#### SIXTY FIFTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### SEVENTY EIGHTH DAY

The House was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Orwall presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by a Sergeant at Arms Color Guard, Pages Carson Hammer and Tarin Santos, granddaughter of Representative Santos. The Speaker (Representative Orwall presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Pastor Tammy Stampfli, The United Churches, Olympia, Washington.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

March 23, 2017

MR. SPEAKER:

The Senate has passed:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5033, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5048,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

#### INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

# HB 2182 by Representative Peterson

AN ACT Relating to creating the tiered taxation on hazardous substance possession to provide for the current program's immediate needs and a more stable source of revenue in the future act of 2017.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

# HB 2183 by Representative MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to the Washington state commission on minority affairs; amending RCW 28A.300.105, 28A.300.807, 28A.600.490, 28B.108.020, 43.03.028,

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43.06B.020, 43.20.025, 43.376.040, and 76.48.241; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.240; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 43.113.005, 43.113.010, 43.113.020, 43.113.030, 43.115.010, 43.115.020, 43.115.030, 43.115.040, 43.115.045, 43.115.060, 43.115.090, 43.117.010, 43.117.020, 43.117.030, 43.117.040, 43.117.050, 43.117.060, 43.117.070, 43.117.080, 43.117.090, 43.117.110, 43.131.341, and 43.131.342; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology.

## HB 2184 by Representative Goodman

AN ACT Relating to the sentencing and incarceration of offenders; amending RCW 72.09.010, 9.94A.480, and 9.94A.585; adding new sections to chapter 72.09 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

<u>SB 5715</u> by Senators Rivers, Keiser, Cleveland, Becker, Hunt, Billig, Bailey and Kuderer

AN ACT Relating to limiting nursing home direct care payment adjustments to the lowest case mix weights in the reduced physical function groups and authorizing upward adjustments to case mix weights in the cognitive and behavior groups; and amending RCW 74.46.485.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 5815 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Becker and Ranker)

AN ACT Relating to the hospital safety net assessment; amending RCW 74.60.005, 74.60.010, 74.60.020, 74.60.030, 74.60.050, 74.60.090, 74.60.100, 74.60.120, 74.60.130, 74.60.150, 74.60.160, 74.60.901, and 74.60.902; adding a new section to chapter 74.60 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

ESSB 5875 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)

AN ACT Relating to making revisions to education reforms in Substitute Senate Bill No. 5607; amending RCW 28A.150.---, 84.52.065, 84.52.---, and 28A.320.---; and amending 2017 c ... (SSB 5607) s 2102 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

2ESB 5891 by Senators Zeiger and Conway

AN ACT Relating to eliminating the use of the high school science assessment as a graduation prerequisite; and amending RCW 28A.655.061, 28A.655.065, and 28A.655.068.

Referred to Committee on Education.

SB 5895 by Senator Braun

AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget stabilization account for catastrophic wildfire events in fiscal year 2017; creating a new section; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 5898 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)

AN ACT Relating to eligibility for public assistance programs; amending RCW 43.215.135, 74.08A.260, and 74.62.030; and adding a new section to chapter 74.08A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 5901 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Braun)

AN ACT Relating to eligibility for the early childhood education and assistance program; and amending RCW 43.215.456.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SB 5902 by Senators Braun and Wilson

AN ACT Relating to enrollments in postsecondary certification and degree programs with an emphasis in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

March 23, 2017

SB 5013

Prime Sponsor, Senator Warnick: Concerning the disposition of tenant property placed upon the nearest public property. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Kilduff, Vice Chair.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SSB 5018

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Authorizing wheelchair accessible taxicabs access to high occupancy vehicle lanes. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Requiring the examination of rules to authorize wheelchair accessible taxicabs access to high occupancy vehicle lanes. ) Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The department of transportation shall engage in a transparent, public process to reexamine the administrative rules surrounding access to high occupancy vehicle lanes that must include examination of the benefits and impacts of allowing private, for hire vehicles regulated under chapter 81.72 RCW that specially been manufactured, have designed, or modified for transportation of a person who has a mobility disability and uses a wheelchair or other assistive device into the high occupancy vehicle lanes.

(2) By January 1, 2018, the department of transportation shall report progress of the public rule reexamination process in subsection (1) of this section to the transportation committees of the legislature with sufficient time for

review before the conclusion of the process.

 $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION.}}$  Sec. 2. This act expires August 1, 2019."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton; Van Werven Farrell, Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5036

Prime Sponsor, Senator Takko: Clarifying the authority and procedures for unit priced contracting by public utility districts. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

March 23, 2017

SB 5080

Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Concerning actions for damage to real property resulting from construction, alteration, or repair on adjacent property. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature enacts this act to limit the Washington supreme court decision in Vern J. Oja and Assoc. v. Washington Park Towers, Inc., 89 Wn.2d 72, 569 P.2d 1141 (1977), which held that claims for damage to real property resulting from construction activities on adjacent property do not accrue until the construction project on the adjacent property is complete.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 4.16 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, actions for damage to real property resulting from construction, alteration, or repair on an adjacent property, whether alleging negligence, strict liability, trespass, or any other cause of action against a public entity using funds approved by the registered voters of its jurisdiction for the construction of a transportation project, must be commenced within the earlier of the following periods:
- (a) Within three years after the property owner first discovered the damage; or
- (b) Within three years after completion of the construction, alteration, or repair.
- (2) Actions for such damage that: (a) Is known or reasonably should have been known as of the effective date of this section; and (b) is caused by a construction, alteration, or repair project that is not complete as of the effective date of this section must be commenced within three years of the effective date of this section.
- (3) Nothing in this section may be construed as extending the period for bringing a claim beyond the periods provided in RCW 4.16.300, 4.16.310, and 4.16.320, or barring a cause of action against a public entity for the operation and maintenance of the transportation project."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5118

Prime Sponsor, Senator Rolfes: Increasing the personal needs allowance for persons receiving state-financed care. Reported by Committee on Appropriations

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Ormsby, Chair; Robinson, Vice Chair; Chandler, Ranking Minority Member; MacEwen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Stokesbary, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist; Buys; Caldier; Cody; Fitzgibbon; Haler; Hansen; Harris; Hudgins; Jinkins; Kagi; Lytton; Manweller; Nealey;

Pettigrew; Pollet; Sawyer; Schmick; Senn; Springer; Stanford; Tharinger; Vick; Volz and Wilcox.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Condotta and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

ESB 5128

Prime Sponsor, Senator Takko: Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of certain capital investment projects to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act. Reported by Committee on Technology & Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Morris, Chair; Kloba, Vice Chair; Tarleton, Vice Chair; Smith, Ranking Minority Member; DeBolt, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Doglio; Fey; Harmsworth; Manweller; McDonald; Nealey; Santos; Slatter; Steele and Wylie.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Hudgins.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5133

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Concerning county boards of equalization. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

ESSB 5173

Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government: Concerning loss prevention reviews by state agencies. Reported by Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 43.19.003 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 102 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Department" means the department of enterprise services.
- (2) "Director" means the director of enterprise services.
- (3) "State agency" means every state agency, office, officer, board, commission, institution, and institution of higher education, including all state universities, regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and community and technical colleges.

Sec. 2. RCW 43.19.782 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 508 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) ((The director)) In consultation with the department and upon delegation, a state agency shall appoint a loss prevention review team when the death of a person, serious injury to a person, or other substantial loss is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of a state agency((, unless the director in his or her discretion determines that the incident does not merit review)) except when the death, injury, or substantial loss is already being investigated by another federal or state agency, or by the affected state agency, pursuant to the federal or state agency requirements. Any review conducted by another agency or under other requirements must contain elements of subsection (3) of this section and must comply with section 3 of this act to the extent section 3 of this act does not conflict with statutes or rules governing those reviews. The department may also direct a state agency to conduct a loss prevention review ((team may also be appointed when any other substantial loss occurs as a result of agency policies, litigation or defense practices, or other management practices. When the director decides not to appoint a loss prevention review team he or she shall issue a statement of the reasons for the director's decision. The statement shall be made available on the department's web site. The director's decision pursuant to this section to appoint or not appoint a loss prevention review team shall not be admitted into evidence in a civil or administrative proceeding.)) after consultation with the affected agency as to the purpose, scope, necessary resources, and intended outcomes of the loss prevention review.

The department may provide guidance to the state agency conducting the loss prevention review as requested by the state agency.

- (2) A loss prevention review team shall consist of at least three ((but no more than five)) persons, and may include independent consultants, contractors, or state employees, but it shall not include any person ((employed by the agency)) directly involved in the loss or risk of loss giving rise to the review, nor any person with testimonial knowledge of the incident to be reviewed. At least one member of the review team shall have expertise relevant to the matter under review, but no more than half of the review team members may be employees of the affected agency.
- (3) The loss prevention review team shall review the death, serious injury, or other incident and the circumstances surrounding it, evaluate its causes, and recommend steps to reduce the risk of such incidents occurring in the future. The loss prevention review team shall accomplish these tasks by reviewing relevant documents((,)) and interviewing persons with relevant knowledge((, and reporting its recommendations)). The loss prevention review team must submit a report in writing to the director and the ((director)) head of the state agency involved in the loss or risk of loss ((within the time requested by the director)). The report must include the teams' findings, analyze the causes and contributing factors, analyze future risk, include methods that the agency will use to address and mitigate the risks identified, which may include changes to policies or procedures, and any legislative recommendation necessary to address and carry out the risk treatment strategies identified in the subject report and include the manner in which the agency will measure the effectiveness of its changes. The final report shall not disclose the contents of any documents required by law or regulation to be kept private or confidential, or that are subject to legal privilege or exemption.
- (4) ((Pursuant to guidelines established by the director,)) The director may develop and enact rules to implement the provisions of this chapter that apply to all state agency loss prevention review teams. State agencies must notify the department immediately upon becoming aware of a death, serious

- injury, or other substantial loss that is alleged or suspected to be caused at least in part by the actions of the state agency.
- (5) All state agencies shall provide the loss prevention review team ready access to relevant documents in their possession and ready access to their employees.
- (6) The director shall submit an annual report to the legislature identifying the reviews conducted in the past year, providing appropriate metrics on effectiveness and efficiency of the loss prevention review team and programs, and summarizing any determinations of trends in incidents such as reductions or increases in the frequency or magnitude of losses and innovative approaches to mitigating risks identified.
- Sec. 3. RCW 43.19.783 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 509 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The final report from ((a)) the state agency's loss prevention review team to the director shall be made public by the director promptly ((upon receipt)) after review, and shall be subject to public disclosure. The final report shall be subject to discovery in a civil or administrative proceeding. However, the final report shall not be admitted into evidence or otherwise used in a civil or administrative proceeding except pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.
- (2) The relevant excerpt or excerpts from the final report of a loss prevention review team may be used to impeach a fact witness in a civil or administrative proceeding only if the party wishing to use the excerpt or excerpts from the report first shows the court by clear and convincing evidence that the witness, in testimony provided in deposition or at trial in the present proceeding, has contradicted his or her previous statements to the prevention review team on an issue of fact material to the present proceeding. In that case, the party may use only the excerpt or excerpts necessary demonstrate the contradiction. This section shall not be interpreted as expanding the scope of material that may be used to impeach a witness.
- (3) No member of a loss prevention review team may be examined in a civil or administrative proceeding as to (a) the work of the loss prevention review team,

- (b) the incident under review, (c) his or her statements, deliberations, thoughts, analyses, or impressions relating to the work of the loss prevention review team or the incident under review, or (d) the statements, deliberations, thoughts, analyses, or impressions of any other member of the loss prevention review team, or any person who provided information to it, relating to the work of the loss prevention review team or the incident under review.
- (4) Any document that exists prior to the appointment of a loss prevention review team, or that is created independently of such a team, does not become inadmissible merely because it is reviewed or used by the loss prevention review team. A person does not become unavailable as a witness merely because the person has been interviewed by or has provided a statement to a loss prevention review team. However, if called as a witness, the person may not be examined regarding the person's interactions with loss prevention review including without limitation whether the loss prevention review team interviewed the person, what questions the loss prevention review team asked, and what answers the person provided to the loss prevention review team. This section shall not be construed as restricting the person from testifying fully in any proceeding regarding his or her knowledge of the incident under review.
- (5) Documents prepared by or for the loss prevention review team are inadmissible and may not be used in a civil or administrative proceeding, except that excerpts may be used to impeach the credibility of a witness under the same circumstances that excerpts of the final report may be used pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.
- (6) The restrictions set forth in this section shall not apply in a licensing or disciplinary proceeding arising from an agency's effort to revoke or suspend the license of any licensed professional based in whole or in part upon allegations of wrongdoing in connection with the death, injury, or other incident reviewed by the loss prevention review team.
- (7) ((Within one hundred twenty days after completion of the final report of a loss prevention review team, the agency under review shall issue to the department a response to the report. The

