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Washington State Legislature

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Special Legislative Sessions

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July 10, 2015

Members of the House of Representatives:

I am pleased to send you a preliminary end-of-session report for the special sessions. This "Summary of Legislation Passed by the Washington State Legislature" was prepared by the House of Representatives' Office of Program Research, and summarizes all of the bills that passed the Legislature during the special sessions.

A comprehensive final report for the regular session and the special sessions will be distributed after gubernatorial action is completed. Budget information will also be available at that time.

If you have any questions about bills or budgets, please feel free to contact committee staff. For your convenience, a committee phone list is included in the report.

If you have any comments or if I can be of assistance, please let me know. I can be reached at (360) 786-7102 or jill.reinmuth@leg.wa.gov.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Reinmuth".

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The "Sine Die Status" column indicates the status of the bill as of Sine Die, including whether the bill was vetoed or partially vetoed by the Governor.	
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C 2 L 15 E1	Chapter 2, Laws of 2015 1st Special Session. This is where the bill will be found in the <u>Session Laws of the State of Washington</u> , which is compiled annually.
C 2 L 15 E2	Chapter 2, Laws of 2015 2nd Special Session. This is where the bill will be found in the <u>Session Laws of the State of Washington</u> , which is compiled annually.
C 2 L 15 E3	Chapter 2, Laws of 2015 3rd Special Session. This is where the bill will be found in the <u>Session Laws of the State of Washington</u> , which is compiled annually.
Del to Gov	Delivered to the Governor.
Partial Veto	Partially vetoed by Governor.

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 5015	Honeyford, Ericksen	Extending the Dairy Inspection Program Assessment Expiration Date - Extends the expiration date for the dairy inspection program assessment from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2020.	C 5 L 15 E1

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SHB 1274	Cody, Jinkins, Johnson	Implementing a Value-Based System for Nursing Home Rates - Repeals current nursing facility payment statute, effective June 30, 2016. Inserts into statute a new nursing facility payment system, effective July 1, 2016. Delays the rebase of non-capital rate components from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2016. Directs the Department of Social and Health Services to facilitate a workgroup that will recommend modifications to the new nursing facility payment system. Creates a new account for funds received through the reconciliation and settlement process, and also from penalties when facilities are out of compliance with minimum staffing standards. Authorizes the use of funds from the new account for technical assistance for nursing facilities, specialized training for nursing facilities, or to increase quality enhancement payments.	C 2 L 15 E2
2EHB 2151	Jinkins, Schmick, Bergquist	Extending the Hospital Safety Net Assessment - Moves the expiration of the Hospital Safety Net Assessment (HSNA) program from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2019. Removes provisions requiring a phase-down of the HSNA by fiscal year 2019. Increases assessment amounts on some hospitals. Changes the amounts of payments to hospitals from the HSNA Fund. Increases the amount of assessment dollars that the state may use in lieu of State General Fund payments to hospitals. Provides funding for new family medicine residency program slots, and also new psychiatric residency program slots, at the University of Washington.	C 5 L 15 E2
HB 2195	Lytton, Walkinshaw, Orwall	Modifying Certain Auditor's Fees - Increases the surcharge collected by county auditors or recording officers for recording instruments from \$2 to \$3.	Del to Gov
HB 2217	Hunter, Sullivan, Carlyle	Concerning the State's use of the Juvenile Offender Basic Training Camp Program - Removes the requirement for the Department of Social and Health Services to operate a juvenile offender basic training camp.	Del to Gov
EHB 2266	Sullivan	Deferring Implementation of Class Size Reduction and School Employee Staffing Formula Changes - Revises the implementation schedule for Initiative 1351, moving the first date of required funding from the 2015-17 fiscal biennium to the 2019-21 fiscal biennium.	Del to Gov
EHB 2267	Hunter	Suspending the State Expenditure Limit in Order to Implement the State's Article IX Obligation to Amply Fund Basic Education - Suspends the state expenditure limit until the 2021-23 fiscal biennium. Directs the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, with the Expenditure Limit Committee, to prepare draft legislation to synchronize the expenditure limit and the state four-year balanced budget and budget Outlook requirements.	Del to Gov

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
EHB 2286	Hunter	<p>Directing the Treasurer to Transfer Budget Stabilization Account Deposits that are Attributable to Extraordinary Revenue Growth in the 2013-2015, 2015-2017, and 2017-2019 Fiscal Biennia - Transfers into the State General Fund amounts deposited in the Budget Stabilization Account in the 2013-15 through the 2017-19 fiscal biennia that are attributable to extraordinary revenue growth. Declares that the transfers do not alter the requirement to balance in the ensuing biennium under the four-year balanced budget process.</p>	C 2 L 15 E3
E2SSB 5315	Roach, Lias, McCoy	<p>Aligning Functions of the Consolidated Technology Services Agency, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Financial Management, and Department of Enterprise Services - Transfers all duties and functions relating to information technology in the Office of Financial Management, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Department of Enterprise Services to the Consolidated Technology Services Agency. Specifies that the Director of the Consolidated Technology Services Agency is also the State Chief Information Officer. Transfers certain duties of the Office of Financial Management to the departments of Transportation and Enterprise Services. Requires the Office of Financial Management to establish and enforce policies and workplace strategies that promote the efficient use of state facilities. Establishes a work group to review and update the central services model; agency billing rates; and each agency's chart of accounts.</p>	C 1 L 15
ESSB 5681	Hill, Angel	<p>Concerning State Lottery Accounts - Transfers any balance of unclaimed prizes in excess of \$10 million to the Washington Opportunity Pathways Account on June 30 of each fiscal year. Authorizes funds in the Lottery Administrative Account to be used for Lottery revenue forecasts by the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council. Authorizes a transfer of funds from the State Lottery Account to the Gambling Revolving Account in amounts as directed by the omnibus appropriations act.</p>	C 31 L 15 E3
ESSB 6052	Hill	<p>Making 2015 Fiscal Year and 2015-2017 Fiscal Biennium Operating Appropriations - Makes biennial operating appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium, fund transfers, and other provisions. Makes supplemental operating appropriations for the 2013-15 biennium. (See leap.leg.wa.gov for additional information.)</p> <p>Partial Veto: Vetoes five items in the 2015-17 biennial budget and one item in the 2015 supplemental budget. (See veto message.)</p>	C 3 L 15 E3 Partial Veto

