

TWENTY THIRD DAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

2024 REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY THIRD DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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

Pursuant to Rule 46, on motion of Senator Pedersen, and without objection, the standing committees were granted special leave to continue to meet during the day's floor session.

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

There being no objection, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5816 Prime Sponsor, Senator Van De Wege: Concerning alcohol server permits. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen and Schoesler.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5818 Prime Sponsor, Senator Van De Wege: Authorizing an exemption to the seashore conservation area for a qualified infrastructure project. 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; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5894 Prime Sponsor, Senator Nobles: Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5894 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen; MacEwen and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5903 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, C.: Concerning representation in the educator preparation act. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5945 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning manufacturer and new dealer franchise agreements. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5980 Prime Sponsor, Senator Keiser: Concerning the timeline for issuing a citation for a violation of the Washington industrial safety and health act. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5980 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen and Stanford.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6020 Prime Sponsor, Senator Muzzall: Establishing a Puget Sound nonspot shrimp pot fishery license. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6020 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6031 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6056 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Training requirements for human trafficking. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6056 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Saldaña, Vice Chair.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6062 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to lease trust assets for the benefit of trust beneficiaries and the state. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6062 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Wagoner and Warnick.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6085 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Reestablishing the underground economy task force. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and MacEwen.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6088 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning minor league baseball players subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement regarding employment status. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6105 Prime Sponsor, Senator Saldaña: Creating safer working conditions in adult entertainment establishments. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6105 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and MacEwen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6108 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Addressing retainage on private construction projects. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6108 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6123 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Adjusting classified school employee salaries. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 6179 Prime Sponsor, Senator MacEwen: Concerning the use of biometric age verification by liquor licensees. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6179 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice

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Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

Natural Resources & Parks

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6281 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

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SB 6192 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Addressing additional work and change orders on public and private construction projects. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6192 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; Hansen; MacEwen; Schoesler and Stanford.

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SJR 8208 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wagoner: Enshrining the right to hunt and fish in the state Constitution. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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

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SB 6256 Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Providing solar consumer protections. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

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

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6256 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Keiser, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Hansen and Stanford.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9251 JOSEPH R. MARONEY, appointed on October 3, 2022, for the term ending July 15, 2025, as Member of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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SB 6264 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6264 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hawkins, Ranking Member; Dozier; Hunt; McCune; Mullet and Pedersen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9378 KALEEN COTTINGHAM, appointed on July 17, 2023, for the term ending July 15, 2027, as Member of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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SB 6278 Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Promoting organic agriculture. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Stanford and Warnick.

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6278 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Liias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 6281 Prime Sponsor, Senator Van De Wege: Investing in reforestation efforts following landscape-scale forest disturbances. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water,

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SGA 9438 MICHAEL S. SHIOSAKI, reappointed on January 1, 2024, for the term ending December 31, 2026, as Member of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. Reported by Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Muzzall, Ranking Member; Van De Wege, Chair; Salomon, Vice Chair; Lias; Shewmake; Short; Stanford; Wagoner and Warnick.

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 fourth order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

January 29, 2024

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed:

- HOUSE BILL NO. 1895,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1917,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1920,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1939,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1955,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 1961,
- SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 2015,
- HOUSE BILL NO. 2111,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed:

- ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1964,
- BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

and the same is herewith transmitted.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6311 by Senator Mullet

AN ACT Relating to using savings that are the result of extraordinary investment returns in the state's pension systems to fund transportation projects; adding a new section to chapter 41.45 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1895 by Representatives Thai, Connors, Corry, Ryu, Ortiz-Self, Ramel, Ormsby, Doglio, Fosse, Orwall, Paul, Reeves, Lekanoff, Tharinger and Riccelli; by request of Department of Revenue

AN ACT Relating to modifying the working families' tax credit by clarifying the refundable nature of the credit, the application requirements, and the eligibility verification process; reenacting and amending RCW 82.08.0206; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1917 by Representatives Leavitt, Ybarra, Ryu, Volz, Schmidt, Christian, Slatter, Bateman, Chambers, Reeves, Reed, Graham, Simmons, Jacobsen, Timmons, Macri, Gregerson, Caldier, Tharinger, Nance, Riccelli, Harris and Shavers

