

## SIXTY SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

## THIRD DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, January 13, 2021

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Lovick presiding).

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

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

### INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 1168 by Representatives Springer, Kretz, Fitzgibbon, Griffey, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Ramos, Callan, Harris-Talley, Dent and Klicker

AN ACT Relating to long-term forest health and the reduction of wildfire dangers; amending RCW 76.06.200 and 76.06.150; adding new sections to chapter 76.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1169 by Representatives Goodman, Davis, Dolan, Simmons, Bateman, Lekanoff, Springer, Gregerson, Senn, Fitzgibbon, Ramos, Frame, Ramel, Peterson, Lovick, Ryu, Callan, Slatter, Duerr, Ormsby, Macri and Hackney

AN ACT Relating to sentencing enhancements; amending RCW 9.94A.599, 9.94A.729, 9.94A.729, 10.01.210, and 72.01.410; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.030 and 9.94A.533; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 9.94A.833 and 69.50.435; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1170 by Representatives Boehnke, Paul, Walsh, Kloba, Shewmake, Santos, Springer, Dolan, Dye, Graham, Leavitt, McCaslin, Young, Walen, Riccelli, Bateman, Lovick, Lekanoff, Eslick, Frame, Barkis, Sutherland, Robertson and Dent

AN ACT Relating to building economic strength through manufacturing; and adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1171 by Representatives Walen, Springer, Dolan and Lovick

AN ACT Relating to amending child support income withholding provisions to comply with federal child support program requirements; amending RCW 6.27.105, 6.27.140, 6.27.150, 6.27.330, 26.18.020, 26.18.080, 26.18.090, 26.18.110, 26.18.130, 26.18.140, 26.23.010, 26.23.050, 26.23.050, 26.23.060, 74.20A.080, 74.20A.240, and 74.20A.350; reenacting and amending RCW 26.23.090; repealing RCW 26.18.100; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1172 by Representatives Lekanoff, Kloba, Ramel, Leavitt, Davis, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Riccelli, Bateman, Gregerson and Duerr

AN ACT Relating to recognizing judicially affirmed and treaty-reserved fishing rights and promoting state-tribal cooperative agreements in the management of salmon, trout, and steelhead resources; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 77.110.010, 77.110.020, 77.110.030, 77.110.040, and 77.110.900.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks.

HB 1173 by Representatives Berry, Frame, Dolan and Lekanoff

AN ACT Relating to state lands development authorities; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

HB 1174 by Representatives Peterson, Simmons, Davis, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Ortiz-Self, Sells, Senn, Ryu, Wylie, Riccelli, Valdez, Orwall, Bateman, Gregerson, Lovick, Frame, Slatter, Ormsby and Macri

AN ACT Relating to the uniform electronic recordation of custodial interrogations act; reenacting and amending RCW 9.73.030; adding a new chapter to Title 10 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1175 by Representatives J. Johnson, Caldier, Callan, Young, Griffey, Sutherland, Harris-Talley, Ormsby and Fitzgibbon

AN ACT Relating to providing a property tax exemption for real property used as a host home associated with a host home program; amending RCW

84.69.020; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1176 by Representatives Paul, Boehnke, Kloba, Callan, Davis, Dolan, Riccelli, Bergquist, Lekanoff and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to access to higher education; and amending RCW 28A.635.060 and 28A.225.330.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1177 by Representatives Stokesbary, Dufault, Young, Walen, Barkis and Robertson

AN ACT Relating to periodic review of state spending programs; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1178 by Representatives Stokesbary, Dufault, Young, Kraft, Barkis and Robertson

AN ACT Relating to improving state budgeting through zero-based budget reviews; adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1179 by Representatives Stokesbary, Dufault, Young and Barkis

AN ACT Relating to fiscal notes; amending RCW 43.88A.010; adding a new section to chapter 43.88A RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1180 by Representatives Kraft and Sutherland

AN ACT Relating to public testimony at public meetings, including virtual meetings; amending RCW 42.30.020 and 42.30.070; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1181 by Representatives Orwall, Boehnke, Callan, Leavitt, Davis, Dolan, Valdez, Young, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Barkis, Peterson, Shewmake, Bronoske, Macri and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to establishing programs and measures to prevent suicide among veterans and military members; amending RCW 43.70.445; adding new sections to chapter 43.60A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.18 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.04

RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.41 RCW; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1182 by Representatives Orwall, Davis, Fey, Callan, Simmons, J. Johnson, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Senn, Valdez, Walen, Bateman, Gregerson, Bergquist, Lovick, Lekanoff, Goodman, Frame, Peterson, Paul, Slatter, Chopp, Duerr, Harris-Talley, Macri and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to statewide enhancement and expansion of behavioral health and suicide prevention crisis response services; amending RCW 71.24.045; reenacting and amending RCW 71.24.385, 71.24.025, and 71.24.025; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1183 by Representatives Caldier and J. Johnson

AN ACT Relating to creating the home sharing support grant program; amending RCW 36.22.179 and 36.22.1791; and adding a new section to chapter 43.185C RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1184 by Representatives Duerr, Ramel, Dolan and Harris-Talley

AN ACT Relating to risk-based water quality standards for on-site nonpotable water systems; and adding a new section to chapter 90.46 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1185 by Representatives Sutherland, Shewmake, Walsh, Eslick, Robertson and Dent

AN ACT Relating to providing discounted hunting licenses to seniors; amending RCW 77.32.450 and 77.32.460; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SCR 8401 by Senators Lias and Short

Establishing cutoff dates for the consideration of legislation during the 2021 regular session of the sixty-seventh legislature.

There being no objection, the bills and resolution listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401 which was read the first time, and under suspension of the rules, was placed on the second reading calendar.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted President of the Senate Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck to his seat on the Rostrum.

The Speaker called upon President Heck to preside.

### STATE OF THE STATE

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Heck, called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

President Heck: "The purpose of the Joint Session is to receive the state of the state message from His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee."

His Excellency Governor Jay Inslee was introduced.

"Good afternoon, and thank you for joining us today. I am so appreciative of this chance to serve again. We are embarking on a historic third term and a historic legislative session.

So let's talk straight. The last year has been challenging in ways none of us have ever experienced. It's the kind of moment where we are called upon to dig deep, to work together, and to be resourceful like never before. And Washingtonians are answering that call.

At the end of this legislative session alone, we will be able to say our state is more equitable. A state with more opportunities for careers and affordable housing. A state that is more committed to fighting climate change than ever before.

We have big challenges that demand we take big steps. We are not going back to normal. We are going forward towards a new normal. We are on a path in this legislative session to a more just normal, a healthier normal. And we're not just talking about the pandemic.

These halls may look empty, but when you scratch the surface, there's a robust and incredible story about Washingtonians that is still unfolding. I've been honored to be your governor for the past eight years, which have been part of the story that brought us here.

We're already looking to the future. The aftermath of 2020 alone demands it. More than 3,500 Washingtonians have lost their lives to this pandemic. Many thousands more continue to struggle on their path to recovery from this virus. Families, business owners, workers and students have been through so much. And there is still a palpable anxiety in the air. However, beneath it all are the ingredients of relief, of recovery and of resilience.

And no matter what has come our way, I am confident, because Washingtonians have risen to the challenge. We have seen remarkable heroism, diligence, and a stalwart commitment in our frontline workers. And we have seen it in all Washingtonians who know they are safer when every one of us is healthy. Washington state is a resilient state. We know how to recover. And this is just not going to stop Washington state's eternal march of progress to a more just and equitable community.

You know, a new year is often when this building's marble corridors come to life with civic discourse. But the last eight years were pre-pandemic. When I first took the oath of office, with Trudi nearby, there was pretty much no elbow room in this rotunda. It was the same in the House chamber four years later. We miss those shared experiences now. And in this era of the internet, we no longer share common sources of truth as we once did. But this pandemic is as big as any shared experience. It gives each of us our own struggles. But a common challenge. Everyone has a COVID story. Even if they or their loved ones were never infected. Everyone has their place in this struggle. We cannot consider ourselves alone in these challenges.

We all share a thirst for more justice. The police-citizen violence we saw in 2020 alone has traumatized the nation. And we need not only conversations but action. Action on truths that have been overlooked for far too long. Our collective consciousness is at a crescendo. Let's ride that wave, head-first. Let's recognize our opportunities for growth, even in these dark times.

We will incorporate equity into how our laws are applied and how our institutions are run, including independent investigations and prosecutions. We owe it to countless Washingtonians who live with the realities of racial injustice every day. And who are less free because of it. So we'll be working to incorporate an equity lens into health care, jobs, education, pollution, and more.

So progress is what we're known for. When I first took the oath in 2013, our state was trying to rebound from the Great Recession. In 2017, my second term began in the midst of one of the strongest economic booms for any state in the nation. Three years later, the COVID-19 pandemic jarred our progress. The pandemic affected our health and our freedoms.