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESSB 6096	Becker, Litzow, Parlette	<p>Concerning Cancer Research - Establishes the Cancer Research Endowment Authority (Authority). Creates the Cancer Research Endowment Program for the purpose of providing grants to public and private entities for the promotion of cancer research within the state. Requires a nonprofit corporation qualified as a tax-exempt entity (Program Administrator) to provide services to the Authority's board. Requires the Program Administrator to establish a private account outside of the state treasury (CARE Fund) to receive contributions from public and private sources, including state matching funds. Creates a non-appropriated account in the custody of the state treasurer (Cancer Research Endowment Fund Match Transfer Account). Requires the Legislature to appropriate a state match up to \$10 million to the Cancer Research Endowment Fund Match Transfer Account annually from tax collections and penalties generated from enforcement of state taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco by enforcement agencies.</p>	C 34 L 15 E3

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2EHB 1115	Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson	<p>Concerning the Capital Budget - Authorizes \$3.9 billion in new capital appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium, of which \$2.24 billion is financed with state general obligation bonds. Adjusts the 2013-15 capital budget by a net decrease of \$114 million.</p> <p><i>Partial Veto:</i> Vetoes two projects: a \$500,000 study of the feasibility of the state acquiring federal lands and an unfunded requirement for the Office of Financial Management to develop a master plan for museums and research facilities. (See veto message.)</p>	C 4 L 15 E3 Partial Veto
ESHB 1166	Dunshee, Gregerson, DeBolt	<p>Concerning State General Obligation Bonds and Related Accounts - Authorizes the State Finance Committee to issue up to \$2.3 billion in state general obligation bonds to finance projects in the 2015-17 capital budget and to pay issuance and bond sale expenses.</p>	Del to Gov
EHB 1859	Kilduff, Smith, Dunshee	<p>Concerning the Amendment, Recodification, Decodification, or Repeal of Statutes Relating to State Capital Construction Funds and Accounts and Bond Authorizations that are Inactive, Obsolete, or no Longer Necessary for Continued Publication in the Revised Code of Washington - Amends, recodifies, decodifies, or repeals many outdated or unnecessary statutes connected to state capital construction funds, accounts, and bond authorizations.</p>	C 4 L 15 E1
EHB 2212	Cody, Schmick, Fagan	<p>Exempting Hospitals Licensed under Chapter 70.41 RCW that Receive Capital Funds to Operate New Psychiatric Services from Certain Certificate of Need Requirements - Exempts hospitals from requiring a Certificate of Need for the addition of psychiatric beds funded by grants from the Department of Commerce.</p>	Del to Gov
2ESSB 6080	Dammeier, Keiser, Honeyford	<p>Financing Public School Facilities Necessary to Support State-Funded All-Day Kindergarten and Class Size Reduction in Kindergarten through Third Grade - Creates a pilot grant program to be administered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to help school districts construct, modernize, or replace permanent or modular classrooms to support state-funded kindergarten through third grade class size reduction and all-day kindergarten objectives. Requires permanent program funding formula and classroom count methods to be developed and recommended by December 1, 2015.</p>	Del to Gov

COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 1965	Hudgins, Ormsby	Implementing a Temporary Additional Fee on Licenses and Permits Issued by the Washington State Liquor Control Board - Imposes a temporary additional fee on most liquor licenses and permits issued by the Liquor Control Board. Imposes a temporary additional fee on marijuana licenses. Requires that the additional fees be used for modernizing the Liquor Control Board's licensing, enforcement, and imaging systems. Makes fees contingent on partial funding from the information technology pool.	Del to Gov

EARLY LEARNING & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2E2SHB 1491	Kagi, Walsh, Hunter	Improving Quality in the Early Care and Education System - Expands the Early Achievers program and authorizes the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to require all licensed or certified child care facilities and early learning programs serving non-school age children and receiving state funds to participate in the Early Achievers program, except programs whom the DEL determines have national accreditation standards that meet or exceed the Early Achievers program standards. Requires the DEL to provide a foundation of quality through the Early Achievers program, thus focusing the early care and education system on supporting school readiness for young learners in response to program data outcomes. Requires the DEL, in collaboration with the Early Achievers Review Subcommittee and the statewide child care resource and referral organization, submit an annual progress report to the Legislature regarding providers' progress in the Early Achievers program. Delays the statewide implementation of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program from the 2018-19 school year to the 2020-21 school year. Requires that authorizations for the Working Connections Child Care subsidy be effective for a 12-month enrollment period and removes the requirement to report changes in circumstances.	Del to Gov
SB 5079	O'Ban, Conway, Dammeier	Requiring the Department of Social and Health Services to Notify the Military Regarding Child Abuse and Neglect Allegations of Families with an Active Military Status - Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to forward reports of physical or sexual abuse of a child to military law enforcement if appropriate. Requires the DSHS to notify a Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program regarding certain child abuse and neglect allegations that involve a child whose parent is in the military.	C 6 L 15 E1

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 1570	Gregory, Bergquist, S. Hunt	Creating Flexibility for the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship Program - Specifies that teachers and certain certificated educators pursuing endorsements in the listed subjects may qualify for the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship Program. Adds a preference for scholarship applicants seeking additional bilingual education or English language learner (ELL) endorsements if they are assigned to schools in need of improvement or with high ELL populations.	Del to Gov
SHB 1813	Hansen, Magendanz, Reykdal	Expanding Computer Science Education - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt computer science learning standards. Requires the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) to develop standards for a K-12 computer science endorsement. Changes the name of the Retooling to Teach Mathematics and Sciences Conditional Scholarship Program to the Educator Retooling Conditional Scholarship Program and expands the program's qualifying endorsements to any endorsement in a subject or geographic endorsement shortage area, as defined by the PESB.	C 3 L 15 E1
SB 6145	Fraser, Kohl- Welles, Pedersen	Delaying for Two Years the High School Graduation Requirement of Meeting the State Standard on the High School Science Assessment - Delays, for two years, the requirement that a student meet the state standard on the statewide science assessment or an alternative in order to earn a Certificate of Academic Achievement for purposes of high school graduation.	Del to Gov

