

## TWENTY SIXTH DAY

## MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia  
Friday, February 2, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 9 o'clock a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all senators were present.

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Mr. Satchel Black and Mr. Nolan Gaskill, presented the Colors.

Page Mr. Aiden Jugueta led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer was offered by Reverend Mary Gear of Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

## MOTIONS

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 third order of business.

## MESSAGE FROM OTHER STATE OFFICERS

The following reports were submitted to and received by the office of the Secretary of the Senate:

**Commerce, Department of** - "*Washington State's Path in the Global Aerospace Race; AeroNex: Empowering Collaboration and Innovation in Aerospace Executive Summary*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693; "*Washington State's Path in the Global Aerospace Race; AeroNex: Empowering Collaboration and Innovation in Aerospace*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693; "*Clean Buildings Legislative Report*", pursuant to 19.27A.220 RCW; "*Creative Washington; Growing and Strengthening the Creative Economy*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693;

**Enterprise Services, Department of** - "*Electric Vehicle Support Equipment Installation Using Transportation Budget Funding Interim Report June 2023 - January 2024 Letter of Transmittal*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125; "*Electric Vehicle Support Equipment Installation Using Transportation Budget Funding Interim Report June 2023 - January 2024*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125;

**Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities** - "*State Policy Action Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities, 2024 Update*", pursuant to 43.20.280 RCW;

**Health Care Authority** - "*Foundational Community Supports (FCS); Housing Subsidies*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Medicaid Funding Options for Clinical Training Programs; Envisioning a Statewide Program for GME and Post-Graduate APP Training*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Rates Established for Ancillary Charges During Hospital Administrative Days*", in accordance with Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5103; "*Diabetes Epidemic and Action Report*", pursuant to 70.330.020 RCW; "*Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Pilot Program*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill

No. 5187 and pursuant to 71.24.589 RCW; "*Apple Health and Homes; Program Launch Plan*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1866; "*Community Health Worker Grant Program Update; Initial Report*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Behavioral Health Emergency Response and Coordination Services Pilot; Implementing Effective, Integrated, and Coordinated Services*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693 and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Statewide SUD Prevalence and Cross-Sector Interactions: Inventory of Data and Reporting Capabilities Preliminary Report*", in accordance with Second Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5536; "*Create and Expand Housing Supports for Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Safe Supply Work Group Preliminary Report*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Intensive Outpatient and Partial Hospitalization Services Progress Report*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187; "*Substance Use and Recovery Services Plan*", in accordance with Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5476 71.24.546 RCW;

**Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Washington Association of** - "*Status of Sexual Assault Kits Biannual Report*", pursuant to 5.70.060 RCW;

**Transportation, Department of** - "*Diesel Fuel Price Hedging FY 2023*", pursuant to 47.60.830 RCW; "*Tort Judgements and Settlements Pertaining to WSF and non-WSF Operations, FY 2024 Qtrs 1 & 2*", in accordance with Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125;

**Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine** - "*Elk Hoof Disease Annual Report 2023*", pursuant to 77.12.272 RCW.

## MOTION

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

## INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

**SB 6313** by Senator Torres

AN ACT Relating to changing the use of funds for the Seattle Sounders FC special license plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.68.420; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

**SB 6314** by Senator Nobles

AN ACT Relating to instruction on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history in public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

**SB 6315** by Senator Robinson

AN ACT Relating to benefits available to retirees of the state's retirement systems; amending RCW 41.32.4992, 41.40.1987, and 41.05.085; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

#### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

SHB 1880 by House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business (originally sponsored by Representatives McClintock, Duerr, Ryu, Leavitt, Waters, Reed, Cheney and Reeves)

AN ACT Relating to architecture licensing examinations; amending RCW 18.08.360; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

#### MOTIONS

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.

