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EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

786-7420

EHB 2159: REGARDING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STEM CAREER COURSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Maxwell

(SB 5975 Senator McAuliffe)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Allocates grants to high schools and skills centers to create three different STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs: (1) an aerospace assemblers program; (2) an enhanced manufacturing skills program; and (3) a program that will offer specialized courses in STEM careers.
- The one-time grants may be used to purchase course curriculum or equipment and support professional development for course teachers.
- The grant process is competitive, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction selects recipients based on several criteria.

HB 2160: REGARDING REVISED STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION INTEGRATING STEM KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Maxwell

(SB 5973 Senator Eide)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) to revise standards for teacher endorsement in elementary education; middle and secondary math and science; and other STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects.
- Requires PESB to revise assessments for prospective teachers and teachers adding subject-area endorsements, to measure the revised teacher certification standards.
- Requires PESB to revise teacher certificate renewal rules to include a specific focus on the integration of STEM subjects for teachers at the elementary and secondary levels in STEM-related subjects.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, HOUSING & INSURANCE

786-7408

**SSB 5988: MAKING IMPERATIVE CHANGES TO THE FORECLOSURE
FAIRNESS ACT TO ENSURE MEDIATORS' PARTICIPATION**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hobbs

(HB 2163 Representative Orwall)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Foreclosure Fairness Act (ESHB 1362) passed last session created a foreclosure mediation process. Prior to mediation, the mediator must have both parties sign a live witness waiver form which states a mediator may not be called in as live witness in any related foreclosure litigation.
- SSB 5988 places the language of this form into statute, eliminating the need for the form, and provides that in addition to the mediator's certification, any and all documents used in mediation may be considered admissible evidence in related foreclosure litigation.
- Foreclosure mediators who are employees or volunteers of a Dispute Resolution Center are immune from civil liability, except for in instances of willful or wanton misconduct.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

786-7432

ESSB 5969: CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OF MILITARY SPOUSES AFTER RELOCATION TO WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kilmer

(HB 2167 Representative Green)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Requires each professional authority responsible for licensing, certifying, registering or issuing a permit to perform a professional service in this state to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of a license, certificate, or permit to a person who meets established criteria.
- A person qualifies for an expedited license, certificate, permit or registration if that person is certified or licensed in another state to perform professional services; has a spouse who is the subject of a military transfer to Washington; and left employment in the other state to accompany the person's spouse to Washington.

HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

786-7414

SHB 2148: SUSPENDING ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS AND SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE OR AWAITING TRIAL ON CRIMINAL CHARGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Darneille

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is not required to conduct an annual examination of a person committed as a sexually violent predator during the time the person is either confined for a criminal conviction or is detained due to a criminal charge.
- During any period of time a committed person is confined for a criminal conviction or detained due to criminal charges, the person may not petition the court for conditional release or unconditional discharge.
- DSHS must initiate an examination of the committed person's mental condition upon the return of the person to DSHS custody.

WAYS & MEANS

786-7715

ESB 5974: INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS BY A NATIONAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS PROGRAM ON THE MASTER LIST OF POSTSECONDARY COURSES FULFILLED BY PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Tom

(HB 2158 Representative Springer)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Includes examinations by a national multidisciplinary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics program as a recognized college level proficiency examination that can be used to fulfill postsecondary credits.
- Institutions of higher education will include on their master list those postsecondary courses that can be satisfied by successful completion of these examinations.

SSJM 8009: REQUESTING RESPECTFULLY THE ADOPTION OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATES REMOTE COLLECTION AUTHORITY FOR REMOTE SALES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Regala

- The Main Street Fairness Act, the Market Place Fairness Act, and the Market Place Equity Act are each federal legislation that would allow states to require remote sellers to collect sales and use taxes from consumers.
- The memorial asks Washington's congressional delegation to join as cosponsors of these bills and to support their passage.
- It also asks congress to pass one of the bills and asks President Obama to sign the bills.

SHB 2058: MAKING 2011-2013 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunter

**Signed by the Governor/partial veto*

- Reduces state General Fund appropriations by \$323 million.
- Makes \$106 million in various fund transfers to the state General Fund.
- Combined with the \$51 million in additional projected revenue from SHB 2169 (unclaimed property), makes \$480 million in fiscal related actions to partially address the 2012 shortfall.

SHB 2131: DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO EVALUATIONS OF PERSONS UNDER THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dickerson

(SSB 5987 Senator Hargrove)

**Signed by the Governor*

- Delays implementation until July 2015 of one of the two changes to Involuntary Treatment Act commitment standards that was otherwise due to be effective January 1, 2012.
- Authority for courts and designated mental health professionals (DMHPs) to under certain circumstances commit a person for symptoms and behaviors that standing alone would not constitute grounds for commitment is delayed until July 2015.
- The requirement that DMHPs consider reasonably available information from family members, friends, neighbors, and other credible witnesses in determining whether to initially detain a person is effective January 1, 2012.

SHB 2169: MODIFYING THE UNIFORM UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hasegawa

(SB 5994 Senator Murray)

**Signed by the Governor*

- The Department of Revenue (DOR) is authorized to sell all securities received under the unclaimed property program as soon as practicable unless the securities are worthless, cannot be sold, or are not cost-effective to sell.
- Owners making a claim are entitled to the proceeds received from the sale of securities less administrative costs, or the return of the security if the DOR has not yet ordered the sale of the stock.

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