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESSB 5994	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Concerning Permits for State Transportation Projects - Requires cities, towns, and counties to issue permits to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for transportation projects that cost less than \$500 million within 90 days of the completion of the permit application, to the greatest extent practicable. Directs the WSDOT to coordinate a state agency work group in 2016 to evaluate the consolidation and coordination of review processes that apply to WSDOT projects under the State Environmental Policy Act and National Environmental Policy Act. Exempts certain projects and activities of the WSDOT from requirements to obtain a substantial development permit, a conditional use permit, a variance, a letter of exemption, or other review conducted by a local government to implement the Shoreline Management Act (SMA). Authorizes construction to begin on certain WSDOT transportation projects 21 days after the filing date for an SMA permit and without regard to the status of any review proceedings.</p>	C 15 L 15 E3

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2E2SHB 2136	Carlyle	<p>Concerning Comprehensive Marijuana Market Reforms to Ensure a Well-Regulated and Taxed Marijuana Market in Washington State</p> <p>- Includes intent language and a tax preference performance statement for the sales and use tax exemption for qualifying patients and designated providers. Eliminates the 25 percent producer and processor taxes and increases the 25 percent retailer tax to 37 percent and specifies that the taxes are levied on the buyer. Provides a sales and use tax exemption to qualifying patients and designated providers. Renames the Liquor Control Board to be the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB). Provides marijuana tax revenues for local jurisdictions, distributed based on retail sales and population, at an annual cap of \$15 million per fiscal year for the 2017-2019 biennium and \$20 million per fiscal year thereafter. Changes the allowable uses of marijuana tax revenues for the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) and the Department of Health (DOH). Specifies that the Dedicated Marijuana Account is subject to appropriation. Modifies the amounts specified for the LCB, DBHR, and DOH from the Dedicated Marijuana Account and adds provisions that allow lower appropriations for specific agencies. Provides \$95,000 to the State Building Code Council in fiscal year 2016 for the development of fire and building code regulations for marijuana facilities. Modifies marijuana retailer signage requirements, allowing for one additional sign identifying the business or trade name. Permits local jurisdictions to revise the buffer distance provisions for the siting of marijuana licensees and require notice to certain nearby entities. Subjects medical marijuana cooperatives to buffer distances similar to marijuana licensees. Modifies the residency requirement to apply for a marijuana license. Prohibits the consumption of marijuana in a "public place." Allows a marijuana business to use a common carrier to transport marijuana if the carrier is licensed by the LCB and specifies that they may only transport marijuana between other licensed marijuana businesses. Allows the LCB to receive private funding to be used for materials to improve public awareness of the health risks associated with the use of marijuana. Exempts cannabis health and beauty aids from all regulations in the Controlled Substances Act pertaining to marijuana; however, only for products that meet specific definitions. Prohibits the operation of a marijuana club for the purposes of keeping or storing marijuana and imposes a felony penalty. Includes signage requirements for a marijuana business to be placed outside the prospective business location notifying the public prior to the business becoming operational. Creates penalties for the manufacture and distribution of spice and bath salts. Modifies the definition of marijuana concentrates. Directs certain revenue from marijuana research licensees to the Life Science Discovery Fund. Authorizes public universities to contract for marijuana research with federally recognized Indian tribes</p>	C 4 L 15 E2

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
		licensed to conduct marijuana research. Clarifies the tax treatment of bundled transactions at licensed marijuana retail stores. Prohibits conditional sales by any marijuana business. Provides an additional \$12 million for cities and counties for distribution, based on retail sales, in the operating budget, subject to appropriation.	
ESHB 2263	Springer, Walkinshaw, Robinson	Providing Local Governments with Options to Strengthen their Communities by Providing Services and Facilities for People with Mental Illness, Developmental Disabilities, and other Vulnerable Populations, and by Increasing Access to Educational Experiences through Cultural Organizations - Permits a county or city to create a cultural access program (CAP). Authorizes counties with a population of 1.5 million or less, or a city, to impose either a sales and use tax or a property tax levy to fund a CAP. Authorizes a county with a population of 1.5 million or more to impose a sales and use tax to fund a CAP. Provides restrictions and requirements for how revenues may be allocated within a CAP, including a requirement to create and fund public school programs. Authorizes the governing body of a county or city to impose a 0.1 percent local sales tax for housing and related services for specific individuals if approved by a majority of voters.	Del to Gov
SSB 5186	Benton, Hasegawa, Sheldon	Concerning Property Tax Exemptions for Service-Connected Disabled Veterans and Senior Citizens - Increases senior citizen and disabled persons property tax relief program income thresholds by \$5,000, for taxes levied for collection in 2016 and thereafter. Includes a tax preference performance statement.	C 30 L 15 E3
ESB 6013	Roach, Angel, Dammeier	Providing use Tax Relief for Individuals who Support Charitable Activities - Increases the use tax exemption amount for items purchased or received from a nonprofit organization or library from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Extends the expiration date for the exemption from 2017 to 2020.	C 32 L 15 E3