#### MOTION

Senator Nobles moved adoption of the following resolution:

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 8666

By Senators Nobles, Hansen, Stanford, Hasegawa, Lovick, Keiser, Dhingra, Billig, and Lovelett

WHEREAS, Reverend Gregory Christopher, Doctor of Ministry and Senior Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington, for 24 years will retire in 2024 with his wife, Evelyn Christopher. Under Reverend Christopher's guidance, Shiloh Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope and service to the community, touching the lives of thousands; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher was born in Chicago, Illinois, but grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. Reverend Christopher announced his calling to the Ministry under the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Lonnie Brown, at The Body of Christ Christian Church in Tacoma, Washington, in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher is a graduate of A.L. Hardy Academy of Theology, where he pursued and received a Doctor of Ministry, as well as a Master of Theology. He was licensed by the Body of Christ Christian Church in 1989, ordained by the Body of Christ Christian Church in 1990, and ordained by Shiloh Baptist Church in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher's leadership has reached beyond the walls of Shiloh Baptist Church. His service has extended to where the city and state need it most, providing a space for community convening and healing. He is currently working on building 60 low-income apartments on the church property while, in the meantime, housing houseless men in the church; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher is an At-Large Board Member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and a member of the Tacoma Pierce County Black Collective. Previous posts he has held include being President of the Tacoma Ministerial Alliance, President of the North Pacific Baptist Convention, Dean of the Ebenezer Baptist District Association, President of the Tacoma Branch of the NAACP, Board Member of the Tacoma Urban League, and many more; and

WHEREAS, On February 18, 1989, Gregory and Evelyn Christopher were united in holy matrimony. They are the proud

parents of five children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and congratulate Reverend Gregory Christopher and Mrs. Evelyn Christopher for their steadfast commitment to Shiloh Baptist Church, the surrounding community, and the state.

Senator Nobles spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8666.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced Rev. Gregory Christopher and Rev. Malando Redeemer who were seated in the gallery.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the seventh order of business.

#### THIRD READING CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

#### MOTION

Senator Holy moved that Shaena M. Morgan, Senate gubernatorial Appointment No. 9369, be confirmed as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

Senator Holy spoke in favor of the motion.

#### MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Nobles, Senator Salomon was excused.

On motion of Senator Wagoner, Senator Padden was excused.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHAENA M. MORGAN

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Shaena M. Morgan, Senate gubernatorial Appointment No. 9369, as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Shaena M. Morgan, Senate gubernatorial Appointment No. 9369, as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 47; Nays, 0; Absent, 1; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Absent: Senator Fortunato

Excused: Senator Salomon

Shaena M. Morgan, Senate gubernatorial Appointment No. 9369, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

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THIRD READING  
CONFIRMATION OF GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5995, by Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by Saldaña, Valdez, Kauffman, Trudeau, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, and Wilson, C.)

MOTION

Senator Shewmake moved that Max A. Stone, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9370, be confirmed as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

Senator Shewmake spoke in favor of the motion.

Senator Saldaña moved that the following striking amendment no. 525 by Senator Saldaña be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

APPOINTMENT OF MAX A. STONE

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the confirmation of Max A. Stone, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9370, as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

The Secretary called the roll on the confirmation of Max A. Stone, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9370, as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees and the appointment was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Max A. Stone, Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9370, having received the constitutional majority was declared confirmed as a member of the Western Washington University Board of Trustees.

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature finds that the United States census reported that between 2015 and 2019, over 1.5 million Washington state residents over the age of five, approximately 20 percent of the state's population, spoke a language other than English at home, and that in 2019, according to the Washington state office of the superintendent of public instruction, 12 percent of the state's total primary and secondary education student population identified as English learners.

(2) The legislature finds that an inadequate number of individuals available to provide interpreting services to injured workers and medicaid enrollees with limited English proficiency potentially increases the liability risks for health care providers and negative health outcomes for these patients.

(3) The legislature finds that businesses and government agencies across Washington need access to professional language services to ensure their customers and clients with limited English proficiency can have meaningful access to participate in the programs, activities, and services offered by businesses and government agencies.

(4) Therefore, the legislature intends to create a professional licensing program for spoken language interpreters and translators to protect consumers and help meet the needs of all Washingtonians who require interpreting and translating services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee on interpreting created in section 10 of this act.

(2) "Department" means the department of licensing.

(3) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

(4) "Interpreter" means an individual who interprets spoken languages and is licensed by the department of licensing.

(a) "Medical interpreter" means an interpreter who is licensed by the department who has received a medical endorsement.