- response will indicate (a) which of the report's recommendations the agency hopes to implement, (b) implementation of those recommendations will require additional funding legislation, and (c) whatever other information the director may require. This response shall be considered part of the final report and shall be subject to all provisions of this section that apply to the final report, including without the restrictions limitation admissibility and use in civil administrative proceedings and obligation of the director to make the final report public.
- (8))) Nothing in RCW ((43.41.370)) 43.19.782 or this section is intended to limit the scope of a legislative inquiry into or review of an incident that is the subject of a loss prevention review.
- (((9))) (8) Nothing in RCW ((43.41.370)) 43.19.782 or in this section affects chapter 70.41 RCW and application of that chapter to stateowned or managed hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Hudgins, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; Koster, Ranking Minority Member; Volz, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton; Gregerson; Irwin; Kraft and Pellicciotti.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5185

Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government: Providing immunity from liability for professional or trade associations providing emergency response volunteers. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

<u>SB 5187</u>

Prime Sponsor, Senator Angel: Concerning county auditors. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5235 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Withdrawing territory from a cemetery district. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson; Peterson and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SB 5237

Prime Sponsor, Senator Bailey: Updating workforce investment act references and making no substantive changes. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler; Orwall; Sells; Stambaugh and Tarleton.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

ESSB 5256

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning sexual assault protection orders. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert and Orwall.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Haler and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

2SSB 5258

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Ways & Means: Creating the Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring (AIM) program. Reported by Committee on Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.215 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The Washington academic, innovation, and mentoring program is established.
- (2) The purpose of the program is to enable eligible neighborhood youth development entities to provide out-of-school time programs for youth ages six to eighteen years of age that include educational services, social emotional learning, mentoring, and linkages to positive, prosocial leisure, and recreational activities. The programs must be designed for mentoring and academic enrichment.
- (3) Eligible entities must meet the following requirements:
- (a) Ensure that sixty percent or more of the academic, innovation, and mentoring program participants must qualify for free or reduced-price lunch;
- (b) Have an existing partnership with the school district and a formalized data-sharing agreement;
- (c) Combine, or have a plan to combine, academics and social emotional learning;
- (d) Engage in a continuous program quality improvement process;
- (e) Conduct national criminal background checks for all employees and volunteers who work with children; and
- (f) Have adopted standards for care including staff training, health and safety standards, and mechanisms for assessing and enforcing the program's compliance with the standards.
- (4) Nonprofit entities applying for funding as a statewide network must:
- (a) Have an existing infrastructure or network of academic, innovation, and mentoring program grant-eligible entities;
- (b) Provide after-school and summer
  programs with youth development
  services; and
- (c) Be facility-based and provide proven and tested recreational, educational, and character-building

programs for children ages six to eighteen years of age.

(5) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must submit a report to the appropriate education and fiscal committees of the legislature by December 31, 2018, and a final report by December 31, 2019. The report must outline the programs established, target populations, and pretesting and posttesting results.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Santos, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; Stonier, Vice Chair; Harris, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist; Caldier; Hargrove; Johnson; Kilduff; Lovick; McCaslin; Ortiz-Self; Senn; Slatter; Springer; Steele; Stokesbary and Volz.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 22, 2017

SSB 5262

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Modifying limitations for certain vessels exempt from the pilotage act. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton; Van Werven Farrell, Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

ESB 5266

Prime Sponsor, Senator O'Ban: Modifying theft of rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property provisions. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Concerning theft of rental or leased property. ) Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- "Sec. 1. RCW 9A.56.096 and 2012 c 30 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) A person who, with intent to deprive the owner or owner's agent, wrongfully obtains, or exerts unauthorized control over, or by color or aid of deception gains control of personal property that is rented, leased, or loaned by written agreement to the person, is guilty of theft of rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property.
- (2) (a) A person is guilty of theft of rental or leased property who, having control of personal property under a written rental or lease agreement, intentionally holds the property beyond the expiration of the rental or lease period without the effective consent of the owner of the property, depriving the owner of the property of its use in further rentals, and fails to return the property within seventy-two hours after receipt of proper notice.
- (b) As used in this subsection (2), "proper notice" consists of a written demand by the owner or the owner's agent made after the due date of the rental or lease period, mailed by certified or registered mail to the renter or lessee at: (i) The address the renter or lessee gave when the contract was made; or (ii) the renter's or lessee's last known address if later furnished in writing by the renter or lessee or the agent of the renter or lessee.
- (c) It is not a defense that the person returned the personal property held under a rental or lease agreement if the return was made after the end of the seventy-two hour period following receipt of proper notice and the person fails to pay the applicable rental charge for the property for the time that the person held the personal property.
- Rental and leased property agreements must contain a warning that failure to return property and pay all outstanding obligations pursuant to the terms of the agreement may result in charges up to and including a gross misdemeanor. For purposes of subsection, applicable rental charge is determined pursuant to the late return provisions in the written agreement; however, if the written agreement contains no late return provisions, applicable rental charge means a value equal to the terms of the written rental or lease agreement prorated from the due

- date of the rental or lease period through the receipt of the returned property.
- (e) This subsection (2) applies only to rental and leased property agreements, and does not apply to lease-purchased property, rent to own property, medical equipment, and motor vehicles.
- (3) The finder of fact may presume intent to deprive under subsection (1) of this section if the finder of fact finds either of the following:
- (a) That the person who rented or leased the property failed to return or make arrangements acceptable to the owner of the property or the owner's agent to return the property to the owner or the owner's agent within seventy-two hours after receipt of proper notice following the due date of the rental, lease, lease-purchase, or loan agreement; or
- (b) That the renter, lessee, or borrower presented identification to the owner or the owner's agent that was materially false, fictitious, or not current with respect to name, address, place of employment, or other appropriate items.
- (((3))) (4) As used in subsection (((2))) (3) of this section, "proper notice" consists of a written demand by the owner or the owner's agent made after the due date of the rental, lease, lease-purchase, or loan period, mailed by certified or registered mail to the renter, lessee, or borrower at: (a) The address the renter, lessee, or borrower gave when the contract was made; or (b) the renter, lessee, or borrower's last known address if later furnished in writing by the renter, lessee, borrower, or the agent of the renter, lessee, or borrower.
- (((4))) (5) The replacement value of the property obtained must be utilized in determining the amount involved in the theft of rental, leased, leasepurchased, or loaned property.
- (((5))) (6)(a) Theft of rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property is a class B felony if the rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property is valued at five thousand dollars or more.
- (b) Theft of rental, leased, leasepurchased, or loaned property is a class C felony if the rental, leased, leasepurchased, or loaned property is valued

- at seven hundred fifty dollars or more but less than five thousand dollars.
- (c) Theft of rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property is a gross misdemeanor if the rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property is valued at less than seven hundred fifty dollars.
- (d)(i)(A) Theft of rental or leased property under subsection (2) of this section is a gross misdemeanor if the outstanding obligation is valued at seven hundred fifty dollars or more;
- (B) Theft of rental or leased property under subsection (2) of this section is a misdemeanor if the outstanding obligation is valued at two hundred fifty dollars or more but less than seven hundred fifty dollars;
- (C) Theft of rental or leased property under subsection (2) of this section is a class 1 civil infraction if the outstanding obligation is valued at fifty dollars or more but less than two hundred fifty dollars.
- (ii) This subsection (6)(d) applies only to rental and leased property, and does not apply to lease-purchased property, rent to own property, medical equipment, and motor vehicles.
- (((6))) (7) The crime of theft of rental, leased, lease-purchased, or loaned property may be deemed to have been committed either at the physical location where the written agreement for the rental, lease, lease-purchase, or loan of the property was executed under subsection (1) of this section, or at the address where proper notice may be mailed to the renter, lessee, or borrower under subsection (((3))) (4) of this section.
- (((7))) (8) This section applies to rental agreements that provide that the renter may return the property any time within the rental period and pay only for the time the renter actually retained the property, in addition to any minimum rental fee, to lease agreements, to lease-purchase agreements as defined under RCW 63.19.010, and to vehicles loaned to prospective purchasers borrowing a vehicle by written agreement from a motor vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 46.70 RCW. This section does not apply to rental or leasing of real property under the residential landlord-tenant act, chapter 59.18 RCW."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5277

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning disqualification of judges. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

## 2SSB 5285

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Ways & Means: Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

# MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, natural resources economic sectors can offer rewarding career paths for students who are interested in the natural world and are excited by the idea of having a career with outdoor opportunities. Not only are these careers currently available to students, but the United department of agriculture predicts, in their recent report on employment opportunities for college graduates food, agriculture, in renewable natural resources, outdoor recreation, and the environment, that employment opportunities in these fields are expected to increase.

(2) The legislature further finds that thousands of Washington students do not have access to the types of education that are necessary to guide them down the pathways leading to marketable job skills

productive careers the and agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors. Long-term career success in these fields require the ability to identify, apply, and integrate concepts from science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as they specifically relate to the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, natural resources economic sectors and the sectors' related careers.

- (3) The legislature further finds that students will have the information they need to consider careers in agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors if educators are provided with actual applications of how to put integrated learning into action and facilitating experiences that allow students to get outdoors and learn in real-world and community-connected environments.
- (4) The legislature further finds that the economic opportunities available for interested in agriculture, students natural resources, outdoor recreation, or the environment can be more readily unlocked if educators are provided with information on worker demand qualifications so that they are equipped to assist students to access the economic opportunity and help make connections between education and outdoor careers. The information needed by educators to connections can make these accomplished through statewide a workforce study of potential jobs in these fields.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1)(a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the workforce training and education coordinating board shall conduct a workforce assessment for agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, and environment sectors. The purpose of the study is to assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors in the state. Ultimately, this information is being collected so that educators have better information available as they develop programs for informing students about potential careers.

- (b) The study must use a broad definition for the mid-level skilled occupations included in the study and identify up to five regions of the state based on the specific workforce characteristics of agriculture, natural resources, outdoor recreation, and environment employers.
- (2) The study required by this section must, at a minimum:
  - (a) Include assessment of:
- (i) Data from the employment security department on the current and projected levels of employment and net job vacancies;
- (ii) Data used by workforce
  development councils in identifying
  demand for workers in their areas;
- (iii) Data from the United States census bureau; and
- (iv) Data from the United States census bureau's longitudinal employer-household dynamics dataset.
- (b) Identify and interview a sample of major employers from the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors in each region to assess employers' perspective expectations and on employment and hiring of skilled midlevel workers in their industry and area. The study must also include an assessment of food and fiber processing jobs in the state.
- (3) In conducting any study pursuant to this section, the workforce training and education coordinating board must convene and consult with a steering committee to define the scope of midlevel skilled occupations considered, validate designation of specific regions to be analyzed, and assist in the design of information collection. The steering committee must include representatives of statewide business organizations and a delegate of the state board for community and technical colleges who will be staff.
- (4) In implementing this section, the workforce training and education coordinating board may complete the work directly or, at its discretion, contract the assignment, or portions of the assignment, to a third party or parties chosen by the workforce training and education coordinating board. However, the final delivered product must be

reported under the workforce training and education coordinating board.

- The report must include recommendations on current sources that provide the most representative and useful information for educators and counselors, further steps to improve the specificity, timeliness, and quality of information available on skilled workforce needs and issues in the areas of the state, and steps necessary to extend this work both into entry level and advanced level occupations, and into identification of specific skills that are key to enabling workers to be productive in this sector.
- (6) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036, the study required by this section must be completed and the results reported to the legislature by October 15, 2018.
- (7) This section expires June 30, 2019."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler; Orwall; Sells; Stambaugh and Tarleton.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 23, 2017

ESSB 5293

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing: Concerning court-based and school-based efforts to promote attendance and reduce truancy. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert and Orwall.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Shea.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5327

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Clarifying the duties of court clerks. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 2.32.050 and 2011 c 336 s 45 are each amended to read as follows:

The clerk of the supreme court, each clerk of the court of appeals, and each clerk of a superior court, has power to take and certify the proof and acknowledgment of a conveyance of real property, or any other written instrument authorized or required to be proved or acknowledged, and to administer oaths in every case when authorized by law; and it is the duty of the clerk of the supreme court, each clerk of the court of appeals, and of each county clerk for each of the courts for which he or she is clerk:

- (1) To keep the seal of the court and affix it in all cases where he or she is required by law;
- (2) To record the proceedings of the court;
- (3) To keep the records, files, and other books and papers appertaining to the court;
- (4) To file all papers delivered to him or her for that purpose in any action or proceeding in the court as directed by court rule or statute;
- (5) To attend the court of which he or she is clerk, to administer oaths, and receive the verdict of a jury in any action or proceeding therein, in the presence and under the direction of the court;
- (6) To keep the ((journal)) minutes of the proceedings of the court, and, under the direction of the court, to enter its orders, judgments, and decrees;
- (7) To authenticate by certificate or transcript, as may be required, the records, files, or proceedings of the court, or any other paper appertaining thereto and filed with him or her;
- (8) To exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed upon him or her elsewhere by statute;
- (9) In the performance of his or her duties to conform to the direction of the court;
- (10) To publish notice of the procedures for inspection of the public records of the court.
- Sec. 2. RCW 26.09.231 and 2007 c 496 s 701 are each amended to read as follows:

The parties to dissolution matters shall file with the clerk of the court the residential time summary report. The summary report shall be on the form developed by the administrative office of the courts in consultation with the department of social and health services division of child support. The parties must complete the form and file the form with the court order. ((The clerk of the court must forward the form to the division of child support on at least a monthly basis.))