In Washington state, we know how to succeed. We've proven it. So why not do it again? It's time to take back the torch of progress. Our careers, our dreams, our lives; we are getting back on track.

Washington state has continued to lead during the coronavirus pandemic. Together, we have listened to the public health experts. We've worn masks, kept our distance from one another, and we know that has allowed us to bend the curve of this deadly virus down. And let's be real clear about this - because of these actions, we have saved countless lives in Washington through what we've done together. And that's not just the lives of COVID patients, but for anyone who has ongoing medical needs, because everyone's health is at risk in a pandemic. So these life-saving efforts will continue. We will not yield from that commitment.

And we know our state's economy is poised to recover. And what we do now, in the next four years, will shape the future for generations of Washingtonians. Our leaders in the

business community proved their mettle in these tough times. Like employee owned Superfeet, a company in Ferndale. They make insoles and footwear, but when COVID hit, they announced they would use their expertise in 3D printing to make 30,000 pieces of personal protective equipment. Then, they blew right passed that estimate. And they made close to 50,000 respirator hoods for their local hospital network and others nationwide. Then they supplied 450,000 medical gowns to health facilities. This kind of entrepreneurial leadership has happened in communities across our state.

We want community-minded entrepreneurs to continue to pursue their dreams in this new world. And we're going to keep helping them. It's why I want to wave increases in the unemployment tax on businesses that never foresaw the mass layoffs that came with this pandemic. While fighting the federal government for more funds and working with the Legislature early to get more money into people's pockets.

Now, we will have come together if we're going to do right by the people suffering most in these times.

That's why we're going to keep supporting small businesses with every resource at our disposal. And when workers lose pay because they're sick or laid off, we're going to help them see them through their struggles. We don't want to see those problems spiral. We're going to get these businesses open. Eventually, we're going to get people back to work. And in the meantime, we are preparing for that day when we can fully reopen the economy. Because at the end of the day, Washington, we know we're not alone. We have each other.

It's in Washingtonians like Cindy Franck, a registered nurse at St. Michael Medical Center in Bremerton. She's on the front lines of our society's struggle against COVID. She and her colleagues didn't know what to expect when COVID first hit, but they've been fighting ever since. Even being shorthanded when dozens of her colleagues were out due to COVID quarantine, she kept working, night and day, caring for a floor of 28 patients with limited staffing.

We have to take care of our medical professionals so they can take care of others. Our wellbeing is at the heart of what makes us free.

We don't want them to be alone. We need to be in solidarity with them. That's why my administration is committed to serving them and reimagining public health for the future. We're going to remove politics from our public health system and make sure local health professionals can focus on people's well-being.

And we know all of our frontline and essential workers have been heroes in this effort – grocery clerks, bus drivers, teachers who are already back in the classroom, and educators who have shown such innovation in remote learning. We're going to make sure people like Cindy will get the resources they need to provide these essential services to all.

You know, we knew before the pandemic, and it's even more important now, that our state's behavioral health system, we knew is outdated. Behavioral health is health care and supporting the wellness and health of Washingtonians is crucial. The impacts of the pandemic demand we improve this system.

So we're going to make sure people have access to jobs by strengthening the new approaches to career training we

know work. The old way of doing things limited people's pathways to jobs. My administration has created more pathways to better livelihoods through our Career Connect program.

More Washingtonians will have stories like Leela Cohen, who participated in Career Connect and will soon get her certified medical assistant credential. She's already working in a Kaiser Permanente clinic in Bothell right now. Where she's needed and much appreciated.

Career Connect helps people like her find opportunity when pathways seem closed. So it's for anybody regardless of age or where they're at in their studies or job search. And Leela's not done yet. She wants to continue to advance her career in the medical profession, and one day open her own clinic.

And we want all our children to have a career. Not just those who go to college. That's why we need Career Connect.

And that includes our young people. We're going to get students back into the classroom. And make sure it's in a safe and a healthy setting for everyone. And we're going to keep at some of the glaring disparities in our education system. We'll continue expanding early childhood education. We are not going to go backwards. We will continue our student financial aid commitments. The most generous in the country. As long as I'm governor, we're going to keep our commitments so that more people can earn degrees, certificates or apprenticeships to get into great jobs and careers.

