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AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, January 30, 2023

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was approved.

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5023 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, J.: Concerning roadside safety measures. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5041 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Concerning compliance with federal motor carrier safety administration requirements for the drug and alcohol clearinghouse. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5047 Prime Sponsor, Senator Saldaña: Enhancing the Washington voting rights act. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5047 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Dozier and Fortunato.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5093 Prime Sponsor, Senator Rolfes: Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5093 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Lovick; Trudeau and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5104 Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Surveying Puget Sound marine shoreline habitat. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Stanford and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Short and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5120 Prime Sponsor, Senator Dhingra: Establishing 23-hour crisis relief centers in Washington state. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5120 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Randall and Van De Wege.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Padden.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5129 Prime Sponsor, Senator MacEwen: Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Lovick; Short; Trudeau and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5133 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Modifying the

responsible bidder criteria for public works projects. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5133 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Dozier and Fortunato.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Wilson, J., Ranking Member.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5143 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Changing the name and membership of the commission on pesticide registration. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5143 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Salomon, Vice Chair and Rolfes.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5166 Prime Sponsor, Senator Boehnke: Reauthorizing the business and occupation tax deduction for cooperative finance organizations. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Lovick; Short; Trudeau and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5192 Prime Sponsor, Senator Shewmake: Authorizing administrative law judges to substitute for pollution control hearings board members in deciding derelict vessel appeals. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5207 Prime Sponsor, Senator Billig: Concerning campaign contributions by controlled entities. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5207 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Fortunato.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Wilson, J., Ranking Member and Dozier.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5251 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Streamlining the licensing process for a commercial driver's license by allowing the department to waive requirements for applicants that previously surrendered the license, allowing the license to be renewed online, and modifying the license test fees. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5268 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hasegawa: Addressing equity and efficiencies in public works procurement including modifying small works roster requirements. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5268 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5272 Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Concerning speed safety camera systems on state highways. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5272 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5274 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Expanding eligibility in certain public employment positions for lawful permanent residents. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by

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MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Dozier and Fortunato.

SB 5322 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

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SB 5277 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, L.: Extending tax preferences for dairy, fruit and vegetable, and seafood processors. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Short; Wagoner and Warnick.

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MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Stanford.

SB 5330 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Concerning the Washington pesticide application act. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

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SB 5287 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, J.: Concerning a study on the recycling of wind turbine blades. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Lovick; Short; Trudeau and Wellman.

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Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SB 5341 Prime Sponsor, Senator Muzzall: Creating a location-based branding and promotion program for Washington food and agricultural products. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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SB 5292 Prime Sponsor, Senator Randall: Addressing the access of certain aquatic lands by a public transportation benefit area. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Short; Stanford and Wagoner.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Rolfes; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5317 Prime Sponsor, Senator Nobles: Concerning the removal of vehicles by a regional transit authority when obstructing the operation of high capacity transportation vehicles or jeopardizing public safety. Reported by Committee on Transportation

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SB 5342 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kauffman: Concerning transit agencies' ability to enter into interlocal agreements for procurement. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5317 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Shewmake, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Cleveland; Fortunato; Hawkins; Kauffman; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Padden; Randall; Valdez; Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5421 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Exempting benefit enrollment information collected and maintained by the health care authority from public inspection and copying under the public records act. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5490 Prime Sponsor, Senator Rolfes: Concerning health care coverage for retired or disabled employees denied coverage for failure to timely notify the authority of their intent to defer coverage. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5497 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, L.: Concerning medicaid expenditures. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Robinson, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Conway; Dhingra; Padden; Randall and Van De Wege.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5508 Prime Sponsor, Senator Short: Promoting local agriculture through greenhouses. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