- Sec. 3. RCW 26.18.230 and 2007 c 496 s 702 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The administrative office of the courts in consultation with the department of social and health services, division of child support, shall develop a residential time summary report form to provide for the reporting of summary information in every case in which residential time with children is to be established or modified.
- (2) The residential time summary report must include at a minimum: A breakdown of residential schedules with a reasonable degree of specificity regarding actual time with each parent, including enforcement practices, representation status of the parties, whether domestic violence, child abuse, chemical dependency, or mental health issues exist, and whether the matter was agreed or contested.
- (((3) The division of child support shall compile and electronically transmit the information in the residential time summary reports to the administrative office of the courts for purposes of tracking residential time awards by parent, enforcement practices, representation status of the parties, the existence of domestic violence, child abuse, chemical dependency, or mental health issues and whether the matter was agreed or contested.
- (4) The administrative office of the courts shall report the compiled information, organized by each county, on at least an annual basis. The information shall be itemized by quarter. These reports shall be made publicly available through the judicial information public access services and shall not contain any personal identifying information of parties in the proceedings.))"

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5331 Prime Sponsor, Senator Takko:
Concerning irrigation district
administration. Reported by Committee on
Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5356

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning the humane treatment of dogs. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Hansen; Kirby and Orwall.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Haler; Klippert and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SB 5382

Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Authorizing the issuance of identicards at a reduced cost to applicants who are under the age of eighteen and without a permanent residence address. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Riccelli; Stambaugh; Tarleton Farrell, Member.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Pike; Rodne; Shea and Van Werven.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Irwin.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning the removal of unauthorized persons from certain premises. Reported by Committee on

Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9A.52 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section and upon the receipt of a declaration signed under penalty of perjury and containing all of the required information and in the form prescribed in section 2 of this act, a peace officer shall have the authority to:
- (a) Remove the person or persons from the premises, with or without arresting the person or persons; and
- (b) Order the person or persons to remain off the premises or be subject to arrest for criminal trespass.
- (2) Only a peace officer having probable cause to believe that a person is guilty of criminal trespass under RCW 9A.52.070 for knowingly entering or remaining unlawfully in a building considered residential real property, as defined in RCW 61.24.005, has the authority and discretion to make an arrest or exclude anyone under penalty of criminal trespass.
- (3) While a peace officer can take into account a declaration from the property owner signed under penalty of perjury all containing of the required information and in the form prescribed in section 2 of this act, the peace officer must provide the occupant or occupants with a reasonable opportunity to secure and present any credible evidence provided by the person or persons on the premises, which the peace officer must consider, showing that the person or persons are tenants, legal occupants, or the guests or invitees of tenants or legal occupants.

Optional

- (4) Neither the peace officer nor his or her law enforcement agency shall be held liable for actions or omissions made in good faith under this section.
- (5) This section may not be construed to in any way limit rights under RCW 61.24.060 or to allow a peace officer to remove or exclude an occupant who is entitled to occupy a dwelling unit under a rental agreement or the occupant's guests or invitees.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 9A.52 RCW to read as follows:

The owner of premises, or his or her authorized agent, may initiate the investigation and request the removal of an unauthorized person or persons from the premises by providing to law enforcement a declaration containing all of the following required information and in substantially the following form:

## REQUEST TO REMOVE TRESPASSER(S) FORM

The undersigned owner, or authorized agent of the owner, of the premises located at ....... hereby represents and declares under the penalty of perjury that (initial each box):

- (1) [ ] The declarant is the owner of the premises or the authorized agent of the owner of the premises;
- (2) [ ] An unauthorized person or persons have entered and are remaining unlawfully on the premises;
- (3) [ ] The person or persons were not authorized to enter or remain;
- (4) [ ] The person or persons are not a tenant or tenants and have not been a tenant or tenants, or a homeowner or homeowners who have been on title, within the last twelve months on the property;
- (5) [ ] The declarant has demanded that the unauthorized person or persons vacate the premises but they have not done so;
- (6) [] The premises were not abandoned at the time the unauthorized person or persons entered;
- (7) [ ] The premises were not open to members of the public at the time the unauthorized person or persons entered;
- (8) [] The declarant understands that a person or persons removed from the premises pursuant to section 1 of this act may bring a cause of action under section 3 of this act against the

declarant for any false statements made in this declaration, and that as a result of such action the declarant may be held liable for actual damages, costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees;

- (9) [ ] The declarant understands and acknowledges the prohibitions in RCW 59.18.230 and 59.18.290 against taking or detaining an occupant's personal property or removing or excluding an occupant from a dwelling unit or rental premises without an authorizing court order;
- (10) [ ] The declarant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless law enforcement for its actions or omissions made in good faith pursuant to this declaration; and

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A declarant of premises who falsely swears on a declaration provided under this section may be guilty of false swearing under RCW 9A.72.040 or of making a false or misleading statement to a public servant under RCW 9A.76.175, both of which are gross misdemeanors.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 4.24 RCW to read as follows:

All persons removed from premises pursuant to section 1 of this act on the basis of false statements made by a declarant pursuant to section 2 of this act shall have a cause of action to recover from the declarant for the full amount of damages caused thereby, together with costs and reasonable attorneys' fees."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SSB 5394

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Natural Resources & Parks: Concerning the forest riparian easement program. Reported by

# Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

#### MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

- "Sec. 1. RCW 76.13.120 and 2011 c 218 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The legislature finds that the state should acquire easements primarily along riparian and other sensitive aquatic areas from qualifying small forest landowners willing to sell or donate ((such)) easements to the state provided that the state will not be required to acquire ((such)) the easements if they are subject to unacceptable liabilities. Therefore the legislature ((therefore)) establishes a forestry riparian easement program.
- (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section and RCW 76.13.100, 76.13.110, 76.13.140, and 76.13.160 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- (a) "Forestry riparian easement" means an easement covering qualifying timber granted voluntarily to the state by a qualifying small forest landowner.
- (b) "Qualifying small forest landowner" means a landowner meeting all of the following characteristics as of the date the department offers compensation for a forestry riparian easement:
- (i) Is a small forest landowner as defined in (d) of this subsection; and
- (ii) Is an individual, partnership, corporation, or other nongovernmental for-profit legal entity.
- (c) "Qualifying timber" means those forest trees for which the small forest landowner is willing to grant the state a forestry riparian easement and ((must)) meets all of the following:
- (i) The forest trees are covered by a forest practices application that the small forest landowner is required to leave unharvested under the rules adopted under RCW 76.09.040, 76.09.055, and 76.09.370 or that is made uneconomic to harvest by those rules;
- (ii) The forest trees are within or bordering a commercially reasonable harvest unit as determined under rules adopted by the forest practices board, or

- for which an approved forest practices application for timber harvest cannot be obtained because of restrictions under the forest practices rules;
- (iii) The forest trees are located within, or affected by forest practices rules pertaining to any one, or all, of the following:
- (A) Riparian or other sensitive aquatic areas;
  - (B) Channel migration zones; or
- (C) Areas of potentially unstable slopes or landforms, verified by the department, and must meet all of the following:
- (I) Are addressed in a forest
  practices application;
- (II) Are adjacent to a commercially reasonable harvest area; and
- (III) Have the potential to deliver sediment or debris to a public resource or threaten public safety.
- (d) "Small forest landowner" means a landowner meeting all of the following characteristics:
- (i) A forest landowner as defined in RCW 76.09.020 whose interest in the land and timber is in fee or who has rights to the timber to be included in the forestry riparian easement that extend at least fifty years from the date the completed forestry riparian easement application associated with the easement is submitted;
- (ii) An entity that has harvested from its own lands in this state during the three years prior to the year of application an average timber volume that would qualify the owner as a small harvester under RCW 84.33.035; and
- (iii) An entity that certifies at the time of application that it does not expect to harvest from its own lands more than the volume allowed by RCW 84.33.035 during the ten years following application. If a landowner's prior three-year average harvest exceeds the limit of RCW 84.33.035, or the landowner expects to exceed this limit during the ten years following application, and that landowner establishes to department's reasonable satisfaction that the harvest limits were or will be exceeded to raise funds to pay estate taxes or equally compelling and unexpected obligations such as courtordered judgments or extraordinary

medical expenses, the landowner shall be deemed to be a small forest landowner. For purposes of determining whether a person qualifies as a small forest landowner, the small forest landowner office, created in RCW 76.13.110, shall evaluate the landowner under this definition, pursuant to RCW 76.13.160, as of the date that the forest practices application is submitted and the date that the department offers compensation for the forestry riparian easement. A small forest landowner can include an individual, partnership, corporation, or other nongovernmental legal entity. If a landowner grants timber rights to another entity for less than five years, the landowner may still qualify as a small forest landowner under this section. If a landowner is unable to obtain an approved forest practices application for timber harvest for any of his or her land because of restrictions under the forest practices rules, the landowner may still qualify as a small forest landowner under this section.

- (e) "Completion of harvest" means that the trees have been harvested from an area and that further entry into that area by mechanized logging or slash treating equipment is not expected.
- (3) The department is authorized and directed to accept and hold in the name of the state of Washington forestry riparian easements granted by qualifying small forest landowners covering qualifying timber and to pay compensation to ((such)) the landowners in accordance with this section. The department may not transfer the easements to any entity other than another state agency.
- (4) Forestry riparian easements shall be effective for fifty years from the date of the completed forestry riparian easement application, unless the easement is voluntarily terminated earlier by the department, based on a determination that termination is in the best interest of the state, or under the terms of a termination clause in the easement.
- (5) Forestry riparian easements shall be restrictive only, and shall preserve all lawful uses of the easement premises by the landowner that are consistent with the terms of the easement and the requirement to protect riparian functions during the term of the easement, subject to the restriction that the leave trees required by the rules to be left on the easement premises may not

- be cut during the term of the easement. No right of public access to or across, or any public use of the easement premises is created by this statute or by the easement. Forestry riparian easements shall not be deemed to trigger the compensating tax of or otherwise disqualify land from being taxed under chapter 84.33 or 84.34 RCW.
- (6) The small forest landowner office shall determine what constitutes a completed application for a forestry riparian easement. ((Such)) An application shall, at a minimum, include documentation of the owner's status as a qualifying small forest landowner, identification of location and the types of qualifying timber, and notification of completion of harvest, if applicable.
- (7) Upon receipt of the qualifying small forest landowner's forestry riparian easement application, and subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the following must occur:
- (a) The small forest landowner office ((shall)) must determine the compensation to be offered to the qualifying small forest landowner for qualifying timber after the department accepts the completed forestry riparian easement application and the landowner has completed marking the boundary of the area containing the qualifying timber. The legislature recognizes that there is not readily available market transaction evidence of value for easements of the nature required by this section, and thus establishes the methodology provided in this subsection to ascertain the value for forestry riparian easements. Values so determined may not be considered competent evidence of value for any other purpose.
- (b) The small forest landowner office, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, is responsible for assessing the volume of qualifying timber. However, no more than fifty percent of the total amounts appropriated for the forestry riparian easement program may be applied to determine the volume of qualifying timber for completed forestry riparian easement applications. Based on the volume established by the small forest landowner office and using data obtained or maintained by the department of revenue under RCW 84.33.074 and 84.33.091, the small forest landowner office shall attempt to determine the fair market

value of the qualifying timber as of the date the complete forestry riparian easement application is received. Removal of any qualifying timber before the expiration of the easement must be in accordance with the forest practices rules and the terms of the easement. There shall be no reduction in compensation for reentry.