(b) "Social services interpreter" means an interpreter who is licensed by the department who has received a social services endorsement.

(c) "Licensed certified interpreter" means an interpreter who is licensed by the department who has passed an exam of the individual's oral transfer skills in at least two of the following modes of interpretation: Simultaneous, consecutive, or sight.

(d) "Licensed authorized interpreter" means an interpreter who is licensed by the department who has passed an exam of the individual's oral transfer skills that were tested in the sight and consecutive modes through back translation.

(5) "Licensed translator" means a translator who translates spoken languages on written documents and is licensed by the department.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The department must:

(1) Adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter;

(2) Establish reasonable examination, licensing, and renewal fees for spoken language interpreters and translators licensed under this chapter;

(3) Develop and administer examinations for licensure under

MOTION

At 9:21 a.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate was declared to be at ease subject to the call of the President.

Senator Hasegawa announced a meeting of the Democratic Caucus.

Senator Warnick announced a meeting of the Republican Caucus.

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The Senate was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding.

SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5995, by Senators Saldaña, Valdez, Kauffman, Trudeau, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, and Wilson, C.

Creating a professional license for spoken language interpreters and translators.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Saldaña, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5995 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5995 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

this chapter, subject to section 4 of this act;

(4) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this chapter;

(5) Beginning January 1, 2029, issue licenses to applicants who have met the department's requirements for obtaining a license and deny licenses to applicants who do not meet the requirements;

(6) Compile and maintain a current list of interpreters and translators licensed by the department;

(7) Provide staffing and administrative support to the advisory committee created in section 10 of this act;

(8) Determine which states, if any, have credentialing requirements equivalent to those of this state, and issue licenses to applicants credentialed in those states without examination;

(9) By July 1, 2029, adopt rules for licensure renewal, including for approval of continuing education activities licensees must complete as part of the individual's license renewal;

(10) Establish by rule the procedures for an appeal of an examination failure;

(11) Establish by rule the procedures for revoking licenses issued pursuant to this chapter and the procedures for an appeal of a revocation decision; and

(12) Periodically evaluate language access within the state to ensure Washingtonians are able to participate in the programs, activities, and services offered by businesses and government agencies.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** (1) Initially, the department must adopt the tests created by the language and testing certification program at the department of social and health services under RCW 74.04.025 as the examinations. The department may update any examination only after consulting with the advisory committee created in section 10 of this act.

(2) The department must administer examinations of applicants for licensure as a licensed certified interpreter in at least the following languages: Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

(3) For languages in which the department does not offer certification licensure, the department must administer examinations to applicants for licensure as a licensed authorized interpreter.

(4) At a minimum, the department's licensure for certified and authorized interpreters must provide for a medical or social services endorsement.

(5) For applications for licensure as a licensed translator, the department must administer examinations in at least the following languages: Cantonese Chinese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 5.** Nothing in this chapter will be construed to prohibit or restrict the provision of spoken language interpretation and translation services by individuals who are providing services within their authorized scope of practice and who are licensed, certified, qualified, authorized, or registered under other laws of this state including, but not limited to, chapters 2.43 and 28A.183 RCW and RCW 28A.410.271, or by individuals holding an active certification from the certification commission for healthcare interpreters or the national board of certification for medical interpreters.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 6.** Beginning January 1, 2029, it is unlawful for any individual:

(1) To act or hold themselves out as a licensed interpreter or use the title of "licensed interpreter," unless the individual holds a valid license under this chapter, except if the individual is currently authorized under chapter 2.43 or 28A.183 RCW or working as a bilingual employee under RCW 74.04.025; or

(2) To act or hold themselves out as a licensed translator or use the title "licensed translator" unless the individual holds a valid license under this chapter.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 7.** (1) Individuals holding an active certification from the certification commission for healthcare interpreters or by the national board of certification for medical interpreters are exempt from the licensing requirement under this chapter, but may obtain the relevant licensure under this chapter without taking an examination.

(2)(a) Other than individuals included in (b) of this subsection, if an individual has an active interpreter or translator credential issued by the department of social and health services prior to January 1, 2029, the individual is eligible for the relevant licensure renewal under this chapter before the expiration date of the individual's current credential without examination.