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESSB 6057	Hill	<p>Concerning Stimulating Economic Development through the use of Tax Preferences and Streamlined Tax Administration - Extends the expiration date of tax preferences for food processors. Provides a sales and use tax exemption for eligible server equipment in certain data centers. Creates a pilot program that provides a sales and use tax deferral on the construction of manufacturing facilities. Extends tax preferences for aluminum smelters. Extends the preferential business and occupation tax rate for newspapers. Provides a reduced public utility tax rate for log transportation businesses. Provides a use tax exemption to nonresident entity owned vessels. Modifies the distribution of aircraft excise taxes. Provides a business and occupation tax credit for businesses that hire veterans. Permanently extends tax preferences to honey bee products. Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for hazardous substances warehoused but not otherwise used in the state. Modifies a property tax exemption for property owned by nonprofit fair associations. Changes the administration of unclaimed property laws. Removes the expiration date for the sales and use tax exemption for wax, ceramic materials.</p>	C 6 L 15
ESSB 6138	Hill	<p>Increasing State Revenue through Improved Compliance Methods and Eliminating Tax Preferences for Royalties and Certain Manufacturing Equipment - Eliminates the preferential Business and Occupation tax rate (B&O) of 0.484 percent for royalty income. Authorizes additional methods of establishing nexus for purposes of collecting B&O and retail sales taxes. Clarifies the sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment to include prewritten software that is delivered electronically. Eliminates the sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment for certain individuals. Increases the penalties for late tax payments by four percent.</p>	C 5 L 15

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2128	Hudgins	Concerning Fees Assessed by the Department of Agriculture - Increases, extends, or creates a number of Washington State Department of Agriculture fees related to dairy processing and food processing. Redirects dairy-related license fee revenue from the State General Fund to the agricultural local fund.	Del to Gov

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE
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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SSB 5317	Frocht, Becker, Mullet	Requires universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays for children in Medicaid programs - Requires that medical assistance programs cover universal screening and provider payments for autism and developmental delays, as recommended by the Bright Futures Guidelines and to the extent funds are available.	C 8 L 15 E1
2ESB 6089	Hill	Concerning the Health Benefit Exchange - Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to prepare a five-year spending plan. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to develop metrics and benchmarks. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to track and report enrollment data. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to prepare and annually update a strategic plan. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to verify enrollees' eligibility for special enrollment periods. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder to perform Medicaid eligibility checks on enrollees in the grace period. Requires the Washington Healthplanfinder, providers, and qualified health plans to provide information to enrollees in the grace period.	C 33 L 15 E3

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESSB 5355	Bailey, Kohl-Welles, Roach	Modifying the Definition of Resident Student to Comply with Federal Requirements Established by the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 - Modifies the definition of resident student for veterans of the uniformed services, including spouses and dependents, receiving veterans administration educational assistance benefits to comply with the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014. Adds a definition for "active duty service" and "uniformed services." Adds an emergency clause with an effective date of July 24, 2015.	C 8 L 15 E3
2ESSB 5954	Braun, Bailey, Hill	Reducing Tuition - Provides that, during the 2015-17 academic years, the tuition operating fees for resident undergraduate students (RUGs) at the public institutions of higher education be a specified percentage of the 2014-15 academic year tuition operating fee, depending on the institution. Provides that, beginning in the 2017-18 academic year, the tuition operating fees for RUGs may be increased by no more than a specified metric. Requires the Legislature to make higher education appropriations that are at least equal to the total state funds appropriated in the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, plus the net revenue loss from full-time RUG operating fees received for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium under the act, with net revenue loss adjusted for inflation in subsequent biennia. Specifies that the Legislature does not intend to reduce the State Need Grant or College Bound Scholarship award levels for private colleges and universities below the 2014-15 academic year levels. Provides that, for the 2015-17 academic years, the governing body of the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program set the payout value for units redeemed during the academic year at \$117.82 per unit. Makes provisions to ensure that the total payout value of each GET account on the effective date of the act is not decreased or diluted because of the act. Requires the Education Research and Data Center and the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to provide specified reports to the Legislature by December 1, 2015.	C 36 L 15 E3

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
HB 1061	Hayes, Lytton, Smith	Increasing the Number of District Court Judges in Skagit County - Raises the number of statutorily authorized district court judges in Skagit County from two to three.	Del to Gov
ESHB 2160	Wylie, Orwall, Klippert	Concerning the Distribution of Intimate Images - Provides for civil liability against any person who intentionally and without consent distributes certain intimate images of another person.	C 8 L 15 E2
2E2SSB 5177	O'Ban, Darneille	Concerning Forensic Mental Health Services - Encourages the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to develop alternative locations for competency restoration services for persons who do not need inpatient hospitalization, and allows restoration services in a city or county jail under certain conditions during the 2015-17 biennium. Requires clerks, prosecuting attorneys, and local jails to provide certain documentation and information to the state hospital within 24 hours of the signing of a court order for competency evaluation or restoration services. Requires local jails to cooperate with the DSHS to arrange for timely and appropriate access to defendants for the purpose of performing competency evaluations and to provide timely transportation of a defendant offered admission for competency evaluation or restoration services. Provides that competency restoration treatment time periods include only the time the defendant is at the treatment facility and do not include reasonable time for transport. Extends the expiration date of a statute that provides for state reimbursement to counties for the costs of appointing competency evaluators for in-custody defendants, and expands the grounds under which a county may seek reimbursement. Allows a prosecutor in a case where competency to stand trial is at issue to dismiss the case and refer the defendant for evaluation for mental health, substance use, or developmental disability services. Establishes an Office of Forensic Mental Health Services (Office) within the DSHS and specifies responsibilities of the Director of the Office. Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop standard forms for court orders relating to civil commitment and competency evaluation or restoration services and to convene a work group to facilitate the use of video testimony in court proceedings involving competency to stand trial.	C 7 L 15 E1