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

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SCR 8402 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Renaming the Natural Resources Building as the Jennifer Belcher Building. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8402 be substituted therefor, and the substitute concurrent resolution do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9127 KATHLEEN DREW, reappointed on February 25, 2021, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Lovick; Short; Trudeau and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9320 MILTON DOUMIT, reappointed on January 3, 2023, for the term ending January 1, 2029, as Member of the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Nguyen, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; MacEwen, Ranking Member; Boehnke; Lovick; Short; Trudeau and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the fifth order of business.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5612 by Senator Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to modifying the sales and use tax for cultural access programs by allowing the tax to be imposed by a councilmanic or commission authority and defining timelines and priorities for action; amending RCW 82.14.525; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5613 by Senators Lovelett, Wagoner, Shewmake, Rivers, Van De Wege, Boehnke, Muzzall and Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to rural public facilities sales and use tax; and amending RCW 82.14.370.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5614 by Senators Saldaña and Nguyen

AN ACT Relating to adult entertainment establishments; amending RCW 9A.88.010, 9A.88.030, 9A.88.030, and 49.17.470; adding a new section to chapter 49.17 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5615 by Senator Valdez

AN ACT Relating to enabling local governments to plan and adopt programs to stabilize and control rents; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 35.21.830 and 36.01.130.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5616 by Senator Valdez

AN ACT Relating to increasing access and representation in policy-making processes for people with direct lived experience; adding a new section to chapter 43.06D RCW;

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adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5617 by Senators Wellman and Nguyen

AN ACT Relating to facilitating course equivalency agreements between skill centers and school districts; amending RCW 28A.230.097, 28A.300.236, and 28A.320.208; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.700.070; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.245 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5618 by Senators Kuderer and Wellman

AN ACT Relating to increasing the local property tax revenue growth limit; amending RCW 84.55.005, 84.55.0101, and 84.55.100; creating new sections; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5619 by Senators Liias and Boehnke

AN ACT Relating to establishing a cybersecurity governance framework within state government; reenacting and amending RCW 38.52.040; adding a new section to chapter 43.105 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5620 by Senators Liias and Boehnke

AN ACT Relating to line extension tariffs for electric vehicle charging infrastructure; adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5621 by Senators Muzzall and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to protecting workers displaced as a result of finfish aquaculture facility closures; and amending RCW 50.04.075.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5622 by Senator Torres

AN ACT Relating to the transfer of alternate water rights and water rights for municipal water supply purposes; amending RCW 90.44.100; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5623 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to modifying an element of the offense of hate crime and classifying a hate crime as crimes against persons; and amending RCW 9A.36.080 and 9.94A.411.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5624 by Senators Dhingra, Kuderer, Nguyen, Saldaña, Lovelett and Wellman

AN ACT Relating to implementing the recommendations of the substance use recovery services advisory committee; amending RCW 69.50.4011, 69.50.4013, 69.41.030, 84.36.043, 69.50.4121, 36.70A.200, and 71.24.590; reenacting and amending RCW 13.34.030; adding a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 26.12 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5625 by Senators Liias and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to public employee retirees; amending RCW 41.50.110, 41.40.660, and 41.26.030; and adding new sections to chapter 41.50 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5626 by Senators Liias and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to expanding and enhancing media literacy and digital citizenship in K-12 education; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

SB 5627 by Senator Hunt

AN ACT Relating to salaries for county commissioners and councilmembers; and amending RCW 36.17.024.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 5628 by Senators Torres, Rivers and Muzzall

AN ACT Relating to the preservation of water rights for farmland and economic development; amending RCW 90.66.040 and 90.66.065; and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5629 by Senators Conway, Dhingra and Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to hepatitis B and hepatitis C screening and health care services; and adding a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5630 by Senators Lovick and Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to calculating the provider rate for certain community residential services; adding a new section to chapter 71A.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5631 by Senators Torres and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to requiring state agencies to clearly identify programs and services which accept applicants with deferred action for childhood arrival status; adding a new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 5632 by Senator Keiser

AN ACT Relating to protecting the health care of workers exercising their right to participate in a labor dispute; adding a new section to chapter 49.64 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5633 by Senators Conway and Van De Wege