AN ACT Relating to the physician assistant compact; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

HB 1920 by Representatives Robertson, Reeves, Ryu and Graham

AN ACT Relating to modifying the public accountancy act; amending RCW 18.04.015, 18.04.025, 18.04.105, 18.04.180, 18.04.183, 18.04.195, 18.04.205, 18.04.215, 18.04.295, 18.04.345, 18.04.350, 18.04.380, 18.04.390, 18.04.405, and 18.04.430; and decodifying RCW 18.04.910 and 18.04.911.

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

SHB 1939 by House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce (originally sponsored by Representatives Orwall, Rule, Leavitt, Slatter, Bateman, Reed, Jacobsen, Callan, Macri, Donaghy, Doglio, Goodman, Reeves, Riccelli, Shavers and Hackney)

AN ACT Relating to adopting the social work licensure compact; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; creating a new section; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

HB 1955 by Representatives Barnard, Doglio, Ramos, Reeves and Hackney; by request of Department of Commerce

AN ACT Relating to repealing the greenhouse gas content disclosure provision; amending RCW 19.405.020; and repealing RCW 19.405.070.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

HB 1961 by Representatives Low, Walen, Leavitt, Eslick, Sandlin, Paul, Couture, Ramel, Ramos, Bateman, Graham, Cheney, Riccelli, Pollet and Shavers

AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty in the first degree; and reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SHB 2015 by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Schmick, Ryu, Reed, Ormsby, Callan, Macri, Doglio, Lekanoff, Reeves and Tharinger)

AN ACT Relating to incentivizing adult family homes to increase bed capacity to seven or eight beds; amending RCW 70.128.066 and 70.128.070; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

HB 2111 by Representatives Nance, Senn, Simmons, Callan, Tharinger, Lekanoff, Wylie and Reeves

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AN ACT Relating to clarifying requirements for subsidized child care; amending RCW 43.216.1368, 43.216.1364, and 43.216.145; reenacting and amending RCW 43.216.136; adding new sections to chapter 43.216 RCW; recodifying RCW 43.216.136, 43.216.1364, 43.216.1368, 43.216.139, 43.216.141, 43.216.143, 43.216.145, 43.216.730, and 43.216.749; and repealing RCW 43.216.725 and 43.216.137.

and nation, and NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognize and commend the National Conference of State Legislatures for their superb leadership and their commitment to the legislative institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate of the state of Washington is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

Senator Wilson, C. moved adoption of the following resolution:

Senator Wilson, C. spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution. The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8662.

The motion by Senator Wilson, C. carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Ms. Holly South, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Liaison to Washington, who was seated in the north gallery.

SENATE RESOLUTION
8662

By Senators C. Wilson, Kuderer, J. Wilson, Lovick, Nobles, Billig, Boehnke, Cleveland, and Wellman

The President noted that on this day, January 30, in 1854, the first members of the newly established Territorial Assembly were elected in Washington Territory. On that date, a Territorial Delegate was elected to Congress, nine members to the Territorial Council; and eighteen members to the Territorial House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

EDITOR'S NOTE: Washington became a Territory in March, 1853. Shortly after his arrival in November of 1853, the first Territorial Governor Isaac Stevens proclaimed Olympia the temporary Territorial Capitol of Washington Territory and called for elections of Territorial representatives.

WHEREAS, It was created from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

Gov. Stevens' proclamation established the number of seats in each of the two houses and set the date of the election for January 30, 1854, a Monday. The census undertaken of the newly established Territory determined the population of the area to be 3,965 persons of which 1,682 were eligible voters in 1854.

WHEREAS, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: To advance the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

MOTION

WHEREAS, Our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges, and state legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds, representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground, and NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, states,

At 12:39 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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