LABOR COMMITTEE
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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESB 5993	King, Fain, Litzow	Apprenticeship utilization/prevailing wage - Department of Transportation projects and electronic prevailing wage surveys - Provides that the apprentice utilization requirement for Department of Transportation public works applies to projects estimated to cost \$3 million or more, rather than \$2 million or more, for five years beginning July 1, 2015. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to provide an electronic prevailing wage survey option to registered contractors.	Del to Gov
ESB 6092	Roach	Collective Bargaining - Interest Arbitration - Grants interest arbitration to county court marshals who meet certain criteria, including being employed by, trained for, and commissioned by the county sheriff.	C 6 L 15 E2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
EHB 2122	McBride, Nealey, Peterson	<p>Relating to Real Estate as it Concerns the Local Government Authority in the use of Real Estate Excise Tax Revenues and Regulating Real Estate Transactions - Authorizes counties and cities that impose real estate excise taxes to use the greater of \$100,000 or 25 percent of available funds, not to exceed \$1 million per year, from collected revenues for the maintenance of specified capital projects. Authorizes counties and cities that impose additional real estate excise taxes to use the greater of \$100,000 or 25 percent of available funds, not to exceed \$1 million per year, from collected revenues for the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, improvement, and maintenance of specified capital projects. Requires counties and cities to post electronically on a web site maintained by the entity with which the Department of Commerce contracts for the provision of municipal research and services any ordinance, resolution, or policy adopted by the county or city that imposes certain requirements on landlords or sellers of real property.</p>	C 10 L 15 E2

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7841

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SHB 1021	Appleton, Orwall, Robinson	Creating a Silver Alert System - Requires the Washington State Patrol's Endangered Missing Person Advisory alert system to include a Silver Alert designation on highway message signs to assist in the recovery of missing endangered persons age 60 or older.	C 2 L 15 E1
2E2SHB 1272	Buys, Orwall, Pollet	Concerning the Crime of Disclosing Intimate Images - Creates the crime of disclosing intimate images.	C 7 L 15 E2
2E2SHB 1276	Klippert, Goodman, Hayes	<p>Concerning Impaired Driving - Requires courts to order specific Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders to install an ignition interlock device (IID) on all motor vehicles operated by the person, agree (by signing a sworn statement) not to operate any vehicle without an IID as required by the court, and participate in alcohol monitoring at the expense of the person. Requires the courts to notify the Department of Licensing (DOL) in instances where a defendant is required to use an IID and in instances where such restrictions are lifted. Eliminates the statutory provisions that prohibited an IID license applicant from appealing a license revocation. Requires the IIDs to have technology capable of providing global positioning system coordinates. Removes statutory references to the testing of a person's breath for purposes of determining the presence of drugs. Clarifies the statutes that prohibit law enforcement officers from testing a person's blood suspected of DUI unless it is pursuant to a search warrant, a valid waiver of the warrant requirement, when exigent circumstances exist, or under any other authority of law. Redefines and expands the elements for the crime of Tampering with an IID. Makes it a traffic infraction for a person to have an open container of marijuana in the main compartment of a vehicle while on a public highway. Authorizes the DOL to furnish an abstract of an individual's driving record to an individual's named attorney of record. Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules for the training and supervision of forensic phlebotomists. Provides that it is not professional misconduct for a physician, nurse, etc., to collect a blood sample without a person's consent when such professionals are directed by a law enforcement officer to do so for the purpose of a blood test under the provisions of a search warrant or in exigent circumstances.</p> <p>Partial Veto: Vetoes the provisions that required: (1) The DOH to adopt rules specifying requirements for delegation, training, and supervision for medical assistant-phlebotomists who are also law enforcement employees or correctional employees, and whose practice is limited to collecting venipuncture samples for forensic testing or pursuant to a search warrant; (2) At a minimum, that the rules must provide standards for the minimum number of</p>	C 3 L 15 E2 Partial Veto

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
		<p>venipuncture collections necessary to maintain endorsement for collecting blood samples for forensic testing and standards for location, conditions, and supervision of venipuncture collections; and (3) Until July 1, 2020, that the rules include: (a) requiring each medical assistant-phlebotomist to perform fifty venipuncture collections during the first year of his or her certification; (b) requiring annual ongoing training for maintaining certification as a medical assistant-phlebotomist; and (c) requiring that venipuncture blood samples collected for testing take place at a site that provides for antiseptic techniques and that all such sites are inspected annually by the DOH.</p>	
SSB 6134	Padden	<p>Exempting Pretrial Electronic Alcohol Monitoring Programs from Statutory Limitations on Pretrial Supervision Costs - Exempts pretrial electronic alcohol monitoring, drug monitoring, and the 24/7 Sobriety Program from the \$150 limitation on pretrial supervision costs imposed on defendants. Allows courts to require defendants to reimburse agencies for the costs of electronic monitoring and abstinence monitoring in cases involving driving under the influence or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence.</p>	C 35 L 15 E3

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
EHB 2253	Hudgins, Taylor	Amending Statutory Timelines Governing the Administration and Organization of the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee - Modifies the time period in which appointment of members and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee are made. Updates the language regarding alternating appointments of the chairperson and vice chairperson. Requires a committee member to serve until a successor is appointed or until he or she no longer serves in the Legislature, whichever occurs first. Requires vacancies on the committee to be filled within 30 days. Allows for deferment of a final decision of a petitioned rule until 90 days after adjournment of a regular or special session. Allows petitioners to bring concerns to any legislator during a legislative session for action through legislation.	C 11 L 15 E2

TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
E2SHB 1095	Morris, Hudgins	Promoting Thermal Energy Efficiency - Requires energy-consumption analyses for certain public facilities to include critical load analyses and combined heat and power feasibility assessments. Incorporates certain valuation and assessment provisions for combined heat and power into Integrated Resource Plans. Directs the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to establish a general permit or permit by rule for stationary natural gas engines used in a combined heat and power system. Clarifies the jurisdiction of the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) over thermal energy services provided by thermal energy companies and combined heat and power facilities not otherwise regulated by the UTC. Requires owners and operators of certain boilers or process heaters required to complete an energy assessment under federal rules to submit a report of nonproprietary information to Ecology or the local air pollution control authority by January 31, 2018.	Del to Gov
SHB 1897	Smith, Morris, Tarleton	Creating the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth-Abundant Materials - Creates the Joint Center for Deployment and Research in Earth-Abundant Materials as a multi-institutional education and research center under the joint authority of the University of Washington and Washington State University.	Del to Gov
HB 2264	Smith, Haler	Amending the Statewide Minimum Privacy Policy for Disclosure of Customer Energy Use Information - Requires a consumer-owned utility to implement the Statewide Minimum Privacy Policy for disclosure of customer energy use information through a policy adopted by its governing board. Makes disclosure or sale of private or proprietary information by a third party, when prohibited by certain contracts with an electric utility, enforceable under the Consumer Protection Act. Removes a provision that made violation by an electric utility of requirements relating to the Statewide Minimum Privacy Policy enforceable under the Consumer Protection Act.	Del to Gov
SB 5310	Ericksen, McCoy, Sheldon	Addressing Enforcement Actions at Facilities Sited by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council - Increases the maximum daily penalty amount that may be imposed on permit violators by the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC). Clarifies the appeal process for penalties imposed by the EFSEC. Clarifies that the Department of Ecology may impose oil-discharge fines on facilities under the regulatory jurisdiction of the EFSEC.	Del to Gov

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESB 5761	Pearson, Hobbs, McCoy	Providing for Property tax Exemption for the Value of New Construction of Industrial/Manufacturing Facilities in Targeted Urban Areas - Allows a 10-year property tax exemption on the value of new construction of industrial/manufacturing facilities that create family living wage jobs in certain areas.	C 9 L 15 E1

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SHB 1157	Pike, Wylie, Wilson	Modifying the Apportionment of Quick Title Service Fees Collected by Appointed Subagents - Changes the fee distribution if the quick title is for a vehicle and is processed by a subagent from \$25 being distributed to the county auditor to \$12.50 being distributed to the county auditor and \$12.50 being retained by the subagent that processed the transaction. Changes the fee distribution if the quick title is for a vessel and is processed by a subagent from \$25 being distributed to the county auditor to \$12.50 being distributed to the county auditor and \$12.50 being retained by the subagent that processed the transaction.	C 1 L 15 E2
HB 1219	Zeiger, Clibborn, Orcutt	Authorizing Expedited Permitting and Contracting for Washington State Bridges Deemed Structurally Deficient - Exempts the repair or replacement of structurally deficient bridges from the State Environmental Policy Act, within certain parameters. Defines structurally deficient as a state bridge that is at or below particular ratings. Includes the repair or replacement of a structurally deficient bridge in the circumstances when the Washington State Department of Transportation may use its emergency contracting procedures.	Del to Gov
2ESHB 1299	Clibborn, Fey	Making Transportation Appropriations for the 2013-2015 and 2015-2017 Fiscal Biennia - Making biennial transportation appropriations for 2015-17 biennium. Revises supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2013-15 biennium. Partial Veto: Vetoes three items in the 2015-17 biennial budget and five items in the 2015 supplemental budget. (See veto message.)	C 10 L 15 E1 Partial Veto
SHB 1738	Orcutt, Clibborn, Hayes	Concerning Marine, Off-Road Recreational Vehicle, and Snowmobile Fuel Tax Refunds Based on Actual Fuel Taxes Paid - Maintains the fuel tax rate for marine, off-road vehicle (ORV), and snowmobile fuel tax refunds and transfers at 23 cents per gallon through June 30, 2031. Changes the fuel tax rate for marine, ORV, and snowmobile fuel tax refunds and transfers beginning on July 1, 2031, and thereafter. The refunds and transfers will be based on the state's fuel rate in existence at the time of the fuel purchase.	C 9 L 15 E2
ESHB 1842	Farrell, Hargrove, Fey	Concerning Transit Agency Coordination - Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop an annual report regarding transit agency coordination in the central Puget Sound. Requires a variety of local entities in the central Puget Sound to report to the WSDOT on various aspects of their coordination efforts. Modifies the regional mobility grant criteria by adding coordination and integration to the criteria upon which the grants are awarded to the agencies in the central Puget Sound. Creates a transit coordination grant program in the WSDOT.	Del to Gov

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2012	Orcutt, Clibborn, Hargrove	<p>Concerning the Implementation of Practical Design by the Department of Transportation - Encourages the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT) to continue to apply practical design in project delivery and specifies that the legislature expects practical design to result in reduced project costs. Requires that significant changes to project title or scope as a result of practical design be approved by the legislature and requires that local governments and interested stakeholders review all proposed practical design changes prior to implementation. Requires the WSDOT to notify the transportation committees of the legislature prior to letting any contract with a title or scope change. Specifies that the WSDOT must evaluate projects at the end of the project design phase and determine practical design savings and report on the savings as part of its annual budget submittal. Designates that savings attributable to practical design must be made available through the transportation future funding program for new connecting Washington projects, accelerating the schedule for existing connecting Washington projects, and preservation investments beginning in fiscal year 2024. Allows the transportation future funding program to be used to accelerate the schedule of existing connecting Washington projects. Creates a new subaccount in the connecting Washington account called the transportation future funding program account and specifies that moneys in the account may not be expended on the SR 99 Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project.</p>	Del to Gov
ESSB 5820	King, Benton	<p>Concerning the Sale of Certain Department of Transportation Surplus Property - Removes specific public notice requirements applicable when the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) sells surplus property and instead requires the WSDOT to use the most appropriate method. Removes a process of public notice and additional offers that apply to the sale of property that does not receive any bids at a public auction. Provides certain conditions on equal value exchange transactions and requires the WSDOT to consult with the Office of Financial Management and the Joint Transportation Committee regarding such exchanges.</p>	C 13 L 15 E3