- (8)(a) Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section and subject to the availability of amounts provided appropriated for this specific purpose, the small forest landowner office shall offer compensation for qualifying timber to the qualifying small forest landowner in the amount of fifty percent of the value determined by the small forest landowner office, plus the compliance and reimbursement costs as determined in accordance with RCW 76.13.140. However, compensation for any qualifying small forest landowner for qualifying timber located on potentially unstable slopes or landforms may not exceed a total of fifty thousand dollars during any biennial funding period.
- (b) If the landowner accepts the offer for qualifying timber, the department shall pay the compensation promptly upon:
- (i) Completion of harvest in the area within a commercially reasonable harvest unit with which the forestry riparian easement is associated under an approved forest practices application, unless an approved forest practices application for timber harvest cannot be obtained because of restrictions under the forest practices rules;
- (ii) Verification that the landowner has no outstanding violations under chapter 76.09 RCW or any associated rules; and
- (iii) Execution and delivery of the easement to the department.
- (9) For approved forest practices applications for which the regulatory impact is greater than the average percentage impact for all small forest landowners as determined by an analysis by the department under the regulatory fairness act, chapter 19.85 RCW, the compensation offered will be increased to one hundred percent for that portion of the regulatory impact that is in excess of the average. Regulatory impact

- includes all trees identified as qualifying timber. A separate average or high impact regulatory threshold shall be established for western and eastern Washington. Criteria for these measurements and payments shall be established by the small forest landowner office.
- (10) The forest practices board shall adopt rules under the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW, to implement the forestry riparian easement program, including the following:
- (a) A standard version of a forestry riparian easement application as well as all additional documents necessary or advisable to create the forestry riparian easements as provided for in this section;
- (b) Standards for descriptions of the easement premises with a degree of precision that is reasonable in relation to the values involved;
- (c) Methods and standards for cruises and valuation of forestry riparian easements for purposes of establishing the compensation. The department shall perform the timber cruises of forestry riparian easements required under this chapter and chapter 76.09 RCW. Timber cruises are subject to amounts appropriated for this purpose. However, no more than fifty percent of the total appropriated funding for the forestry riparian easement program may be applied to determine the volume of qualifying timber for completed forestry riparian easement applications. Any rules concerning the methods and standards for valuations of forestry riparian easements shall apply only to the department, qualifying small forest landowners, and the small forest landowner office;
- (d) A method to determine that a forest practices application involves a commercially reasonable harvest, and adopt criteria for entering into a forestry riparian easement where a commercially reasonable harvest is not possible or a forest practices application that has been submitted cannot be approved because of restrictions under the forest practices rules;
- (e) A method to address blowdown of qualified timber falling outside the easement premises;

- (f) A formula for sharing of proceeds in relation to the acquisition of qualified timber covered by an easement through the exercise or threats of eminent domain by a federal or state agency with eminent domain authority, based on the present value of the department's and the landowner's relative interests in the qualified timber;
  - (g) High impact regulatory thresholds;
- (h) A method to determine timber that is qualifying timber because it is rendered uneconomic to harvest by the rules adopted under RCW 76.09.055 and 76.09.370;
- (i) A method for internal department review of small forest landowner office compensation decisions under this section; and
- (j) Consistent with RCW 76.13.180, a method to collect reimbursement from landowners who received compensation for a forestry riparian easement and who, within the first ten years after receipt of compensation for a forestry riparian easement, sells the land on which an easement is located to a nonqualifying landowner.
- (11) The legislature finds that the overall societal benefits economically viable working forests are multiple, and include the protection of clean, cold water, the provision of wildlife habitat, the sheltering of cultural resources from development, and the natural carbon storage potential of growing trees. As such, working forests and the forest riparian easement program may be part of the state's overall carbon sequestration strategy. If the state creates a climate strategy, department must share information regarding the carbon sequestration benefits of the forest riparian easement program with other state programs using methods and protocols established in the state climate strategy that attempt to quantify carbon storage or account for carbon emissions. The department must promote the expansion of funding for the forest riparian easement program and the ecosystem services supported by the program based on the findings stated in RCW 76.13.100. Nothing in this subsection allows a landowner to be reimbursed by the state more than once for the same forest riparian easement application."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Blake, Chair; Chapman, Vice Chair; Buys, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Fitzgibbon; Kretz; Lytton; Orcutt; Pettigrew; Robinson; Schmick; Springer; Stanford and Walsh, J..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

## SSB 5404

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education: Permitting the possession and application of topical sunscreen products at schools. Reported by Committee on Education

#### MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.210 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) Any person, including students, parents, and school personnel, may possess topical sunscreen products to help prevent sunburn while on school property, at a school-related event or activity, or at summer camp. As excepted in RCW 28A.210.260, a sunscreen product may be possessed and applied under this section without the prescription or note of a licensed health care professional if the product is regulated by the United States food and drug administration for over-the-counter use. For student use, a sunscreen product must be supplied by a parent or quardian.
- (2) Schools are encouraged to educate students about sun safety guidelines.
- (3) Nothing in this section requires school personnel to assist students in applying sunscreen.
- (4) As used in this section, "school" means a public school, school district, educational service district, or private school with any of grades kindergarten through twelve.
- Sec. 2. RCW 28A.210.260 and 2013 c  $180 \ \mathrm{s} \ 1$  are each amended to read as follows:

Public school districts and private schools which conduct any of grades kindergarten through the twelfth grade may provide for the administration of oral medication, topical medication, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray, of any nature to students who are in the custody of the school district or school at the

time of administration, but are not required to do so by this section, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The board of directors of the public school district or the governing board of the private school or, if none, the chief administrator of the private school shall adopt policies which address the designation of employees who may administer oral medications, topical medications, eye drops, ear drops, or nasal spray to students, the acquisition of parent requests and instructions, and the acquisition of requests from licensed health professionals prescribing within the scope of their prescriptive authority and instructions regarding students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive school days, identification of the medication to be administered, the means of safekeeping medications with special attention given to the safeguarding of legend drugs as defined in chapter 69.41 RCW, and the means of maintaining a record of the administration of such medication;
- (2) The board of directors shall seek advice from one or more licensed physicians or nurses in the course of developing the foregoing policies;
- (3) The public school district or private school is in receipt of a written, current and unexpired request from a parent, or a legal guardian, or other person having legal control over the student to administer the medication to the student;
- (4) The public school district or the private school is in receipt of (a) a written, current and unexpired request from a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority for administration of the medication, as there exists a valid health reason which makes administration of such medication advisable during the hours when school is in session or the hours in which the student is under the supervision of school officials, and (b) written, current and unexpired instructions from such licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority regarding the administration of prescribed medication to students who require medication for more than fifteen consecutive workdays;
- (5) The medication is administered by an employee designated by or pursuant to the policies adopted pursuant to

- subsection (1) of this section and in substantial compliance with prescription of a licensed health professional prescribing within the scope of his or her prescriptive authority or the written instructions provided pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. If a school nurse is on the premises, a nasal spray that is a legend drug or a controlled substance must be administered by the school nurse. If no school nurse is on the premises, a nasal spray that is a legend drug or a controlled substance may be administered by a trained school employee or parentdesignated adult who is not a school nurse. The board of directors shall allow school personnel, who have received appropriate training and volunteered for such training, to administer a nasal spray that is a legend drug or a controlled substance. After a school employee who is not a school nurse administers a nasal spray that is a legend drug or a controlled substance, the employee shall summon emergency medical assistance as soon as practicable;
- (6) The medication is first examined by the employee administering the same to determine in his or her judgment that it appears to be in the original container and to be properly labeled; and
- (7) The board of directors shall designate a professional person licensed pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW or chapter 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to delegate to, train, and supervise the designated school district personnel in proper medication procedures;
- (8) (a) For the purposes of this section, "parent-designated adult" means a volunteer, who may be a school district employee, who receives additional training from a health care professional or expert in epileptic seizure care selected by the parents, and who provides care for the child consistent with the individual health plan.
- (b) To be eligible to be a parent-designated adult, a school district employee not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW must file, without coercion by the employer, a voluntary written, current, and unexpired letter of intent stating the employee's willingness to be a parent-designated adult. If a school employee who is not licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW chooses not to file a

letter under this section, the employee shall not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action for refusing to file a letter;

- The board of directors shall designate a professional person licensed under chapter 18.71, 18.57, or 18.79 RCW as it applies to registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners, to consult and coordinate with the student's parents and health care provider, and train and supervise the appropriate school district personnel in proper procedures for care for students with epilepsy to ensure a safe, therapeutic learning environment. Training may also be provided by an epilepsy educator who is nationally certified. Parent-designated adults who are school employees are required to receive the training provided under this subsection. Parent-designated adults who are not school employees must show evidence of comparable training. The parent-designated adult must also additional training established in subsection (8)(a) of this section for the additional care the parents have authorized the parentdesignated adult to provide. The professional person designated under this subsection is not responsible for the supervision of the parent-designated adult for those procedures that are authorized by the parents;
- (10) This section does not apply to topical sunscreen products regulated by the United States food and drug administration for over-the-counter use. Provisions related to possession and application of topical sunscreen products are in section 1 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act does not create any civil liability on the part of the state or any state agency, officer, employee, agent, political subdivision, or school district.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Santos, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; Stonier, Vice Chair; Harris, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist; Caldier; Hargrove; Johnson; Kilduff; Lovick; McCaslin; Ortiz-Self; Senn; Slatter; Springer; Steele; Stokesbary and Volz.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5445

Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to recognize, reaffirm, and support existing Washington case law under Article I, section 16 of the state Constitution, that prohibits the condemnation of private property other than for certain public purposes pursuant to law.

(2) In light of the United States supreme court decision in Kelo v. New London, 545 U.S. 469 (2005), legislature intends to reaffirm existing Washington state law relating to the use of eminent domain by state and local governments, and to reaffirm the prohibition in Article I, section 16 of the state Constitution on the use of eminent domain to take private property for private use. To this end, the legislature recognizes, reaffirms, and supports the restrictions on the use of eminent domain to take private property for private use, as set forth in chapters 8.04, 8.08, 8.12, 8.16, and 8.20 RCW and in the Washington state supreme court's decisions such as Hogue v. Seattle, 54 Wn.2d 799, 341 P.2d 171 (1959); Miller v. Tacoma, 61 Wn.2d 374, 378 P.2d 464 (1963); In re Petition of Seattle, 96 Wn.2d 616, 638 P.2d 549 (1981); and State ex rel. Washington State Convention & Trade Center v. Evans, 136 Wn.2d 811, 966 P.2d 1252 (1998).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Consumer-owned utility" has the same meaning as in RCW 19.27A.140.
- (2) "Economic development" means any activity to increase tax revenue, tax

base, employment, or general economic health, when that activity does not result in:

- (a) The transfer of property to public possession, occupation, and enjoyment;
- (b) The transfer of property to a private entity that is a public service company, consumer-owned utility, or common carrier;
  - (c) The use of eminent domain:
  - (i) (A) To remove a public nuisance;
- (B) To remove a structure that is beyond repair or unfit for human habitation or use; or
  - (C) To acquire abandoned property; and
- (ii) To eliminate a direct threat to public health and safety caused by the property in its current condition; or
- (d) The transfer of property to private entities that occupy an incidental area within a publicly owned and occupied project.

"Economic development" does not include the transfer of property to a public service company, a consumer-owned utility, or a common carrier for the purpose of constructing, operating, or maintaining generation, transmission, or distribution facilities. "Economic development" also does not include port districts' activities under Title 14 or 53 RCW. "Economic development" also does not include highway projects.

- (3) "Public service company" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 80.04.010.
  - (4) (a) "Public use" means:
- (i) The possession, occupation, and enjoyment of the property by the general public, or by public agencies;
- (ii) The use of property for the creation or functioning of public service companies, a consumer-owned utility, or common carriers; or
  - (iii) Where the use of eminent domain:
  - (A) (I) Removes a public nuisance;
- (II) Removes a structure that is beyond repair or unfit for human habitation or use; or
- (III) Is used to acquire abandoned property; and

- (B) Eliminates a direct threat to public health and safety caused by the property in its current condition.
- (b) The public benefits of economic development, including an increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, and general economic health, may not constitute a public use.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Private property may be taken only for public use and the taking of private property by any public entity for economic development does not constitute a public use. No public entity may take property for the purpose of economic development.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In an action to establish or challenge the asserted public use of a taking of private property, the taking of private property shall be deemed for economic development, and not a proper basis for eminent domain, if the court determines that the taking of the private property does not result in any of the exceptions to economic development set forth in section 2(2) of this act, and economic development was a substantial factor in the governmental body's decision to take the property.

Sec. 5. RCW 35.81.080 and 2002 c 218 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

A municipality shall have the right to acquire by condemnation, in accordance with the procedure provided for condemnation by such municipality for other purposes, any interest in real property, which it may deem necessary for a community renewal project under this chapter after the adoption by the local governing body of a resolution declaring that the acquisition of the real property described therein is necessary for such purpose. Condemnation for community renewal of blighted areas is declared to be a public use, and property already devoted to any other public use or acquired by the owner or a predecessor in interest by eminent domain may be condemned for the purposes of this chapter. Condemnation of property in blighted areas for economic development, as defined in section 2 of this act, is not a public use.

