



Preliminary Summary of Legislation 2016 Special Session

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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. Abbreviations in the column include	
Del to Gov	Delivered to Governor.
S Filed Sec/St	Bill passed with 2/3 majority vote notwithstanding the Governor's veto and filed with the Secretary of State.

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7117

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 6162	Honeyford, Rolfes, Chase	Concerning the Expiration Date of the Invasive Species Council and Account - Changes the expiration date of the Washington State Invasive Species Council and the Washington State Invasive Species Council Account from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2022.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6290	Honeyford, Hobbs, Parlette	Concerning the Apple Commission - Changes the procedure for nominating candidates for unexpired terms on the Washington Apple Commission. Retains the current assessment for apples grown in Washington and packed as Washington apples, however makes changes to the method of determining such assessments.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 6401	Rolfes, Warnick	Concerning Recordkeeping Requirements of Secondary Commercial Fish Receivers - Contracts the requirement that secondary fish receivers must keep certain records regarding fish and shellfish either with the fish or shellfish or at their principal place of business, and specifies that the records may only be kept at the principal place of business if the fish or shellfish are no longer in the possession of the secondary fish receiver.	S Filed Sec/St

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7340

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESHB 2376	Dunshee, Chandler	Making 2016 Supplemental Operating Appropriations - Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium. (see http://leap.leg.wa.gov for additional information.)	Del to Gov
ESHB 2988	Dunshee	Making Expenditures from the Budget Stabilization Account - Appropriates a total of \$189.5 million from the Budget Stabilization Account for fire suppression and mobilization.	Del to Gov
SB 6263	Warnick, Ranker, Rivers	Providing Benefits for Certain Retirement System Members who Die or Become Disabled in the Course of Providing Emergency Management Services - Adds to the death or disability benefits of members of the Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System Plan 2 (LEOFF 2), expanding the benefits that apply to members who leave employment for federal Uniformed Services incidents that occurred when a member leaves the employment for federal service with the National Guard, Military Reserves, Federal Emergency Management Agency, or National Disaster Medical System. Provides members who become totally incapacitated during this service a disability benefit not subject to actuarial reduction or reduction to reflect a joint and 100 percent survivor benefit option, as well as service credit in LEOFF 2 for those periods of service. Applies eligibility for the benefits retroactively to March 22, 2014.	Del to Gov

BUSINESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7153

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 5265	Benton, Mullet, Angel	Allowing a Public Depository to Arrange for Reciprocal Deposits of Public Funds - Authorizes public funds to be deposited in an out-of-state institution, subject to restrictions.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 6148	Warnick, Keiser, Schoesler	Concerning the Handling of Certain Personal Property in a Self-Service Storage Facility - Permits the owner of a self-service storage facility to tow any abandoned vehicle, boat, trailer, recreational vehicle, or camper in lieu of sale.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6281	Fain, Pedersen, Baumgartner	Enacting Amendments to the Uniform Athlete Agents Act - Updates the Uniform Athlete Agents Act to reflect recent changes to the model act.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6326	King, Hobbs, Fain	Concerning the Retention and Maintenance of Auto Dealer and Repair Facility Records - Authorizes vehicle dealers and automotive repair facilities to maintain certain required records in electronic form if the records can be accessed by computer at the dealer or repair facility's place of business during the remainder of the record retention period.	S Filed Sec/St
ESSB 6606	King	Concerning Wholesale Vehicle Dealers - Redefines "wholesale vehicle dealer." Requires a wholesale vehicle dealer's office facilities to be in a commercial building in the state with no more than two other licensed vehicle dealers in the same building.	S Filed Sec/St

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7105

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2380	Tharinger, DeBolt	Concerning the Supplemental Capital Budget - Makes new supplemental capital appropriations for the 2015-17 biennium totaling \$95.4 million, including \$89.7 million in general obligation bonds and \$5.7 million in other funds. Reduces reappropriations by a total of \$39.8 million, including a reduction of \$423,000 in general obligation bonds. Authorizes four community and technical colleges to enter into alternatively financed contracts for projects totaling up to \$74.4 million. (see http://leap.leg.wa.gov for additional information.)	Del to Gov