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESSB 5987	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Concerning Transportation Revenue - Increases motor fuel taxes by 7 cents in the first year and 4.9 cents in the second year. Increases the current off-road vehicle, snowmobile, and marine motor fuel tax refunds by corresponding amounts. Distributes the increased fuel tax revenue and various fees to the new Connecting Washington Account in the Motor Vehicle Fund, with certain other fees transferred to the account if a low carbon fuel standard is adopted. Repeals the handling loss deduction from the motor vehicle fuel tax. Increases the current gross weight fees and passenger weight fees by varying amounts depending on the weight of the vehicle. Creates a freight project fee equal to 15 percent of the current gross weight fee to be used for freight projects. Increases or imposes a variety of vehicle and driver related fees. Modifies the definition of an electric vehicle and provides for the creation of an electric vehicle infrastructure bank. Provides a variety of local revenue options. Creates statutory transfers to cities and counties. Creates and extends various tax preferences.</p>	Del to Gov
2ESSB 5988	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Concerning Additive Transportation Funding and Appropriations - Provides appropriation authority of \$508 million, corresponding to increased transportation revenues provided by 2ESSB 5987 for the 2015-17 fiscal biennium, to state transportation agencies and programs for various transportation purposes. Transfers amounts between transportation accounts.</p>	Del to Gov
ESSB 5989	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Authorizing Bonds for Transportation Funding - Authorizes the issuance of up to \$5.3 billion of general obligation bonds for state transportation projects identified as Connecting Washington projects. Pledges the repayment of principal and interest both from fuel taxes and from vehicle-related registration fees, in addition to the full faith and credit of the state.</p>	Del to Gov

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESSB 5992	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Modifying Certain Requirements for Ferry Vessel Construction - Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to use design-build procurement in acquiring new ferry vessels. Requires WSDOT to use an Owner's Representative throughout the procurement process of the first vessel in any new class of vessels to oversee the contract and project. Requires vessel procurement contracts to be fixed-price contracts and sets how such contracts are to provide for contingency funds. Prohibits the WSDOT from issuing an RFP for the procurement of vessels without specific authorization to do so from the Legislature. Directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the state's ferry procurement practices, including in-state construction and barriers to receiving in-state bids, and to recommend policies to encourage more in-state bidders. Directs WSDOT, in developing its engineer's estimate, to identify significant project cost drivers for vessel construction, including materials, labor, overhead, delivery, and profit. After July 1, 2017, directs WSDOT to re-issue an RFP not subject to in-state construction requirements if all responses to the initial RFP are more than 5% above the WSDOT's engineer's estimate.</p>	C 14 L 15 E3
2ESB 5995	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Modifying the Transportation System Policy Goal of Mobility - Includes congestion relief and improved freight mobility in the definition of the existing transportation system policy goal of mobility.</p>	C 16 L 15 E3
2ESSB 5996	King, Hobbs, Fain	<p>Concerning Washington State Department of Transportation Projects - Directs the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to continue using the multiagency permit program and places various requirements upon the staff and the program. Requires the WSDOT environmental staff to develop all environmental documentation and oversee project work in order to insure environmental compliance. Creates various training, design, and funding requirements related to environmental permitting. Requires the WSDOT to report regarding design errors with a cost of greater than \$500,000. Requires the WSDOT to report regarding Lean efforts and on performance and accountability. Provides a preference for the removal of existing fish passage barriers owned by cities and counties and requires the development of a framework for encouraging fish passage barrier mitigation.</p> <p>Partial Veto: Vetoes the provision that requires the WSDOT to provide an annual report on Lean efforts and on performance and accountability.</p>	C 17 L 15 E3 Partial Veto

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESSB 5997	King, Hobbs, Fain	Concerning Transportation Project Delivery - Authorizes and strongly encourages the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to use design-build contracting for projects over \$2 million. Requires the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to conduct a design-build study to examine the WSDOT's implementation and use of design-build contracting. Directs the WSDOT to develop a construction program business plan that incorporates the findings from the JTC study and outlines sustainable staffing levels of state-employed engineering staff.	C 18 L 15 E3



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June 30, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 3241 and 7044, Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to the capital budget.”

Section 3241, pages 158-159, Department of Natural Resources, Research on Transfer for Federal Lands to Washington State

This proviso directs the Department of Natural Resources to study the feasibility of acquiring certain federal lands for possible inclusion in the various trust lands managed by the Department. Although additional information about land acquisitions is always helpful, the negative effects of forest health, and the resulting fire danger, are well documented. The Department’s primary responsibility is to support the trust beneficiaries, and this study will not support its obligation to generate revenue for school construction. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3241.

Section 7044, pages 278-279, Office of Financial Management, Master Plan for Museums and Research Facilities

This proviso requires the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to develop a master plan to address the storage and preservation requirements of the state’s historical collections by December 31, 2015. While ensuring the preservation of our state’s historical and cultural collections is a priority, this proviso does not provide funding or enough time for a thorough plan to be developed. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 7044. However, I have directed OFM to work with the Washington State Historical Society and the Eastern Washington Historical Society to address this issue.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 3241 and 7044 of Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115.

With the exception of Sections 3241 and 7044, Second Engrossed House Bill No. 1115 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee", written over the printed name and title.

Jay Inslee
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June 11, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 102, page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-8; 103(1); 213(3); 920(4); 1005, page 113, lines 26-27 and 1005(2); 1005(4); 1005(5); and 1005(6), Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1299 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to transportation funding and appropriations.”

Section 102, page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-8, Utilities and Transportation Commission, State Agency Workgroup

This proviso directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to coordinate a state agency workgroup to identify issues related to consolidating rail employee safety and regulatory functions within the UTC. Funding for this activity would come from the Grade Crossing Protective Account, which is used to install and maintain equipment to make grade crossings safer. Because this is not the appropriate fund source for coordinating a workgroup on the topic identified in the proviso, I have directed the UTC to conduct this activity with other existing resources. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 102, page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-8.

Section 103(1), page 3, Office of Financial Management, Study of Fund Exchange

This proviso directs the Office of Financial Management to perform a study on the feasibility of establishing a fund exchange where federal funds are exchanged for state funds to reduce the administrative burden on local governments which use federal funds. The funding is likely insufficient to provide a thorough report on the issues. In addition, the Joint Transportation Committee is a more appropriate entity to perform this analysis, not the Office of Financial Management. Therefore, I have vetoed Section 103(1).