And I'm looking forward to working with you to remediate the impacts our students have suffered because of this pandemic. This is hard on young people. No one knows that better than our parents and our educators. I know no one today has a single answer. But we just have to provide the support these students need. Whether it's academics, mental health, or nutrition.

Now, there are more issues important to our health as well. We live in a time of great housing insecurity. Tenants and small landlords are facing unprecedented economic challenges. At the same time, home prices continue rising. Keeping quality and affordability for housing elusive for far too many Washingtonians.

That means too many people in Washington state are living in fear of homelessness. We should stand in solidarity with people who live in unsafe or inadequate housing, because we know our fellow Washingtonians are more likely to succeed when they have stable housing.

Whether it's a commitment to our youth who are experiencing homelessness. Or providing mental health or chemical addiction treatment. We're committed to addressing these obvious challenges.

We cannot let the short-term crisis of COVID-19 blind us to the long-term health cataclysm that is climate change. Pollution and climate change also hurt our health. From respiratory diseases to new infectious vectors, to threats from natural disasters directly linked to a changing planet. There was no shortage of evidence for that certainly in 2020. It was one of the worst wildfire seasons on record. Fueled by blazes of an intensity previously unseen by our firefighters. In places in the west like Bonney Lake; to the east in Malden, where 80 percent of the town's buildings were destroyed. And where recovery continues. Both the

virus and climate change have fatal results. Both can be solved through science and our own ingenuity. And we can and we will pursue solutions to both at the same time.

Washington's roaring economy of the last eight years was built on innovation in technology, aviation, agriculture, and clean energy. But climate change threatens to unmake the state that we know and love. From the growing number and intensity of our wildfires to the acidification of our waters and the loss of our snowpack. Which can hit our communities with the double whammy of flooding early in the year followed by drought. So climate change is creating extremes we know that cannot be denied or ignored if we are going to continue to prosper in this great state.

So we are going to recommit ourselves to the cause of environmental justice as well. To address the suffering of disenfranchised communities that have taken the brunt of the immediate impacts of pollution. We're going to see to it that the future of our economy is bright. Led by a clean and renewable energy sector. Our air will be healthier to breathe. Our waters will not be acidified. And during this time, we will create boatloads of jobs. Machinists, engineers, electricians, carpenters, they all have a role to play. So we will have more people making good family wage jobs and we will have a safer, healthier and sustainable environment for our posterity.

Now we know this has been led by the Washington business owners. The Seattle Kraken are building an all-green arena and practice facilities. They'll have the first carbon-neutral hockey arena in the world – covering 94,000 square feet. And Washingtonians made this economic and environmental victory a reality. When you see this stunning building, you're going to see that we can save our environment and prosper at the same time.

You know, moments of great stress reveal things in people. And the people of Washington have shown their strength. We have what it takes to get through these times. We have a tried and true competency for leading change. As we eventually move beyond the coronavirus pandemic, life itself will be different. But we will have more control over our future. So we should embrace what we've learned together. Because we have a choice. We can do things the old ways that we know didn't work, or we can embrace and unleash the knowledge we already have that can accelerate Washington's dynamic future.

Now, the pandemic has also revealed this - the pandemic has had disproportionate impacts on people of color. From health care to business, labor and education. If we can't help more people, fewer of us will enjoy the blessings of freedom.

Our Latino communities were disproportionately exposed to COVID-19. Our Black communities have demanded equal justice for generations. Yet our systems still haven't addressed it. We have work ahead of us in the next four years. To undo the racial inequities that remain in our economy, in our democracy, and in our systems of law and justice.

So in conclusion, our place in the world as Washingtonians will be remembered by what we start to build here and now in the next several months. Lincoln said it best, he said that "the fiery trial through which we pass, will light us down, in honor or dishonor, to the latest generation." And I have total confidence this generation of Washingtonians will take their place in history's hall of

honor. I know this deeply because we are vested with a commitment to change, and constant improvement in our state. So let this new era be a time that lifts our hearts. That renews our dreams and ambitions. And that lets us, as Washingtonians, finally embrace the future we've been building up to so far. We all share this struggle. And we should also reap its benefits. Out of the darkness and anxiety of 2020, will come the relief of a new era. Our recovery will be robust and more equitable.

Last year reminded us what matters. Love for our families, our communities, and each other. And we will go forward, Washington, because we are resilient, we are in solidarity, and at the end of the day, we have each other.

Thank you."

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

With the consent of the body, the President dissolved the Joint Session.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted the President of the Senate from the House Chamber.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., January 14, 2021, the 4th Legislative Day of the Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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