The award of compensation for real property taken for such a project shall not be increased by reason of any increase in the value of the real property caused by the assembly, clearance, or reconstruction, or proposed assembly, clearance, or

reconstruction in the project area. No allowance shall be made for the improvements begun on real property after notice to the owner of such property of the institution of proceedings to condemn such property. Evidence shall be admissible bearing upon the insanitary, unsafe, or substandard condition of the premises, or the unlawful use thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 2 through 4 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 8 RCW."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5454

Prime Sponsor, Senator Frockt: Allowing fire protection district annexations and mergers within a reasonable geographic proximity and eliminating cross-county restrictions for annexations to a fire protection district. Reported by Committee on Local Government

#### MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 52.04.061 and 2010 c 136 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A city or town ((lying adjacent)) located within reasonable proximity to a fire protection district may be annexed to such district if at the time of the initiation of annexation the population of the city or town is 300,000 or less. The legislative authority of the city or town may initiate annexation by the adoption of an ordinance stating an intent to join the fire protection district and finding that the public interest will be served thereby. If the board of fire commissioners of the fire protection district shall concur in the annexation, notification thereof shall be transmitted to the legislative authority or authorities of the counties in which the city or town and the district are situated.

(2) ((When a city or town is located in two counties, and at least eighty percent of the population resides in one

county, all of that portion of the city lying in that county and encompassing eighty percent of the population may be annexed to a fire protection district if at the time of the initiation of annexation the proposed area lies adjacent to a fire protection district, and the population of the proposed area is greater than five thousand but less than ten thousand. The legislative authority of the city or town may initiate annexation by the adoption of an ordinance stating an intent to join the fire protection district and finding that the public interest will be served thereby. If the board of commissioners of the fire protection district shall concur in the annexation, notification thereof must be transmitted the legislative authority authorities of the counties in which the city or town and the district are situated.)) For the purposes of this section, "reasonable proximity" means geographical areas near enough to each other so that governance, management, and services can be delivered effectively.

Sec. 2. RCW 52.04.071 and 2011 c 10 s 82 are each amended to read as follows:

The county legislative authority or authorities shall by resolution call a special election to be held in the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town and in the fire protection district at the next date according to RCW 29A.04.321, and shall cause notice of the election to be given as provided for in RCW 29A.52.355.

The election on the annexation of the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town into the fire protection district shall be conducted by the auditor of the county or counties in which the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town and the fire protection district are located in accordance with the general election laws of the state. The results thereof shall be canvassed by the canvassing board of the county or counties. No person is entitled to vote at the election unless he or she is a qualified elector in the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town or unless he or she is a qualified elector within the boundaries of the fire protection district. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

"Shall the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town of

. . . . . be annexed to and be a part of . . . . . fire protection district?

NO . . . . . . . . . "

If a majority of the persons voting on the proposition in the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town and a majority of the persons voting on the proposition in the fire protection district vote in favor thereof, the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town shall be annexed and shall be a part of the fire protection district.

Sec. 3. RCW 52.04.081 and 2009 c 115 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

The annual tax levies authorized by chapter 52.16 RCW shall be imposed throughout the fire protection district, including any city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town annexed thereto. Any city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town annexed to a fire protection district is entitled to levy up to three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation less any regular levy made by the fire protection district or by a library district under RCW 27.12.390 in the incorporated area: PROVIDED, That the limitations upon regular property taxes imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW apply.

Sec. 4. RCW 52.04.091 and 2009 c 115 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

When any city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town is annexed to a fire protection district under RCW 52.04.061 and 52.04.071, thereafter, any territory annexed by the city shall also be annexed and be a part of the fire protection district.

Sec. 5. RCW 52.04.101 and 2009 c 115 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:

The legislative body of such a city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town which has annexed to such a fire protection district((,)) may, by resolution, present to the voters of such city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town a proposition to withdraw from said fire protection district at any general election held at least three years following the annexation to the fire protection district. If the voters approve such a proposition to withdraw

from said fire protection district, the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town shall have a vested right in the capital assets of the district proportionate to the taxes levied within the corporate boundaries of the city((, partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town and utilized by the fire protection district to acquire such assets.

Sec. 6. RCW 52.04.111 and 2010 c 8 s 15001 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) When any city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),) or town is annexed to a fire protection district under RCW 52.04.061 and 52.04.071, any employee of the fire department of such city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town who (((1))): (a) Was at the time of annexation employed exclusively or principally in performing the powers, duties, and functions which are to be performed by the fire protection district (((2))); (b) will, as a direct consequence of annexation, be separated from the employ of the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town((,)); and (((3))) (c) can perform the duties and meet the minimum requirements of the position to be filled, then such employee may transfer his or her employment to the fire protection district as provided in this section and RCW 52.04.121 and 52.04.131.
- (2) For purposes of this section and RCW 52.04.121 and 52.04.131, employee means an individual whose employment with a city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town has been terminated because the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town was annexed by a fire protection district for purposes of fire protection.
- Sec. 7. RCW 52.04.121 and 2009 c 115 s 7 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) An eligible employee may transfer into the fire protection district civil service system, if any, or if none, then may request transfer of employment under this section by filing a written request with the board of fire commissioners of the fire protection district and by giving written notice to the legislative authority of the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town. Upon receipt of

such request by the board of fire commissioners the transfer of employment shall be made. The employee so transferring will: (a) Be on probation for the same period as are new employees of the fire protection district in the position filled, but if the transferring employee has already completed a probationary period as a firefighter prior to the transfer, then the employee may only be terminated during the probationary period for failure to adequately perform assigned duties, not meeting the minimum qualifications of the position, or behavior that would otherwise be subject to disciplinary action((,)); (b) be eligible for promotion no later than after completion of the probationary period((,)); (c) receive a salary at least equal to that of other new employees of the fire protection district in the position filled((,)); and (d) in all other matters, such as retirement, vacation, and sick leave, have all the rights, benefits, and privileges to which he or she would have been entitled as an employee of the fire protection district from the beginning of employment with the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town fire department: PROVIDED, That for purposes of layoffs by the annexing fire agency, only the time of service accrued with the annexing agency shall apply unless an agreement is reached between the collective bargaining representatives of the employees of the annexing and annexed fire agencies and the annexing and annexed fire agencies. The city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town shall, upon receipt of such notice, transmit to the board of fire commissioners a record of the employee's service with the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town which shall be credited to such employee as a part of the period of employment in the fire protection district. All accrued benefits are transferable provided that the recipient agency provides comparable benefits. All benefits shall then accrue based on the combined seniority of each employee in the recipient agency.

(2) As many of the transferring employees shall be placed upon the payroll of the fire protection district as the district determines are needed to provide services. These needed employees shall be taken in order of seniority and the remaining employees who transfer as

provided in this section and 52.04.111 and 52.04.131 shall head the list for employment in the civil service system in order of their seniority, to the end that they shall be the first to be reemployed in the fire protection district when appropriate positions become available: PROVIDED, employees who are not immediately hired by the fire protection district shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period not to exceed thirty-six months unless a longer period is authorized by an agreement reached between the collective bargaining representatives of the employees of the annexing and annexed fire agencies and the annexing and annexed fire agencies.

Sec. 8. RCW 52.04.131 and 2009 c 115 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

When a city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town is annexed to a fire protection district and as a result any employee is laid off who is eligible to transfer to the fire protection district pursuant to this section and RCW 52.04.111 and 52.04.121, the city, code city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town shall notify the employee of the right to transfer and the employee shall have ninety days to transfer employment to the fire protection district.

Sec. 9. RCW 52.04.171 and 2010 c 63 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

All property located within the boundaries of a city, ((partial city as set forth in RCW 52.04.061(2),)) or town annexing into a fire protection district, which property is subject to an excess levy by the city or town for the repayment of voter-approved indebtedness for fire protection related capital improvements incurred prior to the effective date of the annexation, is exempt from voter-approved excess property taxes levied by the annexing fire protection district for the repayment of indebtedness issued prior to the effective date of the annexation.

Sec. 10. RCW 52.06.010 and 1989 c 63 s 13 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A fire protection district may merge with another ((adjacent)) fire protection district located within a reasonable proximity, on such terms and conditions as they agree upon, in the manner provided in this title. The fire protection districts may be located in different counties. The district

desiring to merge with another district, or the district from which it is proposed that a portion of the district be merged with another district, shall be called the "merging district." The district into which the merger is to be made shall be called the "merger district." The merger of any districts under chapter 52.06 RCW is subject to potential review by the boundary review board or boards of the county in which the merging district, or the portion of the merging district that is proposed to be merged with another district, is located.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "reasonable proximity" means geographical areas near enough to each other so that governance, management, and services can be delivered effectively."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5543

Prime Sponsor, Senator Padden: Concerning a reexamination of the classification of land in flood control districts. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson; Peterson and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

2SSB 5546

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Ways & Means: Concerning proactively addressing wildfire risk by creating a forest health treatment assessment. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Blake, Chair; Chapman, Vice Chair; Buys, Ranking Minority Member; Dent, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Fitzgibbon; Kretz; Lytton; Orcutt; Pettigrew; Robinson; Schmick; Springer; Stanford and Walsh, J..

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 23, 2017

2SSB 5577

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Ways & Means: Concerning the rights and obligations associated with incapacitated persons and other vulnerable adults. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

## MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 11.92 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an incapacitated person retains the right to associate with persons of the incapacitated person's choosing. This right includes, but is not limited to, the right to freely communicate and interact with other persons, whether through in-person visits, telephone calls, electronic communication, personal mail, or other means. If the incapacitated person is to express unable consent communication, visitation, interaction with another person, or is otherwise unable to make a decision association regarding with person, a guardian of the incapacitated person, whether full or limited, must:
- (a) Personally inform the incapacitated person of the decision under consideration, using plain language, in a manner calculated to maximize the understanding of the incapacitated person;
- (b) Maximize the incapacitated person's participation in the decision-making process to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the incapacitated person's abilities; and
- (c) Give substantial weight to the incapacitated person's preferences, both expressed and historical.
- (2) A guardian or limited guardian may not restrict an incapacitated person's right to communicate, visit, interact, or otherwise associate with persons of the incapacitated person's choosing, unless:
- (a) The restriction is specifically authorized by the guardianship court in the court order establishing or modifying the guardianship or limited guardianship under chapter 11.88 RCW;

- (b) The restriction is pursuant to a protection order issued under chapter 74.34 RCW, chapter 26.50 RCW, or other law, that limits contact between the incapacitated person and other persons; or
- The guardian or limited (c)(i) guardian has good cause to believe that there is an immediate need to restrict an incapacitated person's right communicate, visit, interact, otherwise associate with persons of the incapacitated person's choosing in order to protect the incapacitated person from abuse, neglect, abandonment, or financial exploitation, as those terms are defined in RCW 74.34.020, or to protect the incapacitated person from activities that unnecessarily impose significant distress on the incapacitated person; and
- (ii) Within fourteen calendar days of imposing the restriction under (c)(i) of this subsection, the guardian or limited guardian files a petition for a protection order under chapter 74.34 RCW. The immediate need restriction may remain in place until the court has heard and issued an order or decision on the petition.
- (3) A protection order under chapter 74.34 RCW issued to protect an incapacitated person as described in subsection (2)(c)(ii) of this section:
- (a) Must include written findings of fact and conclusions of law;
- (b) May not be more restrictive than necessary to protect the incapacitated person from abuse, neglect, abandonment, or financial exploitation as those terms are defined in RCW 74.34.020; and
- (c) May not deny communication, visitation, interaction, or other association between the incapacitated person and another person unless the court finds that placing reasonable time, place, or manner restrictions is unlikely to sufficiently protect the incapacitated person from abuse, neglect, abandonment, or financial exploitation as those terms are defined in RCW 74.34.020.
- Sec. 2. RCW 74.34.020 and 2015 c 268 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Abandonment" means action or inaction by a person or entity with a duty of care for a vulnerable adult that leaves the vulnerable person without the means or ability to obtain necessary food, clothing, shelter, or health care.
- (2) "Abuse" means the willful action or inaction that inflicts injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment on a vulnerable adult. In instances of abuse of a vulnerable adult who is unable to express or demonstrate physical harm, pain, or mental anguish, the abuse is presumed to cause physical harm, pain, or mental anguish. Abuse includes sexual abuse, mental abuse, physical abuse, and personal exploitation of a vulnerable adult, and improper use of restraint against a vulnerable adult which have the following meanings:
- (a) "Sexual abuse" means any form of nonconsensual sexual conduct, including but not limited to unwanted or inappropriate touching, rape, sodomy, sexual coercion, sexually explicit photographing, and sexual harassment. Sexual abuse also includes any sexual conduct between a staff person, who is not also a resident or client, of a facility or a staff person of a program authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW, and a vulnerable adult living in that facility or receiving service from a program authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW, whether or not it is consensual.
- (b) "Physical abuse" means the willful action of inflicting bodily injury or physical mistreatment. Physical abuse includes, but is not limited to, striking with or without an object, slapping, pinching, choking, kicking, shoving, or prodding.
- (c) "Mental abuse" means a willful verbal or nonverbal action that threatens, humiliates, harasses, coerces, intimidates, isolates, unreasonably confines, or punishes a vulnerable adult. Mental abuse may include ridiculing, yelling, or swearing.
- (d) "Personal exploitation" means an act of forcing, compelling, or exerting undue influence over a vulnerable adult causing the vulnerable adult to act in a way that is inconsistent with relevant past behavior, or causing the vulnerable adult to perform services for the benefit of another.