(b) Individuals who received a credential issued by the department of social and health services based solely on having submitted a passing score on a written exam administered by the certification commission for healthcare interpreters or the national board of certification for medical interpreters are not eligible for the relevant licensure renewal under this chapter without passing the department's examination.

(c) Individuals who have an active certification by the department of social and health services in Cambodian or Laotian are eligible for renewal under this chapter as a licensed certified interpreter before the expiration date of the individual's credential regardless of whether the department is offering certification in Cambodian or Laotian.

(3) By July 1, 2028, the department of social and health services must transmit to the department all materials related to interpreters and translators certified and authorized by the department of social and health services, as requested by the department.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.** (1) The director must establish, by rule, the requirements and fees for renewal of a license issued pursuant to this chapter.

(2) At a minimum, the requirements for license renewal must include:

(a) Completion of continuing education or training, including on ethics; and

(b) Renewal of the license after a four-year period.

(3) Failure to renew the license invalidates the license and all privileges granted by the license.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 9.** (1) The department, the department of social and health services, the administrative office of the courts, the professional educator standards board, and the office of the superintendent of public instruction may collaborate and share data as necessary to carry out the licensure requirements of this chapter.

(2) By January 1, 2025, the department of social and health services must transmit all data, materials, and technology from its language testing and certification program to the department, including examination materials from prior to March 1, 2020, except that any materials for bilingual employee examinations in compliance with RCW 74.04.025 do not need to be transmitted.

(3) The department must post online a resource page that includes links to information that must be maintained by the relevant state agency on the number of requests for spoken language interpreter services that went unfilled for the department of social and health services, the department of children, youth, and families, the health care authority, the department of labor and industries, and the procurement process in RCW 39.26.300.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 10.** (1) A licensed interpreter and translator advisory committee is created within the department on July 1, 2025. The committee consists of members in accordance with this subsection.

(a) Three members who provide spoken language interpretation or translation services in Washington state and who:

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(i) Prior to January 1, 2029, were certified or authorized by the department of social and health services; and

(ii) Beginning January 1, 2029, are licensed by the department under this chapter;

(b) One member from a community organization that provides direct services to limited English speaking consumers;

(c) Three members who are health care providers, including at least one member representing a community health center and one member representing a university-based public hospital, who utilize state-paid interpreter services to provide health care services to injured workers or medicaid enrollees;

(d) Three individuals representing an exclusive collective bargaining representative of spoken language interpreters in the state. The individuals may represent the same union;

(e) One member each from the Washington state office of equity established in RCW 43.06D.020, the department of social and health services, the health care authority, the department of labor and industries, and the department of enterprise services;

(f) Two members representing a community and technical college. One member must be from a college east of the summit of the Cascade mountains and one member must be from a college west of the summit of the Cascade mountains.

(2) The director must appoint all members of the advisory committee. All members must be familiar with the practice of spoken language interpreter services and able to provide the department with expertise and assistance in carrying out the duties of this chapter. The agency members under subsection (1)(e) of this section must be appointed by their respective agency directors and then referred to the department for appointment to the advisory committee. The members under subsection (1)(f) of this section must be appointed by the executive director of the state board for community and technical colleges and then referred to the department for appointment to the advisory committee.

(3) The department must consult regularly with the advisory committee on issues related to interpreter and translator licensure and renewal.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 11.** The uniform regulation of business and professions act, chapter 18.235 RCW, governs unlicensed practice, the issuance and denial of licenses, and the discipline of licenses under this chapter.