AN ACT Relating to physician assistant collaborative practice; amending RCW 18.71A.020, 18.71A.025, 18.71A.030, 18.71A.050, 18.71A.090, 18.71A.120, 18.71A.130, 18.71A.150, 10.77.175, 18.71.030, 7.68.030, 51.04.030, 51.28.100, 71.05.020, 71.05.215, 71.05.217, 71.05.585, 71.32.110, 71.32.140, 71.32.250, 71.34.020, 71.34.755, and 74.09.497; reenacting and amending RCW 18.71A.010, 69.50.101, 71.05.760, 71.34.750, and 71.34.750; adding new sections to chapter 18.71A RCW; creating a new section; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and providing contingent expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5634 by Senators Conway and Keiser

AN ACT Relating to problem gambling; amending RCW 41.05.750, 67.70.340, 82.04.285, 82.04.286, and 9.46.071; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

SB 5635 by Senators Braun and Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to enhancing victims' rights; amending RCW 7.69.030; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SCR 8403 by Senators Pedersen and Short

Honoring former members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington who have passed from this life.

HB 1030 by Representatives Leavitt, Jacobsen, Pollet, Reeves and Bronoske

AN ACT Relating to applied doctorate degree-granting authority; adding a new section to chapter 28B.35 RCW; and repealing RCW 28B.35.215, 28B.35.216, and 28B.35.218.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

HB 1031 by Representatives Low, Ryu, Schmidt, Christian, Reeves and Ramos

AN ACT Relating to the medal of valor award presentation; and amending RCW 1.60.030.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SHB 1101 by House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Taylor, Bergquist, Ramel and Gregerson)

AN ACT Relating to tenant screening in common interest communities; adding a new section to chapter 64.32 RCW;

adding a new section to chapter 64.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 64.38 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 64.90 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

HB 1179 by Representatives Ramos, Goodman, Leavitt, Ryu, Ortiz-Self, Bateman, Taylor, Callan and Macri

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the state auditor to receive nonconviction data; and amending RCW 10.97.050 and 43.101.460.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8403 which was placed on the Second Reading Calendar pursuant to Senate Rule 59.

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the eighth order of business.

MOTION

Senator Torres moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8612

By Senators Torres, Dhingra, and L. Wilson.

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a horrendous crime that harms thousands of adults and children across the United States, as well as their families and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking subjects men, women, and children in the United States to forced labor, debt bondage, document servitude, and sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, President Obama designated the month of January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, to advocate for legislation to protect survivors and punish offenders, educate leaders, and raise awareness on ways the public can combat human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, victimizing vulnerable populations by force or coercion; and

WHEREAS, Washington ranks thirteenth among the states for active cases in federal courts for human trafficking cases; and

WHEREAS, Reports show Washington is a prime location for human trafficking, due to its long international border, major seaports and airports, vast and remote rural areas, dependence on agriculture, and major cross-state freeways; and

WHEREAS, Recently Port of Seattle commissioners and Alaska and Delta Airlines signed a pledge to help combat human trafficking by promoting awareness and training employees at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to look for and recognize traffickers and their victims; and

WHEREAS, Reports from the United States National Center for Missing and Exploited Children show a 98.66 percent increase of online enticement reports in 2020 compared to 2019, due to greater online presence among students; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section reports that twelve years old is the average age of entry into sex trade and pornography; and

WHEREAS, A report by the Modern Slavery Research Project found that one in five youth experiencing homelessness has been

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a victim of sex or labor trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking has been a particularly prevalent concern as of late in Seattle, the Yakima Valley, and Tri-Cities; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Internet Crimes Against Children task force, which dates to 1998, is part of a nationwide effort and works with law enforcement agencies statewide to fight human traffickers; and

WHEREAS, Washington's attorney general maintains a website intended to serve as a hub for victims of human trafficking, with the address of watraffickinghelp.org; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Washington was the first state to pass a law criminalizing human trafficking and continues to have the most stringent law in the country; and

WHEREAS, January serves as an ideal time to renew efforts to increase awareness of human trafficking, and understanding of how to identify and deter this scourge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the importance of education regarding and awareness of the issue of human trafficking and the state and federal resources available to support victims.

Senators Torres and McCune spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8612.

The motion by Senator Torres carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

At 12:39 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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