- (e) "Improper use of restraint" means the inappropriate use of chemical, physical, or mechanical restraints for convenience or discipline or in a manner that: (i) Is inconsistent with federal or state licensing or certification requirements for facilities, hospitals, or programs authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW; (ii) is not medically authorized; or (iii) otherwise constitutes abuse under this section.
- (3) "Chemical restraint" means the administration of any drug to manage a vulnerable adult's behavior in a way that reduces the safety risk to the vulnerable adult or others, has the temporary effect of restricting the vulnerable adult's freedom of movement, and is not standard treatment for the vulnerable adult's medical or psychiatric condition.
- (4) "Consent" means express written consent granted after the vulnerable adult or his or her legal representative has been fully informed of the nature of the services to be offered and that the receipt of services is voluntary.
- (5) "Department" means the department of social and health services.
- (6) "Facility" means a residence licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, assisted living facilities; chapter 18.51 RCW, nursing homes; chapter 70.128 RCW, adult family homes; chapter 72.36 RCW, soldiers' homes; or chapter 71A.20 RCW, residential habilitation centers; or any other facility licensed or certified by the department.
- (7) "Financial exploitation" means the illegal or improper use, control over, or withholding of the property, income, resources, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult by any person or entity for any person's or entity's profit or advantage other than for the vulnerable adult's profit or advantage. "Financial exploitation" includes, but is not limited to:
- (a) The use of deception, intimidation, or undue influence by a person or entity in a position of trust and confidence with a vulnerable adult to obtain or use the property, income, resources, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult for the benefit of a person or entity other than the vulnerable adult;
- (b) The breach of a fiduciary duty, including, but not limited to, the misuse

- of a power of attorney, trust, or a guardianship appointment, that results in the unauthorized appropriation, sale, or transfer of the property, income, resources, or trust funds of the vulnerable adult for the benefit of a person or entity other than the vulnerable adult; or
- (c) Obtaining or using a vulnerable adult's property, income, resources, or trust funds without lawful authority, by a person or entity who knows or clearly should know that the vulnerable adult lacks the capacity to consent to the release or use of his or her property, income, resources, or trust funds.
- (8) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as in RCW 30A.22.040 and 30A.22.041. For purposes of this chapter only, "financial institution" also means a "broker-dealer" or "investment adviser" as defined in RCW 21.20.005.
- (9) "Hospital" means a facility licensed under chapter 70.41, 71.12, or 72.23 RCW and any employee, agent, officer, director, or independent contractor thereof.
- (10) "Incapacitated person" means a person who is at a significant risk of personal or financial harm under RCW 11.88.010(1) (a), (b), (c), or (d).
- (11) "Individual provider" means a person under contract with the department to provide services in the home under chapter 74.09 or 74.39A RCW.
- (12) "Interested person" means a person who demonstrates to the court's satisfaction that the person is interested in the welfare of the vulnerable adult, that the person has a good faith belief that the court's intervention is necessary, and that the vulnerable adult is unable, due to incapacity, undue influence, or duress at the time the petition is filed, to protect his or her own interests.
- (13) (a) "Isolate" or "isolation" means to restrict a vulnerable adult's ability to communicate, visit, interact, or otherwise associate with persons of his or her choosing. Isolation may be evidenced by acts including but not limited to:
- (i) Acts that prevent a vulnerable adult from sending, making, or receiving his or her personal mail, electronic communications, or telephone calls; or

- (ii) Acts that prevent or obstruct the vulnerable adult from meeting with others, such as telling a prospective visitor or caller that a vulnerable adult is not present, or does not wish contact, where the statement is contrary to the express wishes of the vulnerable adult.
- (b) The term "isolate" or "isolation" may not be construed in a manner that prevents a guardian or limited guardian from performing his or her fiduciary obligations under chapter 11.92 RCW or prevents a hospital or facility from providing treatment consistent with the standard of care for delivery of health services.
- (14) "Mandated reporter" is an employee of the department; law enforcement officer; social worker; professional school personnel; individual provider; an employee of a facility; an operator of a facility; an employee of a social service, welfare, mental health, adult day health, adult day care, home health, home care, or hospice agency; county coroner or medical examiner; Christian Science practitioner; or health care provider subject to chapter 18.130 RCW.
- (((14))) (15) "Mechanical restraint" means any device attached or adjacent to the vulnerable adult's body that he or she cannot easily remove that restricts freedom of movement or normal access to his or her body. "Mechanical restraint" does not include the use of devices, materials, or equipment that are (a) medically authorized, as required, and (b) used in a manner that is consistent with federal or state licensing or certification requirements for facilities, hospitals, or programs authorized under chapter 71A.12 RCW.
- (((15))) (16) "Neglect" means (a) a pattern of conduct or inaction by a person or entity with a duty of care that fails to provide the goods and services that maintain physical or mental health of a vulnerable adult, or that fails to avoid or prevent physical or mental harm or pain to a vulnerable adult; or (b) an act or omission by a person or entity with a duty of care that demonstrates a serious disregard of consequences of such a magnitude as to constitute a clear and present danger to the vulnerable adult's health, welfare, or safety, including but not limited to conduct prohibited under RCW 9A.42.100.

- (((16))) (17) "Permissive reporter" means any person, including, but not limited to, an employee of a financial institution, attorney, or volunteer in a facility or program providing services for vulnerable adults.
- (((17))) (18) "Physical restraint" means the application of physical force without the use of any device, for the purpose of restraining the free movement of a vulnerable adult's body. "Physical restraint" does not include (a) briefly holding without undue force a vulnerable adult in order to calm or comfort him or her, or (b) holding a vulnerable adult's hand to safely escort him or her from one area to another.
- (((18))) (19) "Protective services" means any services provided by the department to a vulnerable adult with the consent of the vulnerable adult, or the legal representative of the vulnerable adult, who has been abandoned, abused, financially exploited, neglected, or in a state of self-neglect. These services may include, but are not limited to case management, social casework, home care, placement, arranging for medical evaluations, psychological evaluations, day care, or referral for legal assistance.
- (((19))) (20) "Self-neglect" means the failure of a vulnerable adult, not living in a facility, to provide for himself or herself the goods and services necessary for the vulnerable adult's physical or mental health, and the absence of which impairs or threatens the vulnerable adult's well-being. This definition may include a vulnerable adult who is receiving services through home health, hospice, or a home care agency, or an individual provider when the neglect is not a result of inaction by that agency or individual provider.
  - (((20))) (21) "Social worker" means:
- (a) A social worker as defined in RCW 18.320.010(2); or
- (b) Anyone engaged in a professional capacity during the regular course of employment in encouraging or promoting the health, welfare, support, or education of vulnerable adults, or providing social services to vulnerable adults, whether in an individual capacity or as an employee or agent of any public or private organization or institution.
- (((21))) (22) "Vulnerable adult"
  includes a person:

- (a) Sixty years of age or older who has the functional, mental, or physical inability to care for himself or herself; or
- (b) Found incapacitated under chapter
  11.88 RCW; or
- (c) Who has a developmental disability as defined under RCW 71A.10.020; or
  - (d) Admitted to any facility; or
- (e) Receiving services from home health, hospice, or home care agencies licensed or required to be licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW; or
- (f) Receiving services from an individual provider; or
- (g) Who self-directs his or her own care and receives services from a personal aide under chapter 74.39 RCW.
- Sec. 3. RCW 11.92.043 and 2011 c 329 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) It ((shall be)) is the duty of the
  guardian or limited guardian of the
  person:
- (((1))) (a) To file within three months after appointment a personal care plan for the incapacitated person, which ((shall)) must include (((a))) (i) an assessment of the incapacitated person's physical, mental, and emotional needs and of such person's ability to perform or assist in activities of daily living, and (((b))) (ii) the guardian's specific plan for meeting the identified and emerging personal care needs of the incapacitated person.
- (((2))) (b) To file annually or, where a guardian of the estate has been appointed, at the time an account is required to be filed under RCW 11.92.040, a report on the status of the incapacitated person, which shall include:
- (((a))) (i) The address and name of the incapacitated person and all residential changes during the period;
- (((b))) (ii) The services or programs ((which)) that the incapacitated person receives;
- (((c))) (iii) The medical status of the incapacitated person;
- (((d))) (iv) The mental status of the incapacitated person, including reports from mental health professionals on the status of the incapacitated person, if any exist;

- (((e))) (v) Changes in the functional
  abilities of the incapacitated person;
- (((f))) (vi) Activities of the guardian for the period;
- (((g))) (vii) Any recommended changes in the scope of the authority of the quardian;
- (((h))) (viii) The identity of any professionals who have assisted the incapacitated person during the period;
- (((i)(i))) (ix)(A) Evidence of the guardian or limited guardian's of any successful completion standardized training video or web cast for quardians or limited quardians made available by the administrative office of the courts and the superior court when the guardian or limited guardian: (((A))) (I) Was appointed prior to July 22, 2011; (((B))) (II) is not a certified professional guardian or financial institution authorized under 11.88.020; and (((C))) (III) has not previously completed the requirements of RCW 11.88.020(3). The training video or web cast must be provided at no cost to the guardian or limited guardian.
- (((ii))) (B) The superior court may, upon (((A))) petition by the guardian or limited guardian ((;)) or (((B))) any other method as provided by local court rule:
- (I) For good cause, waive this requirement for guardians appointed prior to July 22, 2011. Good cause ((shall)) requires evidence that the quardian already possesses the requisite knowledge to serve as a guardian without completing the training. determining whether there is good cause to waive the training requirement, the court ((shall)) must consider, among other facts, the length of time the quardian has been serving incapacitated person; whether guardian has timely filed all required reports with the court; whether the quardian is monitored by other state or local agencies; and whether there have been any allegations of abuse, neglect, or a breach of fiduciary duty against the guardian; or
- (II) Extend the time period for completion of the training requirement for ninety days; and
- (((j))) (x) Evidence of the guardian
  or limited guardian's successful
  completion of any additional or updated

training video or web cast offered by the administrative office of the courts and the superior court as is required at the discretion of the superior court unless the guardian or limited guardian is a certified professional guardian or financial institution authorized under RCW 11.88.020. The training video or web cast must be provided at no cost to the guardian or limited guardian.

- (((3))) (c) To report to the court within thirty days any substantial change in the incapacitated person's condition, or any changes in residence of the incapacitated person.
- (((4))) (d) To inform any person entitled to special notice of proceedings under RCW 11.92.150 and any other person designated by the incapacitated person as soon as possible, but in no case more than five days, after the incapacitated person:
- (i) Makes a change in residence that is intended or likely to last more than fourteen calendar days;
- (ii) Has been admitted to a medical facility for acute care in response to a life-threatening injury or medical condition that requires inpatient care;
- (iii) Has been treated in an emergency room setting or kept for hospital observation for more than twenty-four hours; or
- (iv) Dies, in which case the notification must be made in person, by telephone, or by certified mail.
- (e) Consistent with the powers granted by the court, to care for and maintain the incapacitated person in the setting least restrictive to the incapacitated person's freedom and appropriate to the incapacitated person's personal care needs, assert the incapacitated person's rights and best interests, and if the incapacitated person is a minor or where otherwise appropriate, to see that the incapacitated person receives appropriate training and education and that the incapacitated person has the opportunity to learn a trade, occupation, or profession.
- (((5))) (f) Consistent with RCW 7.70.065, to provide timely, informed consent for health care of the incapacitated person, except in the case of a limited guardian where such power is not expressly provided for in the order of appointment or subsequent modifying

order as provided in RCW 11.88.125 as now or hereafter amended, the standby quardian or standby limited guardian may provide timely, informed consent to necessary medical procedures if the guardian or limited guardian cannot be located within four hours after the need for such consent arises. No guardian, limited guardian, or standby guardian may involuntarily commit for mental health treatment, observation, or evaluation an alleged incapacitated person who is unable or unwilling to give informed consent to such commitment unless the procedures for involuntary commitment set forth in chapter 71.05 or 72.23 RCW are followed. Nothing in this section ((shall)) may be construed to allow a guardian, limited guardian, or standby quardian to consent to:

- (((a))) (i) Therapy or other procedure
  which induces convulsion;
- (((b))) (ii) Surgery solely for the purpose of psychosurgery;
- (((c))) (iii) Other psychiatric or mental health procedures that restrict physical freedom of movement, or the rights set forth in RCW 71.05.217.
- (2) A guardian, limited guardian, or standby guardian who believes these procedures are necessary for the proper care and maintenance of the incapacitated person shall petition the court for an order unless the court has previously approved the procedure within the past thirty days. The court may order the procedure only after an attorney is appointed in accordance with RCW 11.88.045 if no attorney has previously appeared, notice is given, and a hearing is held in accordance with RCW 11.88.040.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 2.72 RCW to read as follows:

The office of public guardianship, in partnership with the office of the state long-term care ombuds, must develop and offer training targeted to the legal community and persons working in long-term care facilities regarding the different kinds of decision-making authority, including guardianship, authority granted under power of attorney, and surrogate health care decision-making authority. The training must include, at a minimum, information regarding: The roles, duties, and responsibilities of different kinds of decision makers; the scope of authority and limitations on authority with respect

to different kinds of decision makers; and any relevant remedial measures provided in law for activity that exceeds the scope of decision-making authority.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 23, 2017

# ESSB 5628

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Local Government: Providing for fire protection district formation by the legislative authority of a city or town subject to voter approval. Reported by Committee on Local Government

#### MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 52.02 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) As an alternative to the petition method of formation for fire protection districts provided in this chapter, the legislative authority of a city or town may by resolution, subject to the approval of the voters, establish a fire protection district with boundaries that are the same as the corporate boundaries of the city or town for the provision of fire prevention services, fire suppression services, and emergency medical services, and for the protection of life and property within the city or town.
- (a) Any resolution adopted by a city or town under this section to establish a fire protection district must, at a minimum:
- (i) Contain a financing plan for the fire protection district. As part of the financing plan, the city or town may propose the imposition of revenue sources authorized by this title for fire protection districts, such as property

taxes, as provided in chapter 52.16 RCW, or benefit charges, as provided in chapter 52.18 RCW; and

- (ii) Set a date for a public hearing on the resolution.
- (b) The financing plan in the resolution adopted by the city or town must contain the following information regarding property taxes that will be imposed by the fire protection district and city or town subsequent to the formation of the district:
- (i) The dollar amount the fire protection district will levy in the first year in which the fire protection district imposes any of the regular property taxes in RCW 52.16.130, 52.16.140, or 52.16.160;
- (ii) The city's or town's highest lawful levy for the purposes of RCW 84.55.092, reduced by the fire protection district's levy amount from (b)(i) of this subsection. This reduced highest lawful levy becomes the city's or town's highest lawful levy since 1986 for subsequent levy limit calculations under chapter 84.55 RCW; and
- (iii) The estimated aggregate net dollar amount impact on property owners within the city or town based on the changes described in (b)(i) and (ii) of this subsection (1).
- (c) If a city or town proposes the initial imposition of a benefit charge as a revenue source for the fire protection district under (a) of this subsection, the resolution adopted by the city or town must comply with the requirements of RCW 52.18.030.
- (d) Notice of public hearing on a resolution adopted by a city or town must be published for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town, and must be posted for at least fifteen days prior to the date of the hearing in three public places within the boundaries of the proposed fire protection district. All notices must contain the time, date, and place of the public hearing.
- (2)(a) A resolution adopted under this section is not effective unless approved by the voters of the city or town at a general election. The resolution must be approved:
- (i) By a simple majority of the voters of the city or town; or

- (ii) If the resolution proposes the initial imposition of a benefit charge, by sixty percent of the voters of the city or town.
- (b) An election to approve or reject a resolution forming a fire protection district, including the proposed financial plan and any imposition of revenue sources for the fire protection district, must be conducted by the election officials of the county or counties in which the proposed district is located in accordance with the general election laws of the state. If a resolution forming a fire protection district provides that the fire protection district will be governed by a board of fire commissioners, as permitted under section 6 of this act, then the initial fire commissioners must be elected at the same election where the resolution is submitted to the voters authorizing the creation of the fire protection district. The election must be held at the next general election date, according to RCW 29A.04.321 and 29A.04.330, occurring after the date of the public hearing on the resolution adopted by the city or town legislative authority. The ballot title must include the information regarding property taxes that is required to be in the financing plan of the resolution under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (c) If a ballot proposition on the resolution is approved by voters, as provided in (a) of this subsection, the county legislative authority shall by resolution declare the fire protection district organized under the name designated in the ballot proposition.
- (d) Nothing contained in this chapter may be construed to alter a municipal airport fire department or affect any powers authorized under RCW 14.08.120(2). If a question arises as to whether this chapter modifies the affairs of municipal airports in any way, the answer is no.
- (3) A city or town must reduce its general fund regular property tax levy by the total combined levy of the fire protection district as proposed by the district in accordance with subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section. The reduced levy amount of the city or town must occur in the first year in which the fire protection district imposes any of the property taxes in RCW 52.16.130, 52.16.140, or 52.16.160 and must be specified in the financing plan and

ballot proposition as provided in this section. If the fire protection district does not impose all three levies under RCW 52.16.130, 52.16.140, and 52.16.160 when it begins operations, the city must further reduce its general fund regular property tax levy if the district initially imposes any of the levies in subsequent years, by the amount of such levy or levies initially imposed in a subsequent year.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 52.02 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) A fire protection district may establish an ambulance service to be operated as a public utility. However, the fire protection district may not provide for the establishment of an ambulance service utility that would compete with any existing private ambulance service unless the fire protection district determines that the area served by the fire protection district, or a substantial portion of that area, is not adequately served by an existing private ambulance service.
- (2) In determining the adequacy of an existing private ambulance service, the fire protection district must take into consideration objective generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels of service, which must be published by the fire protection district. If a fire protection district makes a preliminary conclusion that an existing private ambulance service is inadequate, the fire protection district must allow a minimum of sixty days for the private ambulance service to meet the generally accepted medical standards and accepted levels of service. If the fire protection district makes a second preliminary conclusion of inadequacy within a twenty-four month period, the fire protection district may immediately issue a call for bids or establish its own ambulance service utility and is not required to afford the private ambulance service another sixty-day period to meet the generally accepted medical standards and reasonable levels of service.
- (3) A private ambulance service that is not licensed by the department of health, or has had its license denied, suspended, or revoked, is not entitled to a sixty-day period to demonstrate adequacy, and the fire protection district may immediately issue a call for bids or establish an ambulance service utility.

- (4) A private ambulance service that abandons service in the area served by the fire protection district, or a substantial portion of the area served by the fire protection district, is not entitled to a sixty-day period to demonstrate adequacy, and the fire protection district may immediately issue a call for bids or establish an ambulance service utility. If a fire protection district becomes aware of an intent to abandon service at a future date, the fire protection district may immediately issue a call for bids or establish an ambulance service utility to avoid an interruption in service.
- (5) For purposes of this section, "fire protection district" means a fire protection district established by the legislative authority of a city or town pursuant to section 1 of this act.
- Sec. 3. RCW 84.55.092 and 1998 c 16 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The regular property tax levy for each taxing district other than the state may be set at the amount which would be allowed otherwise under this chapter if the regular property tax levy for the district for taxes due in prior years beginning with 1986 had been set at the full amount allowed under this chapter including any levy authorized under RCW 52.16.160 that would have been imposed but for the limitation in RCW 52.18.065, applicable upon imposition of the benefit charge under chapter 52.18 RCW.
- (2) The purpose of subsection (1) of this section is to remove the incentive for a taxing district to maintain its tax levy at the maximum level permitted under this chapter, and to protect the future levy capacity of a taxing district that reduces its tax levy below the level that it otherwise could impose under this chapter, by removing the adverse consequences to future levy capacities resulting from such levy reductions.
- (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to any portion of a city or town's regular property tax levy that has been reduced as part of the formation of a fire protection district under section 1 of this act.
- Sec. 4. RCW 29A.36.071 and 2015 c 172 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) Except as provided to the contrary in RCW 82.14.036, 82.46.021, or 82.80.090, the ballot title of any referendum filed on an enactment or

- portion of an enactment of a local government and any other question submitted to the voters of a local government consists of three elements: (a) An identification of the enacting legislative body and a statement of the subject matter; (b) a concise description of the measure; and (c) a question. The ballot title must conform with requirements and be displayed substantially as provided under RCW 29A.72.050, except that the concise description must not exceed seventy-five words; however, a concise description submitted on behalf of a proposed or regional transportation existing investment district or a proposed fire protection district, as provided in section 1 of this act, may exceed seventy-five words. If the local governmental unit is a city or a town, or if the ballot title is for a referendum under RCW 35.13A.115, the concise statement ((shall)) must be prepared by the city or town attorney. If the local governmental unit is a county, the concise statement ((shall)) must be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county. If the unit is a unit of local government other than a city, town, or county, the concise statement ((shall)) must be prepared by the prosecuting attorney of the county within which the majority area of the unit is located.
- (2) A referendum measure on the enactment of a unit of local government ((shall)) must be advertised in the manner provided for nominees for elective office.
- (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply if another provision of law specifies the ballot title for a specific type of ballot question or proposition.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter  $52.02\ \text{RCW}$  to read as follows:

- (1) Except as provided otherwise in the resolution adopted by the legislative authority of a city or town establishing a fire protection district under section 1 of this act, all powers, duties, and functions of the city or town fire department pertaining to fire protection and emergency services of the city or town are transferred to the fire protection district on its creation date.
- (2)(a) The city or town fire department must transfer or deliver to the fire protection district:

- (i) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files, papers, or written material in the possession of the city or town fire department pertaining to fire protection and emergency services powers, functions, and duties;
- (ii) All real property and personal property including cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible property employed by the city or town fire department in carrying out the fire protection and emergency services powers, functions, and duties; and
- (iii) All funds, credits, or other assets held by the city or town fire department in connection with fire protection and emergency services powers, functions, and duties.
- (b) Any appropriations made to the city or town fire department for carrying out the fire protection and emergency services powers, functions, and duties of the city or town must be transferred and credited to the fire protection district.
- (c) Whenever any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel, funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions transferred to the fire protection district, the legislative authority of the city or town must make a determination as to the proper allocation.
- (3) All rules and all pending business before the city or town fire department pertaining to the fire protection and emergency services powers, functions, and duties transferred must be continued and acted upon by the fire protection district, and all existing contracts and obligations remain in full force and must be performed by the fire protection district.
- (4) The transfer of powers, duties, functions, and personnel of the city or town fire department do not affect the validity of any act performed before creation of the fire protection district.
- (5) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the transfers, the treasurer for the city or town fire department must certify the apportionments.
- (6)(a) Subject to (c) of this subsection, all employees of the city or

- town fire department are transferred to the fire protection district on its creation date. Upon transfer, unless an agreement for different terms of transfer is reached between the collective bargaining representatives of the transferring employees and the fire protection district, an employee is entitled to the employee rights, benefits, and privileges to which he or she would have been entitled as an employee of the city or town fire department, including rights to:
- (i) Compensation at least equal to the level at the time of transfer;
- (ii) Retirement, vacation, sick leave, and any other accrued benefit;
- (iii) Promotion and service time
  accrual; and
- (iv) The length or terms of probationary periods, including no requirement for an additional probationary period if one had been completed before the transfer date.
- (b) If a city or town provides for civil service in its fire department, the collective bargaining representatives of the transferring employees and the fire protection district must negotiate regarding the establishment of a civil service system within the fire protection district.
- (c) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or until the bargaining unit has been modified as provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 52.14 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) The members of the legislative authority of a city or town shall serve ex officio, by virtue of their office, as the fire commissioners of a fire protection district created under section 1 of this act.
- (2) The legislative authority of a city or town may, within the initial resolution establishing the district's formation, relinquish governance authority of a fire protection district created under this act to an independently elected board of commissioners to be elected in accordance with RCW 52.14.060.

(3) (a) The legislative authority of a city or town may, by a majority vote of its members in an open public meeting, relinquish governance authority of a fire protection district created under this act to an appointed board of three fire commissioners at any time after formation. Each appointed commissioner serves until successors are elected at the next qualified election.