COMMERCE & GAMING COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7129

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SSB 6177	Rivers	Modifying Marijuana Research License Provisions - Requires applications for a marijuana research license to be reviewed by a scientific reviewer designated by the Liquor and Cannabis Board. Provides additional project assessment criteria for the scientific reviewer to use in assessing applications for a marijuana research license. Exempts certain information obtained from applicants and licensees from disclosure under the state Public Records Act.	S Filed Sec/St
ESSB 6206	Hasegawa, Takko, Chase	Authorizing the Growing of Industrial Hemp - Declares industrial hemp to be an agricultural product that may be grown, produced, processed, possessed, and exchanged in the state exclusively as part of an industrial hemp research program supervised by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA). Gives rule-making authority and direction to the WSDA to establish an industrial hemp research pilot program, subject to specific appropriations. Requires Washington State University to study the feasibility and desirability of industrial hemp production in the state, subject to receiving federal or private funding.	S Filed Sec/St
ESSB 6328	Dammeier, Hasegawa, Conway	Concerning Youth Vapor Product Substance Use Prevention, and Vapor Product Regulation, Without Permitting a Tax on the Sale or Production of Vapor Products - Creates a comprehensive regulatory scheme governing commerce in vapor products that establishes statutory provisions pertaining to: (a) licensing and fee requirements for vapor products distributors, retailers, and Internet sellers; (b) prohibition against the purchase, possession, and use by minors; (c) product labeling with information regarding product safety and nicotine content; (d) sampling of products at retail establishments; (e) Internet sales; (f) use of coupons and other product promotions; (g) public use of vapor products in indoor and outdoor settings; and (h) state preemption of local governmental regulations.	Del to Gov
SSB 6341	Rivers, Conway	Concerning the Provision of Personal Services and Promotional Items by Cannabis Producers and Processors - Authorizes marijuana producers and processors to provide branded promotional items of nominal value and certain personal services to marijuana retailers, similar to the existing authorization for liquor industry members. Authorizes marijuana producers, processors, and retailers to link to one another's Internet websites and produce brochures related to Washington tourism, similar to the existing authorization for liquor industry members.	S Filed Sec/St

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING & TRIBAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(360) 786-7124

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SSB 6342	Miloscia, Hobbs	Concerning Private Activity Bond Allocation - Adjusts the initial allocation of state tax-exempt private activity bond limit to give the housing category 42 percent of the state limit.	S Filed Sec/St

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7196

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 6633	Ranker, Ericksen	Extending the Expiration of the Marine Resources Advisory Council - Extends the Marine Resources Advisory Council's existence from 2017 until 2022.	S Filed Sec/St

HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7392

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESHB 2450	Tharinger, Short, Cody	Allowing Critical Access Hospitals Participating in the Washington Rural Health Access Preservation Pilot to Resume Critical Access Hospital Payment and Licensure Status - Allows rural hospitals that have been certified as critical access hospitals to participate in the Washington Rural Health Access Preservation (WRHAP) pilot project without relinquishing their ability to return to their previous payment and licensing status as critical access hospitals. Establishes requirements for the WRHAP pilot program related to program goals, participation, termination of participation, and reporting.	Del to Gov
ESSB 5145	Dammeier, Frockt, Becker	Concerning the Health Technology Clinical Committee Membership and Rotating Experts - Requires at least one member of the Health Technology Clinical Committee (Committee) to be appointed from nominations submitted by the Washington State Medical Association or the Washington State Osteopathic Medical Association. Requires that any rotating clinical expert selected to advise the Committee be a nonvoting member.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 5549	Jayapal, Angel, Keiser	Concerning the Registration and Disciplining of Pharmacy Assistants - Requires the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to provide for the registration of pharmacy assistants at a fee determined by the Secretary of the Department of Health. Allows the Commission to take disciplinary action against the registration of a pharmacy assistant upon proof of certain actions.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 6398	Hasegawa, Chase	Adopting Standards for Certain Cultural Foods - Requires the State Board of Health to consider scientific data regarding time-temperature safety standards for Asian rice-based noodles and Korean rice cakes.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6569	Cleveland, Becker, Carlyle	Creating a Task Force on Patient Out-of-Pocket Costs - Creates the Task Force on High Patient Out-of-Pocket Costs.	S Filed Sec/St