Section 213(3), pages 18-19, Department of Transportation, Beaver Dams

This proviso creates a complicated process for managing beaver dams on private property that pose a threat to Washington state highways, individual personal property, and public safety. The proposed process would require the Washington State Department of Transportation to notify private property owners of impending threats from beaver dam failure, to produce wildlife management plans, and to provide potential remedies that could create liability for the state. In addition, no funding is provided for this effort. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 213(3).

Section 920(4), pages 105-106, Department of Transportation, Public Transportation

This proviso prevents the Washington State Department of Transportation from continuing work on regional mobility grant projects previously authorized by the Legislature. The department needs authority to work on these projects to support local efforts to improve transit mobility and reduce congestion on our roadways. The majority of the projects are not yet complete, and expenditures have already been made. Therefore, I have vetoed Section 920(4).

Section 1005, page 113, lines 26-27, and Section 1005(2), page 114, Department of Transportation, Highway Improvements Program

Due to changes in the timing of expenditures for highway improvement projects and insufficient flexibility in the capital program budgets, this reduced appropriation would result in an estimated shortfall of \$3.5 million in expenditure authority in the Highway Improvements program. The Washington State Department of Transportation must have ongoing expenditure authority to keep projects within the total spending plan. Therefore, I have vetoed Section 1005, page 113, lines 26-27, and Section 1005(2).

Section 1005(4), 1005(5) and 1005(6), page 115, Department of Transportation, Proceeds from Bond Sales

Section 605 provides the flexibility needed to retroactively assign bond proceeds received in the 2015-17 biennium to associated costs that occurred in the 2013-15 biennium. The reduced appropriations in Section 1005(4), Section 1005(5), and Section 1005(6) negate the flexibility provided in Section 605. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1005(4), Section 1005(5), and Section 1005(6).

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 102, page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-8; 103(1); 213(3); 920(4); 1005, page 113, lines 26-27 and 1005(2); 1005(4); 1005(5); and 1005(6) of Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1299.

With the exception of Sections 102, page 2, lines 29-36, and page 3, lines 1-8; 103(1); 213(3); 920(4); 1005, page 113, lines 26-27 and 1005(2); 1005(4); 1005(5); and 1005(6), Second Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1299 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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June 30, 2015

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 130, page 27, line 29; 204(2)(f); 501(1)(f); 950(3); 963; and 1213, page 381, lines 6-7, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6052 entitled:

“AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.”

Section 130, page 27, line 29, Office of Financial Management, Data Processing Revolving Account

The Data Processing Revolving Account will be abolished, effective January 1, 2016, pursuant to passage of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5315. Because this appropriation to the Office of Financial Management is no longer necessary, I have vetoed Section 130, page 27, line 29.

Section 204(2)(f), pages 58-59, Department of Social and Health Services, Study on Clinical Role of Psychiatrists

This proviso requires the Department of Social and Health Services, within existing resources, to contract with a consultant to conduct a workload study and to examine the clinical role of psychiatrists at the state psychiatric hospitals with respect to patients who are the subject of both forensic and civil commitment. In addition to findings and recommendations on those topics, the consultant must identify factors other than compensation that are negatively affecting job retention for psychiatrists and make recommendations for addressing those issues. Although I welcome additional expertise to address factors that may influence job retention, funding is not provided for the cost of an independent contractor. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 204(2)(f).

Section 501(1)(f), page 126, Superintendent of Public Instruction, School District Accounting Rules and Reporting

This proviso requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise the accounting rules for school districts, as well as accounting and financial information technology systems, to separate expenditures of levy and local effort assistance revenues from all other expenditures. It also requires additional detailed reporting of school district compensation data. The Superintendent estimated \$400,000 would be needed to implement this proviso, and no funding was provided. In addition, the new rules and systems must be in place by the 2016-17 school year, leaving no time for the Superintendent to test the system with pilot districts prior to implementation. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 501(1)(f).

Section 950(3), page 257, Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System (LEOFF) Distribution in 2017

I support funding for the Local Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Benefits Improvement Account, and included funding for this account in my budget proposal. Rather than provide a General Fund-State appropriation to this account, the Legislature transferred money from the LEOFF retirement system pension fund to the benefits improvement account. While I am approving this one-time transfer, I am concerned that repeated transfers would undermine the stability of the pension fund and increase the cost of existing pension benefits for plan members, local governments, and the state of Washington. Because I believe that future funding for the benefits improvement account should be made through General Fund appropriations, as envisioned by the legislation that created that account, I am vetoing language that indicates legislative intent for future transfers from the pension fund. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 950(3).

Section 963, page 268, Life Sciences Discovery Fund

The Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority (LSDFA) provides valuable and innovative research that improves the health of all Washingtonians. I am disappointed the Legislature could not come to an agreement on providing some new funding for the LSDFA. I am concerned that Section 963 unduly restricts the awarding of grants with money currently in the Life Sciences Discovery Fund and abruptly ends the work of the LSDFA. This prohibition also restricts the LSDFA from using new revenue provided by marijuana research licenses pursuant to Senate Bill No. 5121. We must provide maximum flexibility for the LSDFA to carry out its mission and expend all remaining money in the Life Sciences Discovery Fund. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 963.

Section 1213, page 381, lines 6-7, Health Care Authority, Savings Through Waiver Request

The budget assumes that the Health Care Authority (HCA) can achieve General Fund-State savings in state fiscal year 2015 by, among several savings steps, seeking a waiver from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This waiver would provide federal flexibility in the area of innovative reimbursement methods. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has indicated that it will not approve this waiver request, and therefore, the savings cannot be achieved. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1213, page 381, lines 6-7, and directed HCA to place any unused funds in reserve status.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 130, page 27, line 29; 204(2)(f); 501(1)(f); 950(3); 963; and 1213, page 381, lines 6-7 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6052.

With the exception of Sections 130, page 27, line 29; 204(2)(f); 501(1)(f); 950(3); 963; and 1213, page 381, lines 6-7, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6052 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Inslee
Governor