**Sec. 12.** RCW 43.24.150 and 2017 c 281 s 40 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The business and professions account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from business or professional licenses, registrations, certifications, renewals, examinations, or civil penalties assessed and collected by the department from the following chapters must be deposited into the account:

- (a) Chapter 18.11 RCW, auctioneers;
- (b) Chapter 18.16 RCW, cosmetologists, barbers, and manicurists;
- (c) Chapter 18.145 RCW, court reporters;
- (d) Chapter 18.165 RCW, private investigators;
- (e) Chapter 18.170 RCW, security guards;
- (f) Chapter 18.185 RCW, bail bond agents;
- (g) Chapter 18.280 RCW, home inspectors;
- (h) Chapter 19.16 RCW, collection agencies;
- (i) Chapter 19.31 RCW, employment agencies;
- (j) Chapter 19.105 RCW, camping resorts;
- (k) Chapter 19.138 RCW, sellers of travel;
- (l) Chapter 42.45 RCW, notaries public;
- (m) Chapter 64.36 RCW, timeshares;
- (n) Chapter 67.08 RCW, boxing, martial arts, and wrestling;
- (o) Chapter 18.300 RCW, body art, body piercing, and tattooing;

- (p) Chapter 79A.60 RCW, whitewater river outfitters;
- (q) Chapter 19.158 RCW, commercial telephone solicitation; ((and))

- (r) Chapter 19.290 RCW, scrap metal businesses; and
- (s) Chapter 18.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 13 of this act), interpreters and translators.

Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for expenses incurred in carrying out these business and professions licensing activities of the department. Any residue in the account must be accumulated and may not revert to the general fund at the end of the biennium. However, during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium the legislature may transfer to the state general fund such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance in the account.

(2) The director must biennially prepare a budget request based on the anticipated costs of administering the business and professions licensing activities listed in subsection (1) of this section, which must include the estimated income from these business and professions fees.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 13.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 18 RCW."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "translators;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.24.150; and adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW."

Senator Saldaña spoke in favor of adoption of the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of striking amendment no. 525 by Senator Saldaña to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5995.

The motion by Senator Saldaña carried and striking amendment no. 525 was adopted by voice vote.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Saldaña, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5995 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Saldaña spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senator King spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5995.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5995 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 30; Nays, 19; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wellman, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Voting nay: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Dozier, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, King, MacEwen, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Torres, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, L.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5995, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand

as the title of the act.

### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 6271, by Senators Keiser, Stanford, Kuderer, and Mullet

Modifying the cannabis excise tax to consider THC concentration.

The measure was read the second time.

### MOTION

On motion of Senator Keiser, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 6271 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Keiser and King spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6271.

### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6271 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 44; Nays, 5; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Voting nay: Senators Kauffman, Lovelett, Nguyen, Nobles and Trudeau

SENATE BILL NO. 6271, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

### MOTION

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

### THIRD READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5632, by Senators Keiser, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovelett, Stanford, Valdez, and Wilson, C.

Protecting the health care of workers participating in a labor dispute.

The bill was read on Third Reading.

### MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Keiser, the rules were suspended and Senate Bill No. 5632 was returned to second reading for the purposes of amendment.

Senator Keiser moved that the following striking amendment no. 500 by Senator Keiser be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 49.64 RCW to read as follows:

(1) By January 1, 2025, the health benefit exchange created under chapter 43.71 RCW must administer a worker health plan access assistance program to help Washingtonians who lose health care coverage provided by their employer or a joint labor management trust as a result of an active strike, lockout, or other labor dispute.

(2) Subject to the availability of state funding appropriated for this specific purpose, an individual and their dependents are eligible for the program created in subsection (1) of this section if the individual:

(a) Provides a self-attestation regarding loss of minimum essential health care coverage from an employer or joint labor management trust fund as a result of an active strike, lockout, or other labor dispute;

(b) Enrolls in a silver standardized health plan under RCW 43.71.095;

(c) Applies for and accepts all applicable federal and state subsidies for which the household may be eligible;

(d) Is ineligible for minimum essential coverage through medicare, a federal or state medical assistance program administered by the health care authority under chapter 74.09 RCW, or for premium assistance under RCW 43.71A.020; and

(e) Is eligible to purchase a qualified health plan through the health benefit exchange.

(3) The health benefit exchange may disqualify a participant from the program if the participant:

(a) No longer meets the eligibility criteria in subsection (2) of this section;

(b) Fails, without good cause, to comply with procedural or documentation requirements established by the health benefit exchange in accordance with subsection (5) of this section;

(c) Fails, without good cause, to notify the health benefit exchange when the minimum essential coverage provided by the employer or joint labor management trust fund is reinstated;

(d) Voluntarily withdraws from the program; or

(e) Performs an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud.