At the next qualified election, the person who receives the greatest number of votes for each commissioner position is elected to that position. The terms of office for the initial elected fire commissioners are staggered as follows:

- (i) The person who is elected receiving the greatest number of votes is elected to a six-year term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or a five-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year;
- (ii) The person who is elected receiving the next greatest number of votes is elected to a four-year term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or a three-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year; and
- (iii) The other person who is elected is elected to a two-year term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or a one-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year. The term of office for each subsequent commissioner is six years.
- (b) If the legislative authority of a city or town relinquishes governance authority of a fire protection district after formation under this section, and that fire protection district maintains a fire department consisting wholly of personnel employed on a full-time, fully paid basis, that district shall have five fire commissioners. The terms of office for the initial elected fire commissioners are staggered as follows:
- (i) The two people elected receiving the two greatest number of votes are elected to six-year terms of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or five-year terms of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year;
- (ii) The two people who are elected receiving the next two greatest number of votes are elected to four-year terms of

- office if the election is held in an oddnumbered year, or three-year terms of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year; and
- (iii) The other person who is elected is elected to a two-year term of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or a one-year term of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year. The term of office for each subsequent commissioner is six years.
- (c) If the legislative authority of a city or town relinquishes governance authority of a fire protection district after formation under this section, and that fire protection district has an annual budget of ten million dollars or more, that district must have seven fire commissioners. The terms of office for the initial elected fire commissioners are staggered as follows:
- (i) The three people who are elected receiving the three greatest number of votes are elected to six-year terms of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or five-year terms of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year;
- (ii) The two people who are elected receiving the next two greatest number of votes are elected to four-year terms of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or three-year terms of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year; and
- (iii) The other two people who are elected are elected to two-year terms of office if the election is held in an odd-numbered year, or one-year terms of office if the election is held in an even-numbered year. The term of office for each subsequent commissioner is six years.
- Sec. 7. RCW 52.14.010 and 2012 c 174 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) The affairs of the district shall be managed by a board of fire commissioners composed initially of three registered voters residing in the district, except as provided otherwise in RCW 52.14.015 ((and)), 52.14.020, and section 6 of this act.
- (2)(a) Each member of an elected board of fire commissioners shall each receive one hundred four dollars per day or portion thereof, not to exceed nine thousand nine hundred eighty-four

dollars per year, for time spent in actual attendance at official meetings of the board or in performance of other services or duties on behalf of the district. Members serving in an ex officio capacity on a board of fire commissioners may not receive compensation, but shall receive necessary expenses in accordance with (b) of this subsection.

- ((In addition, they)) (b) Each member of a board of fire commissioners shall receive necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board or when otherwise engaged in district business, and shall be entitled to receive the same insurance available to all firefighters of the district: PROVIDED, That the premiums for such insurance, except liability insurance, shall be paid by the individual commissioners who elect to receive it.
- (c) Any commissioner may waive all or any portion of his or her compensation payable under this section as to any month or months during his or her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the secretary as provided in this section. The waiver, to be effective, must be filed any time after the commissioner's election and prior to the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.
- (3) The board shall fix the compensation to be paid the secretary and all other agents and employees of the district. The board may, by resolution adopted by unanimous vote, authorize any of its members to serve as volunteer firefighters without compensation. A commissioner actually serving as a volunteer firefighter may enjoy the rights and benefits of a volunteer firefighter.
- (4) The dollar thresholds established in this section must be adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management every five years, beginning July 1, 2008, based upon changes in the consumer price index during that time period. "Consumer price index" means, for any calendar year, that year's annual average consumer price index, for Washington state, for wage earners and clerical workers, all items, compiled by the bureau of labor and statistics, United States department of labor. If the bureau of labor and statistics develops more than one consumer price index for

- areas within the state, the index covering the greatest number of people, covering areas exclusively within the boundaries of the state, and including all items shall be used for the adjustments for inflation in this section. The office of financial management must calculate the new dollar threshold and transmit it to the office of the code reviser for publication in the Washington State Register at least one month before the new dollar threshold is to take effect.
- (5) A person holding office as commissioner for two or more special purpose districts or serving ex officio as commissioner as a member of the legislative authority of a city or town shall receive only that per diem compensation authorized for one of his or her ((commissioner)) official positions as compensation for attending an official meeting or conducting official services or duties while representing more than one ((of his or her districts)) district or representing a municipality and a district. However, such commissioner may receive additional per diem compensation if approved by resolution of ((all)) the boards of ((the)) an affected commission((s)), city, or town.
- Sec. 8. RCW 52.14.020 and 2012 c 174 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) In a fire protection district ((maintaining)) with elected commissioners that maintains a fire department consisting wholly of personnel employed on a full-time, fully-paid basis, there shall be five fire commissioners. A fire protection district with an annual budget of ten million dollars or more may have seven fire commissioners.
- (2) (a) If two positions are created on boards of fire commissioners by this section, such positions shall be filled initially as for a vacancy, except that the appointees shall draw lots, one appointee to serve until the next general fire district election after the appointment, at which two commissioners shall be elected for six-year terms, and the other appointee to serve until the second general fire district election after the appointment, at which two commissioners shall be elected for six-year terms.
- (b) If four positions are created on boards of fire commissioners by this section, such positions shall be filled

initially as for a vacancy, except that the appointees shall draw lots, three appointees to serve until the next general fire district election after the which appointment, at three commissioners shall be elected for six-year terms and two commissioners shall be elected for four-year terms, and the other appointee to serve until the second general fire district election after the appointment, at which two for commissioners shall be elected six-year terms.

Sec. 9. RCW 84.09.030 and 2012 c 186 s 17 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) ((and)), (c), and (d) of this subsection (1), for the purposes of property taxation and the levy of property taxes, the boundaries of counties, cities, and all other taxing districts shall be the established official boundaries of such districts existing on the first day of August of the year in which the property tax levy is made.
- (b) The boundaries for a newly incorporated port district or regional fire protection service authority shall be established on the first day of October if the boundaries of the newly incorporated port district or regional fire protection service authority are coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district or districts, as they existed on the first day of August of that year.
- (c) The boundaries of a school district that is required to receive or annex territory due to the dissolution of a financially insolvent school district under RCW 28A.315.225 must be the established official boundaries of such districts existing on the first day of September of the year in which the property tax levy is made.
- (d) The boundaries of a newly established fire protection district authorized under section 1 of this act are the established official boundaries of the district as of the date that the voter-approved proposition required under section 1 of this act is certified.
- (2) In any case where any instrument setting forth the official boundaries of any newly established taxing district, or setting forth any change in the boundaries, is required by law to be filed in the office of the county auditor or other county official, the instrument shall be filed in triplicate. The officer

with whom the instrument is filed shall transmit two copies of the instrument to the county assessor.

(3) No property tax levy shall be made for any taxing district whose boundaries are not established as of the dates provided in this section."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Appleton, Chair; McBride, Vice Chair; Griffey, Ranking Minority Member; Pike, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Gregerson and Peterson.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

March 22, 2017

SB 5640

Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning technical college diploma programs. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler; Orwall; Sells; Stambaugh and Tarleton.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SB 5734

Prime Sponsor, Senator Chase: Bringing Washington state government contracting provisions into compliance with federal law as it relates to small works bonding requirements. Reported by Committee on State Government, Elections & Information Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hudgins, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; Koster, Ranking Minority Member; Volz, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton; Gregerson; Irwin; Kraft and Pellicciotti.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

March 22, 2017

SSB 5764

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Higher Education: Concerning higher education records. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler; Orwall; Sells; Stambaugh and Tarleton. Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SSB 5806

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Concerning preliminary work to develop a process for planning for a new Interstate 5 bridge spanning the Columbia river. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Chapman; Gregerson; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Riccelli; Tarleton Farrell, Member.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Irwin; Pike; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh and Van Werven.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Hayes.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

ESSB 5808

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development: Concerning agritourism. Reported by Committee on Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature that agriculture plays substantial role in the economy, culture, and history of Washington state. As an increasing number of Washington's citizens are removed from day-to-day agricultural experiences, agritourism provides a valuable opportunity for the public to interact with, experience, and understand agriculture. In addition, agritourism opportunities valuable options for farmers and ranchers and rural residents to maintain their operations and continue a traditional economic development opportunity in rural areas. Inherent risks exist on farms and ranches, some of which cannot be reasonably eliminated. Uncertainty of potential liability associated with inherent risks has a negative impact on establishment and success of agritourism operations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

- (1) "Agritourism activity" means any activity carried out on a farm or ranch whose primary business activity agriculture or ranching and that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, educational purposes, to view or enjoy rural activities including, but not limited to: Farming; ranching; historic, and on-site educational cultural, programs; recreational farming programs that may include on-site hospitality services; guided and self-guided tours; petting zoos; farm festivals; corn mazes; harvest-your-own operations; hayrides; barn parties; horseback riding; fishing; and camping.
- (2) "Agritourism professional" means any person in the business of providing one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.
- (3) "Inherent risks of agritourism activity" means those dangers conditions that are an integral part of an agritourism activity including certain hazards, such as surface and subsurface conditions, natural conditions of land, vegetation, waters, the behavior of wild or domestic animals, and ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming and ranching operations. Inherent risks of agritourism activity also include the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, including failing to follow instructions given by the agritourism professional or failing to exercise reasonable caution while engaging in the agritourism activity, unless the participant acting in a negligent manner is a minor or is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (4) "Participant" means any person, other than the agritourism professional, who engages in an agritourism activity.
- (5) "Person" means an individual, fiduciary, firm, association, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, unit of government, or any other group acting as a unit.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, an agritourism professional is not liable for injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant resulting

exclusively from any of the inherent risks of agritourism activities.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no participant or participant's representative may pursue an action or recover from an agritourism professional for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting exclusively from any of the inherent risks of agritourism activities.
- (c) In any action for damages against an agritourism professional for agritourism activity, the agritourism professional must plead the affirmative defense of assumption of the risk of agritourism activity by the participant.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prevents or limits the liability of an agritourism professional if the agritourism professional does any one or more of the following:
- (a) Commits an act or omission that is grossly negligent or constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant and that act or omission proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant.
- (b) Has actual knowledge or reasonably should have known of an existing dangerous condition on the land, facilities, or equipment used in the activity or the dangerous propensity of a particular animal used in such an activity and does not make the danger known to the participant and the danger proximately causes injury, damage, or death to the participant.
- (c) Permits minor participants to use facilities or engage in agritourism activities that are not reasonably appropriate for their age. This provision shall not be interpreted to relieve a parent or guardian of a minor participant of the duty to reasonably supervise the minor's participation in agritourism activities, including assessing whether the minor's participation in an agritourism activity is reasonably appropriate for his or her age.
- (d) Knowingly permits participants to use facilities or engage in agritourism activities while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (e) Fails to warn participants as required by section 4 of this act.
- (3) Any limitation on legal liability afforded by this section to an agritourism professional is in addition

to any other limitations of legal liability otherwise provided by law.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. agritourism professional must post and maintain signs that contain the warning notice specified in subsection (2) of this section. The sign must be placed in a clearly visible location at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity. The warning notice must consist of a sign in black letters, with each letter to be a minimum of one inch in height. Every written contract entered into by an agritourism professional for the providing of professional services, instruction, or the rental of equipment to a participant, whether or not the contract involves agritourism activities on or off the location or at the site of the agritourism activity, must contain in clearly readable print the warning notice specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The sign and contracts described in subsection (1) of this section must contain the following notice of warning:

#### "WARNING

Under Washington state law, there is limited liability for an injury to or death of a participant in an agritourism activity conducted at this agritourism location if such an injury or death  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ results exclusively from the inherent risks of the agritourism activity. Inherent risks of agritourism activities include, among others, risks of injury inherent to land, equipment, and animals, as well as the potential for you to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death. We are required to ensure that in any activity involving minor children, only age-appropriate access to activities, equipment, and animals is permitted. You are assuming the risk of participating in this agritourism activity."

(3) Failure to comply with the requirements concerning warning signs and notices provided in this section prohibits an agritourism professional from invoking the privilege of immunity provided by this section and sections 1 through 3 of this act and may be introduced as evidence in any claim for damages.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 4 of this act are each added to chapter  $4.24\ \text{RCW."}$ 

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Jinkins, Chair; Kilduff, Vice Chair; Rodne, Ranking Minority Member; Muri, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Frame; Goodman; Graves; Haler; Hansen; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall and Shea.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 22, 2017

SSB 5837

Prime Sponsor, Committee on Transportation: Addressing high occupancy vehicle lane access for blood-collecting or distributing establishment vehicles. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Wylie, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Chapman; Gregerson; Hayes; Irwin; Kloba; Lovick; McBride; Morris; Ortiz-Self; Pellicciotti; Pike; Riccelli; Rodne; Shea; Stambaugh; Tarleton; Van Werven Farrell, Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 23, 2017

SB 5849 Prime Sponsor, Senator Angel: Addressing the need for veterans' services. Reported by Committee on Community

Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Macri, Vice Chair; McCabe, Ranking Minority Member; Barkis, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Jenkin; Reeves and Sawyer.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

March 22, 2017

SCR 8401

Prime Sponsor, Senator Bailey: Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education. Reported by Committee on Higher Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Pollet, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Minority Member; Van Werven, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Haler; Orwall; Sells; Stambaugh and Tarleton.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

There being no objection, the bills and resolution listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., March 28, 2017, the 79th Day of the Regular Session.

FRANK CHOPP, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk