tax rate of 0.138 percent.
- The time is extended for eligible data centers and qualifying tenants of data centers to qualify for the sales and use tax exemption on server equipment and power infrastructure, to those that commenced construction between April 1, 2012, and July 1, 2015. The exemption time is extended for eligible replacement server equipment placed in new data centers and for qualifying tenants until April 1, 2020.

- Exempts craft distilleries from the license issuance fee of 17 percent of all spirits sales revenues under such a license.
- Leasehold interests subject to LET do not include the preferential use of publicly owned cargo cranes and docks and associated areas used in loading and discharging of cargo at a port district marine facility. Preferential use means use by a private party under a written agreement with the public owner in which the public owner or a third party maintains a right to use the property when it is not being used by the private party.
- The definition of a newspaper is amended to include the Internet version of printed newspapers and newspaper supplements. The effect of this is to tax advertising revenue from the online versions of newspapers and newspaper supplements at the same rate as the traditional newspaper. The B&O tax rate for printing and publishing a newspaper, or both, is increased from 0.2904 percent to 0.365 percent until June 30, 2013, and 0.35 percent until July 1, 2015.

SSB 6636: REQUIRING A BALANCED STATE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT AND ENSUING FISCAL BIENNIUM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kastama

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Beginning with the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the Legislature must enact a budget bill that leaves a positive ending fund balance in the state General Fund and related funds. In addition, beginning with the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the projected maintenance level for the budget in the ensuing biennium may not exceed available fiscal resources.
- Each November, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council must submit a budget outlook document for state revenues and expenditures for the General Fund and related funds for the current biennium and the next ensuing biennium.
- To assist the council in the preparation of the state budget outlooks, a State Budget Outlook Work Group is created, consisting of one staff person from the Office of Financial Management, the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, the Caseload Forecast Council, the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee.

ESJR 8221: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON STATE DEBT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Parlette

(HJR 4226 Representative Dunshee)

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

- The constitutional debt limit is reduced over time from 9.0 percent to 8.0 percent by July 1, 2034. It is set at 8.5 percent starting July 1, 2014; 8.25 percent starting July 1, 2016, and 8.0 percent starting July 1, 2034. The percentage debt limit is applied to the average of general state revenues for the previous six fiscal years instead of the current three-year average. The definition of general state revenues includes property taxes deposited in the General Fund.

SJR 8223: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE CLEAR AUTHORITY TO STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES TO INVEST FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, INCLUDING INVESTMENT IN STOCKS OR BONDS ISSUED BY ANY COMPANY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

- Contingent upon voter approval, the State Constitution is amended to allow public monies of the University of Washington and Washington State University held in investment funds to be invested as authorized by statute.

ESHB 1820: IMPLEMENTING THE BLUE ALERT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hope

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Washington State Patrol, in partnership with the Washington Association of Police Chiefs and Sheriffs, must implement a Blue Alert system to apprehend people suspected of killing or seriously injuring law enforcement officers.
- The Blue Alert system may be activated when the investigating agency (the agency that has primary jurisdiction over the area in which the crime occurred) believes that a suspect has not been apprehended; the suspect may be a serious threat to the public; sufficient information is available to disseminate to the public to assist in apprehending the suspect; release of the information will not compromise the investigation; and releasing the victim information will not improperly notify an officer's next of kin.

3ESHB 2127: MAKING 2011-2013 FISCAL BIENNIUM SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

(SB 5967 Senator Murray)

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Adopts the 2011-13 supplemental state operating budget.
- Additional detail can be found at www.leap.leg.wa.gov.

SHB 2139: CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK BOUNDARIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cody

**Signed by the Governor*

- Provides that a competitive procurement process is not needed to select the new Regional Support Network (RSN) administrative entity in cases where two or more existing RSNs decide to consolidate their operations and service delivery areas.
- Reduces the minimum number of RSNs statewide from eight to six.

SHB 2149: CONCERNING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION, AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Eddy

**Signed by the Governor*

- A county legislative authority may authorize the assessor to waive penalties for assessment years 2011 and prior for a person or corporation failing or refusing to deliver to the assessor a list of taxable personal property under certain circumstances.
- To qualify, the taxpayer must file with the assessor a correct list and statement of taxable personal property and a completed application for a penalty waiver on or before July 1, 2012.
- Full payment of the tax must be made to the county by September 1, 2012, of the entire balance due on all tax liabilities for which a penalty waiver is requested.

E2SHB 2337: REGARDING OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES IN K-12 EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Carlyle

(SB 6231 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) must take the lead in identifying and developing a library of openly-licensed courseware aligned with the common core state standards. OSPI may consider openly-licensed courseware from for-profit organizations as well as nonprofit organizations, and may consider multiple sources of openly-licensed courseware.
- OSPI must make its best efforts to secure outside funding to support the project, and advertise to school districts that the openly-licensed courseware is available at no cost to them.
- The Open Educational Resources Account is created in the custody of the State Treasurer for all funds collected.

SHB 2357: CONCERNING SALES AND USE TAX FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, AND THERAPEUTIC COURTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Darneille

**Signed by the Governor*

- A county with a population larger than 25,000 and a city with a population over 30,000 may impose the 0.1 percent local option sales and use tax for mental health/chemical dependency and is authorized to supplant existing funds on the following schedule: up to 50 percent of the mental health/chemical dependency sales and use tax to supplant existing funds in the first three calendar years in which the tax is imposed; and up to 25 percent may be used to supplant existing funds in the fourth and fifth years in which the tax is imposed.
- This new supplant timeline applies to jurisdictions imposing the tax after December 31, 2011.

SHB 2389: MODIFYING THE SUBMISSION DATES FOR ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECASTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

**Signed by the Governor*

- The submittal dates for the June and September economic and revenue forecasts are moved from June 20 and September 20 to June 27 and September 27.

ESHB 2502: MODIFYING EXCEPTIONS TO THE COMPENSATING TAX PROVISIONS FOR REMOVAL FROM FOREST LAND CLASSIFICATION TO MORE CLOSELY PARALLEL OPEN SPACE PROPERTY TAX PROVISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen

**Signed by the Governor*

**ESB 5169 was not enacted, but the provisions are substantially similar to those in ESHB 2502 as described below:*

- Broadens an existing exception for sales or transfers of property in the Designated Forest Land (DFL) program from the payment of back taxes upon removal of property from DFL classification.
- The existing exception for transfers in high-population counties is expanded to include counties bordering Puget Sound with a population of at least 245,000 when the sale or transfer of property in the DFL classification is made to a governmental entity, nonprofit historic preservation corporation, or a nonprofit nature conservancy corporation for the purpose of conservation for public use and enjoyment.

E2SHB 2536: CONCERNING THE USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND JUVENILES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dickerson

(SB 6205 Senator Hargrove)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) by June 30, 2012, in consultation with other entities, to publish descriptive definitions for and to prepare an inventory of evidence-based, research-based, and promising practices in the areas of child welfare, juvenile rehabilitation, and children's mental health.
- Requires DSHS and the Health Care Authority (HCA), by June 30, 2013, to complete a baseline assessment on the use of evidence-based and research-based practices in the areas of child welfare, juvenile rehabilitation, and children's mental health.
- Requires DSHS to develop strategies to use unified and coordinated case plans for clients who are or who will likely be involved in multiple systems with DSHS.
- Requires DSHS and HCA, by December 30, 2013, to report regarding recommended strategies, timelines, and costs for increasing the use of evidence-based and research-based practices for the next two biennia and to provide updated reports in 2014 and 2015.

3E2SHB 2565: CONCERNING PERSONS WHO OPERATE A ROLL-YOUR-OWN CIGARETTE MACHINE AT RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kirby

(SB 6305 Senator Rolfes)

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- The definition of cigarette used for excise taxation is modified to explicitly include roll-your-own (RYO) cigarettes.
 - A tax enforcement and regulatory system for RYO cigarettes is established.
- Retailers that purchase RYO cigarette stamps are provided with compensation to offset the tobacco products tax. The amount is equal to \$0.05 per cigarette.

ESHB 2571: CONCERNING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE DETECTION, PREVENTION, AND RECOVERY SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE PROGRAM INTEGRITY FOR MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parker

(SB 6466 Senator Holmquist-Newbry)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) by September 1 to issue a request for information about additional tools and methods that might be deployed to improve the prevention, detection, and recovery of inappropriate billings to state medical assistance programs.
- Encourages HCA to issue a formal request for proposals to purchase additional fraud prevention and detection services if based on the information received it concludes that such services (1) will result in net savings for the state; (2) can be integrated with existing bill review and payment processes without increasing the cost of those current activities; and (3) will not result in delay or denial of payment for legitimate billings.

ESHB 2586: PHASING-IN STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WASHINGTON KINDERGARTEN INVENTORY OF DEVELOPING SKILLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kagi

(SB 6326 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Administration of the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills (WaKIDS) replaces administration of other assessments being required by school districts except for assessments that seek to obtain information not covered by the WaKIDS.
- Establishes a workgroup, to be convened by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Department of Early Learning (DEL), to provide, among other things, annual recommendations to the Legislature with respect to implementation of WaKIDS.
- Until full, statewide implementation of all-day kindergarten programs, OSPI, in consultation with the director of DEL, may grant annual renewable waivers to school districts so they may administer a kindergarten assessment other than WaKIDS if the assessment meets certain criteria.

SHB 2590: EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY'S AUTHORITY AND ITS FUNDING SOURCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bailey

(SB 6335 Senator Prentice)

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Extends the expiration dates to July 1, 2020, for the petroleum excise tax and insurance fee, the underground storage tank and home heating oil program, and the dedicated trust accounts for these purposes
- Reauthorizes and lowers the petroleum products tax from 0.5 to 0.3 percent of the whole sale value of petroleum products.
- Provides a manner in which the whole value of petroleum products is determined.

EHB 2620: ADDRESSING THE MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

**Signed by the Governor*

- Investment responsibility for the following accounts is transferred from the State Investment Board to the State Treasurer: American Indian Scholarship Endowment Fund; Foster Care Scholarship Endowment Fund; Budget Stabilization Account; Special Wildlife Account; Radiation Perpetual Maintenance Fund; State Reclamation Revolving Account; Pension Funding Stabilization Account; Millersylvania Park Trust Fund; Judicial Retirement System Account; Public Employees' and Retirees' Insurance Reserve Fund; and the Basic Health Plan Self-insurance Reserve Fund.

HB 2705: CREATING THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sullivan

(SB 6509 Senator Fraser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates the Office of Legislative Support Services.
- Achieves operating efficiencies among legislative agencies by consolidating administrative services.

ESHB 2747: MODIFYING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen

(SB 6244 Senator Haugen)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The use of the Fire Service Training Account is expanded to include capital projects at the Fire Training Academy and school fire prevention activities within the Washington State Patrol, as long as it does not affect training for volunteer and career firefighters.

SHB 2757: CREATING ACCOUNTS FOR THE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS AND HEARING LOSS AND FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Moeller

(SSB 6568 Senator Pridemore)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a new account for the Washington State School for the Blind and a new account for the Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss in the custody of the State Treasurer.
- The new accounts retain any fund balance at the end of the biennium and retain interest earnings.

EHB 2771: ADDRESSING EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIPS UNDER THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pettigrew

(SB 6584 Senator Fraser)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Establishes that the Legislature does not intend to provide membership in the state retirement systems to the employees of government contractors.
- Amends the definition of employer, for the purposes of the state retirement systems only, to explicitly exclude government contractors.
- Has no application to the court's decision in *Dolan v. King County* or to the class of plaintiffs in that case.

HB 2822: CONCERNING LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX ACCOUNT DEPOSITS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

(SB 6633 Senator Fraser)

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Beginning January 1, 2013, Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to make deposits in the local sales and use tax account on a monthly basis on the last business day of the month in which distributions are made.
- The State Treasurer must also transfer an amount equal to any foregone interest from the state General Fund to the Local Sales and Use Tax Account and must also distribute that to local jurisdictions.

ESHB 2823: REDIRECTING EXISTING STATE REVENUES INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

**Passed during the Second Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Temporarily redirects all or portions of several dedicated accounts to the general fund and cancels transfers of general funds to the Education Construction Account for the 2013-15 biennium.

HB 2824: ADDRESSING COMPREHENSIVE FUNDING FOR EDUCATION BY DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR FULL FUNDING AND BY FREEING CERTAIN EXISTING REVENUES FOR SUPPORT OF THE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Eddy

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Creates a joint task force on education funding that will make recommendations for funding the revised definition of basic education programs, as detailed in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2261 and Substitute House Bill 2776, and including recommendations for a revised bilingual-program funding formula.
- Repeals the statutory requirement to provide funding in specified annual amounts for the Student Achievement Program, originally enacted as Initiative 728 in 2000.
- Removes statutory references to the Student Achievement Program and provides that any funding previously dedicated to the Student Achievement Program (from excess lottery funds and the Education Legacy Trust Account) goes toward basic education and the support of the common schools.
- Amends the school district levy base statutes to remove reference to the repealed I-728 statute, while continuing the inclusion in the levy base of amounts that would have been received had I-728 not been suspended and, subsequently, repealed.

SHB 2828: Removing the requirement that the department of social and health services or the department of early learning take appropriate action to establish or enforce support obligations whenever it receives an application for subsidized child care services or working connections child care services.

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

**Passed during the First Special Legislative Session*

**Signed by the Governor*

- Removes the requirement that the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) or the Department of Early Learning take action to establish or enforce child support obligations when receiving an application for subsidized child care.
- Removes language specifying that a child care subsidy payment constitutes an authorization for DSHS to provide support enforcement services.

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