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7304

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SSB 5928	Dammeier	Authorizing Bellevue College to Offer Bachelor of Science Degrees in Computer Science - Authorizes Bellevue College to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science, subject to approval by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Allows Bellevue College to charge tuition fees for courses beyond the associate degree level, but not to exceed the tuition fee rates at the state's regional universities.	Del to Gov
SSB 6354	Lias, Baumgartner, Carlyle	Concerning the Development of Higher Education Reverse Transfer Agreement Plans - Requires the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to develop and adopt plans to facilitate reverse transfer policies by December 31, 2017. Defines students eligible for reverse transfer policies as those who transfer from a community or technical college to a four-year institution of higher education before attaining an associate degree, but after completing 60 quarter credits or more. Expires July 1, 2018.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6466	Habib, Dammeier, Darneille	Concerning Students with Disabilities - Requires the Council of Presidents to convene a work group to develop a plan for removing obstacles for students with disabilities transferring between institutions of higher education.	S Filed Sec/St

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7180

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
E3SHB 1713	Cody, Harris, Jinkins	<p>Integrating the Treatment Systems for Mental Health and Chemical Dependency - Makes certain short-term changes to the involuntary chemical dependency treatment provisions that largely parallel corresponding involuntary mental health treatment provisions. Integrates the involuntary treatment provisions and systems for chemical dependency and mental health, and integrates other provisions pertaining to minor-initiated and parent-initiated chemical dependency and mental health treatment for minors, effective April 1, 2018. Directs a Washington State Institute for Public Policy study to evaluate the effect of the integration of the involuntary treatment systems. Recodifies provisions related to the administration of local substance use disorder programs into the community mental health system administration code, effective April 1, 2016. Delays the expiration date of a business and occupation tax deduction for amounts received for providing mental health services under a government-funded program, and expands the deduction to apply to provision of chemical dependency services. Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to convene a task force with the Health Care authority to align regulations between behavioral health and primary care settings and review matters related to parental notification of minor-initiated chemical dependency treatment, and collaborate with other agencies to review certain processes related to audits, licensing, and contracting.</p>	Del to Gov
SSB 6498	Fain, Frockt, Pedersen	<p>Concerning Testimonial Privilege for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Sponsors - Creates a testimonial privilege applicable in civil proceedings that prevents a person who acts as a sponsor in an alcohol or drug addiction recovery fellowship from testifying about communications made to him or her by a person he or she is sponsoring.</p>	S Filed Sec/St

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
ESSB 6656	Hill, Hargrove, Ranker	<p>Concerning State Hospital Practices - Establishes the Select Committee on Quality Improvement in State Hospitals (Select Committee), which receives updates, monitors, and makes recommendations regarding the state hospitals. Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Office of Financial Management (OFM) to contract for the services of external consultants to make recommendations to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Select Committee regarding the state hospitals. Creates the Governor's Behavioral Health Innovation Fund, dedicated to state hospital improvement, and allows disbursements from the fund to the DSHS upon the approval of the OFM and input by the Select Committee. Requires the DSHS to assure that the state hospitals have adopted certain policies related to staffing models, utilization of state hospital beds, staff safety training, and the discharge process. Requires the DSHS to submit quarterly implementation and progress reports to the Select Committee and the OFM. Directs development of a transition plan for changing the current financing structure and financial incentives for state hospital civil bed utilization through provision of funds to behavioral health organizations (BHOs) and full integration entities in place of providing state hospital bed allocations. Provides that the DSHS must identify and discharge enough patients with long-term care needs from Western State Hospital to alternative placements to reduce the need for 30 beds. Requires increased utilization of psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the state hospitals. Provides that a BHO or other entity responsible for resource management services for a person who is ready for discharge from a state hospital must arrange for transition to the community within 21 days, rather than 14 days, effective July 1, 2018.</p>	Del to Gov

LABOR & WORKPLACE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7106

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
E2SHB 1725	Cody, Tharinger	<p>Wage and Hour - Overtime Rules for Individual Providers - Authorizes the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to adopt rules regarding the number of hours per week it may pay an individual provider (IP), and provides the DSHS with emergency rulemaking authority until permanent rules can be adopted. Provides that the consumer's right to assign hours to IPs must be consistent with DSHS rules. Establishes limits on the total weekly hours per IP for IPs in two categories: (1) 65 hours total in fiscal year (FY) 2016 and FY 2017 and 60 hours total in subsequent FYs for IPs who worked above 40 hours per week on average in January 2016; and (2) 40 hours total for IPs who worked zero to 40 hours per week on average in January 2016. Allows the DSHS to authorize additional hours above the weekly limits for certain circumstances, such as required training, before an IP's consumer's plan of care has been reviewed, and to meet consumer needs to avoid increased risk of institutionalization. Limits the percentage of hours worked above 40 hours per week to 8.75 percent of the total projected personal care hours for IPs each FY. Authorizes the Caseload Forecast Council to temporarily lift the 8.75 percent cap to a maximum of 10 percent if a higher percentage is necessitated by a shortage of IPs. Establishes the Joint Legislative-Executive Overtime Oversight Task Force and specifies membership. Requires the DSHS to regularly report information regarding IPs working overtime, overtime hours, and payment for overtime.</p>	Del to Gov

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7289

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 5458	Angel, Rolfes, Hasegawa	Concerning Health District Banking - Authorizes a health district (district) to act as custodian of funds, keep records of receipts and disbursements, and draw, honor, and pay all warrants and checks with the approval of the district board. Prohibits a county from charging for certain services it provides to a district that the district is authorized but chooses not to perform.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 5767	Cleveland, Benton, Honeyford	Revising Local Government Treasury Practices and Procedures - Modifies provisions relating to a county treasurer's (treasurer) authority to accept electronic payments and charge transaction processing costs, including authorizing treasurers to absorb fees associated with electronic payments for taxes, and interest and penalties associated with taxes. Modifies provisions that govern a local government's issuance of duplicate instruments evidencing indebtedness when one is lost or destroyed.	S Filed Sec/St
SSB 6284	Takko, Roach	Preventing Water-Sewer Districts from Prohibiting Multipurpose Fire Sprinkler Systems - Prevents a water-sewer district from prohibiting the use of multipurpose fire sprinkler systems for single family homes or townhouses or requiring a separate water meter or backflow preventer for multipurpose fire sprinkler systems.	S Filed Sec/St

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7841

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SSB 6531	Hargrove	Changing who the Department Of Corrections is Required to Supervise Based on the Current Offense and the Maximum Duration of Community Custody as Defined in Statute - Limits the time period during which the Department of Corrections may supervise an offender on community custody, by creating statutory maximum supervision periods, unless an exceptional sentence is imposed.	Del to Gov

STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7135

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 6170	Roach, Darneille, Benton	Providing for an Exemption from Disclosure of Certain Financial, Commercial, and Proprietary Information Held by a City Retirement Board on Behalf of its Employees' Retirement System - Exempts from public disclosure investment information in private funds held by a city retirement board, to the extent disclosure could result in financial loss to the retirement fund or to the provider of the information.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 6491	Pedersen, Roach	Concerning Apostille or Other Signature or Attestation Services by the Secretary of State - Authorizes the Secretary of State to attest to the authenticity of the signature of a public official within Washington or a notary public, with limited exceptions.	S Filed Sec/St

TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7301

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
SB 6196	McCoy, Ericksen	Modifying Administrative Processes for the Utilities and Transportation Commission in Managing Deposits and Cost Reimbursements of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council - Modifies requirements pertaining to deposits and other payments submitted to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council for the costs of application processing, site inspections, and compliance monitoring.	S Filed Sec/St
SB 6220	Brown, Angel, Braun	Promoting Economic Development by Maximizing the use of Federal Economic Development Funding Opportunities - Requires the Department of Commerce (Department) to track federal economic development funds and annually provide funding information to the economic development committees of the Legislature. Requires the Department to coordinate with federal and state public research facilities to leverage other economic development-related federal funding.	S Filed Sec/St

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7397

BILL NO.	PRIME SPONSORS	SUMMARY	SINE DIE STATUS
2ESHB 2778	Fey, Orcutt, Clibborn	Modifying Retail Sales and Use Tax Exemption Criteria for Certain Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicles - Modifies the retail sales and use tax exemption for certain clean alternative fuel and electrically powered vehicles by increasing the tax exemption threshold to a vehicle's base model Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP). Limits the retail sales and use tax exemption for all qualifying vehicles to the first \$32,000 of the selling price or total lease payments made. Modifies when vehicles must qualify for the exemption to approximately two months after the Department of Licensing determines that 7,500 vehicles eligible for the exemption have been titled in the state since July 15, 2015, with a qualification expiration backstop of June 30, 2019, if 7,500 qualifying vehicles have not been titled by then. Permits leased vehicles that qualified for the exemption before its expiration to continue to receive the tax exemption for all lease payments due through the life of the lease.	Del to Gov