(4) The health benefit exchange may request, and applicable employer, labor organization, or other appropriate representatives, must provide, information to determine the status of a strike, lockout, or labor dispute, its impact to coverage, and any other information determined by the health benefit exchange as necessary to determine eligibility for financial assistance under this section.

(5) The health benefit exchange must establish requirements for the program established in subsection (1) of this section that include, but are not limited to:

(a) Procedural requirements for eligibility and continued participation, including participant documentation requirements that are necessary to administer the program;

(b) Procedural requirements for facilitating payments to and from carriers; and

(c) A process for providing enrollment assistance.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the worker health care protection act."

On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "dispute;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 49.64 RCW; and creating a new section."

Senator Keiser spoke in favor of adoption of the striking amendment.

Senator King spoke against adoption of the striking amendment.

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The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of striking amendment no. 500 by Senator Keiser to Senate Bill No. 5632.

The motion by Senator Keiser carried and striking amendment no. 500 was adopted by voice vote.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Keiser, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5632 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Keiser spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senator King spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5632.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Senate Bill No. 5632 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 30; Nays, 19; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wellman, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

Voting nay: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Dozier, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, King, MacEwen, McCune, Muzzall, Padden, Rivers, Schoesler, Short, Torres, Wagoner, Warnick and Wilson, L.

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5632, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5419, by Senators Gildon, Billig, Lias, Mullet, and Wilson, C.

Removing a Washington state institute of public policy outcome evaluation requirement.

The measure was read the second time.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Gildon, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 5419 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Gildon and Wilson, C. spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5419.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5419 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SENATE BILL NO. 5419, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate reverted to the sixth order of business.

#### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5796, by Senators Pedersen, Rivers, Kuderer, Nobles, and Shewmake

Concerning common interest communities.

#### MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5796 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5796, by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Pedersen, Rivers, Kuderer, Nobles, and Shewmake)

Senator Pedersen moved that the following amendment no. 515 by Senators Padden and Pedersen be adopted:

On page 10, beginning on line 19, after "owner's unit" strike "a common expense, including expense" and insert "common expenses, including expenses"

On page 10, line 21, after "by" insert "the"

On page 11, beginning on line 1, after "hearing," strike all material through "expense," on line 3

On page 11, beginning on line 4, after "section" strike all material through "incurred" on line 6

On page 29, line 26, after "RCW 64.90.455" strike ", whether or not a quorum is present,"

On page 30, beginning on line 36, after "RCW 64.90.455" strike ", whether or not a quorum is present,"

On page 43, line 27, after "alleys" insert "Notwithstanding the foregoing, a reallocation shall not be required in regard to the installation of an electric vehicle charging station on the common elements"

On page 44, line 38, after "and" insert "the board has received"

On page 44, line 39, after "of" insert "payment and"

On page 54, line 36, after "right," insert "If the judgment or instrument does not describe the special declarant right, the transferee will be presumed to have elected to accept the special declarant right,"

On page 82, line 19, after "hours" insert "and at the offices of the association or its managing agent,"

On page 82, line 21, after "(ii)" strike "At the offices of the association or its managing agent" and insert "~~((At the offices of the association or its managing agent))~~ Upon 10 days' notice unless the size of the request or need to redact information reasonably requires a longer time, but in no event later than 21 days without a court order allowing a longer time"

On page 83, line 10, after "number" strike "or" and insert "~~((or))~~ of any unit owner or resident."

On page 83, line 11, after "owner" strike "or" and insert "that elects to keep such electronic address confidential, or electronic address of any"

On page 84, line 32, after "necessary" insert ", as a result of the emergency,"

On page 85, line 19, after "(b)" strike "In a plat community, the governing documents" and insert "The association"

On page 85, line 21, after "States" strike ". The governing documents may include" and insert ", or the flag of Washington state, on or within a unit or a limited common element, except that an association may adopt"

On page 85, line 22, after "regulations" strike "regarding" and insert "pertaining to"

On page 85, line 29, after "(2)" strike "The" and insert "~~((The))~~ An"

On page 85, at the beginning of line 32, strike "the" and insert "~~((the))~~ an"

On page 85, line 32, after "rules" strike "governing" and insert "~~((governing))~~ pertaining to"

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of amendment no. 515 by Senators Pedersen and Padden on page 10, line 19 to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796.

The motion by Senator Pedersen carried and amendment no. 515 was adopted by voice vote.

#### MOTION

Senator Wilson, L. moved that the following striking amendment no. 518 by Senator Wilson, L. be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** (1) The office of the attorney general shall convene a work group to make recommendations to the legislature regarding the effects of retroactively applying chapter 64.90 RCW to all common interest communities. The work group must consist of the following members:

(a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

(b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(c) A representative from the Washington state chapter of the community associations institute;

(d) A representative from Washington realtors;

(e) A representative from the Washington state bar association;

(f) One representative from a common interest community with less than 50 units;

(g) One representative from a common interest community with 50 or more units but less than 100 units;

(h) One representative from a common interest community with 100 or more units, but less than 500 units;

(i) One representative from a common interest community with 500 or more units;

(j) One representative from a common interest community subject to chapter 64.32 RCW;

(k) One representative from a common interest community subject to chapter 64.34 RCW;

(l) One representative from a common interest community subject to chapter 64.38 RCW; and

(m) One representative from a common interest community subject to chapter 64.90 RCW.

(2) The duties of the work group include, but are not limited to:

(a) Researching the administrative costs and financial implications of updating governing documents to conform with chapter 64.90 RCW;

(b) Researching the impacts of managing entities on common interest communities;

(c) Researching the effects of resale certificates on real estate transactions in common interest communities;

(d) Comparing association responsibilities and liabilities under chapters 64.32, 64.34, 64.38, and 64.90 RCW; and

(e) Making recommendations on the retroactive application of chapter 64.90 RCW to all common interest communities.

(3) By December 1, 2025, the work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "communities;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

Senator Wilson, L. spoke in favor of adoption of the striking amendment.

Senator Pedersen spoke against adoption of the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of striking amendment no. 518 by Senator Wilson, L to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796.

The motion by Senator Wilson, L. did not carry and striking amendment no. 518 was not adopted by voice vote.

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Pedersen spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

Senators Padden, Wilson, L. and Wagoner spoke against passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5796 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 32; Nays, 17; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Dozier, Fortunato, Gildon, Hawkins, Holy, King, Lovelett, MacEwen, McCune, Muzzall, Short, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5796, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### SECOND READING



SENATE BILL NO. 5840, by Senators Padden, Pedersen, and Kuderer

ROLL CALL

Concerning leases.

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5843 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 46; Nays, 3; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Padden, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5840 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5840 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5840, by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Padden, Pedersen, and Kuderer)

Voting nay: Senators Padden, Schoesler and Short

On motion of Senator Padden, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5840 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

SENATE BILL NO. 5843, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

Senators Padden and Dhingra spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5840.

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Class of 2024, seniors high school students from Naselle High School who were seated in the gallery and guests of Senator Jeff Wilson.

ROLL CALL

SECOND READING

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5840 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

SENATE BILL NO. 5917, by Senators Billig, Dhingra, Pedersen, Trudeau, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Liias, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Salomon, Valdez, and Wilson, C.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Concerning criminal penalties for bias-motivated defacement of private or public property.

MOTION

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5840, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

On motion of Senator Billig, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5917 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5917 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

SECOND READING

WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENT

SENATE BILL NO. 5843, by Senators Nguyen, Boehnke, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Mullet, Nobles, Randall, and Valdez

On motion of Senator Padden and without objection, amendment no. 505 by Senator Padden on page 1, line 8 to Substitute Senate Bill No. 5917 was withdrawn.

MOTION

Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems.

On motion of Senator Billig, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5917 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

The measure was read the second time.

Senator Billig spoke in favor of passage of the bill. Senator Padden spoke against passage of the bill.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Nguyen, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 5843 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5917.

ROLL CALL

Senators Nguyen and Boehnke spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5917 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 35; Nays, 14; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 5843.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra,

Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wellman and Wilson, C.

Voting nay: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Dozier, Fortunato, MacEwen, McCune, Padden, Schoesler, Short, Torres, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5917, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5919, by Senator King

Concerning the sale of biogenic carbon dioxide and other coproducts of biogas processing.

#### MOTIONS

On motion of Senator King, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5919 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5919 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

On motion of Senator King, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5919 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators King and Nguyen spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5919.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5919 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5919, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5806, by Senators Kuderer, Hunt, Dhingra, Hasegawa, and Nobles

Concerning the confidentiality of insurance company data.

#### MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Kuderer, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5806 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5806 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5806, by Senate Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade (originally sponsored by Kuderer, Hunt, Dhingra, Hasegawa, and Nobles)

On motion of Senator Kuderer, the rules were suspended, Substitute Senate Bill No. 5806 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senator Kuderer spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5806.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5806 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 49; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 0.

Voting yea: Senators Billig, Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5806, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 6088, by Senators Conway, King, Lovick, and Nguyen

Concerning minor league baseball players subject to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement regarding employment status.

The measure was read the second time.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Conway, the rules were suspended, Senate Bill No. 6088 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Conway, King, Schoesler and Keiser spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Nobles, Senator Billig was excused.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6088.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Senate Bill No. 6088 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

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Voting ye: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Billig

SENATE BILL NO. 6088, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

## SECOND READING

SENATE BILL NO. 5670, by Senators Hawkins, Randall, Holy, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, and Wilson, L.

Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings; amending RCW 28A.600.320, 28A.600.330, and 28A.600.385; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310.

## MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Hawkins, Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5670 was substituted for Senate Bill No. 5670 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading and read the second time.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5670, by Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hawkins, Randall, Holy, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, and L. Wilson)

Revised for Second Substitute: Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings; amending RCW 28A.600.320 and 28A.600.330; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.600.310.

## MOTION

Senator Hawkins moved that the following striking amendment no. 493 by Senator Hawkins be adopted:

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1.** The legislature believes it is in the best interest of the state to create opportunities to help ease students into running start prior to their 11th grade academic year. Affirming the opportunity for running start during the summer term following the 10th grade academic year will improve access to higher education opportunities and increase the likelihood of postsecondary degree attainment.

**Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.600.310 and 2023 c 350 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Every school district must allow eligible students as described in subsection (2) of this section to participate in the running start program.

(2) ~~((Student))~~ In addition to the eligibility provided for in subsection (6) of this section, student eligibility for the running start program is as follows: Eleventh and 12th grade students or students who have not yet received the credits required for the award of a high school diploma and are eligible to be in the 11th or 12th grade, including students receiving home-based

instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW and students attending private schools approved under chapter 28A.195 RCW, may apply to a participating institution of higher education to enroll in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

(3) Students receiving home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW enrolling in a public high school for the sole purpose of participating in courses or programs offered by institutions of higher education shall not be counted by the school district in any required state or federal accountability reporting if the student's parents or guardians filed a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction and the student received home-based instruction during the school year before the school year in which the student intends to participate in courses or programs offered by the institution of higher education.

(4) Participating institutions of higher education, in consultation with school districts, may establish admission standards for eligible students. If the institution of higher education accepts a secondary school student for enrollment under this section, the institution of higher education shall send written notice to the student and the student's school district within 10 days of acceptance. The notice shall indicate the course and hours of enrollment for that student.

(5) The course sections and programs offered as running start courses must be open for registration to matriculated students at the participating institution of higher education and may not be a course consisting solely of high school students offered at a high school campus.

(6) Rising 11th grade students, defined as students who have completed their 10th grade year and not yet begun their 11th grade year, may enroll for up to 10 quarter credits, or the semester equivalent, during the summer academic term.

~~(7)(a)~~ In lieu of tuition and fees, as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041:

(i) Running start students shall pay to the community or technical college all other mandatory fees as established by each community or technical college and, in addition, the state board for community and technical colleges may authorize a fee of up to 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041; and

(ii) All other institutions of higher education operating a running start program may charge running start students a fee of up to 10 percent of tuition and fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041 in addition to technology fees.

(b) The fees charged under this subsection ~~((6))~~ (7) shall be prorated based on credit load.

(c) Students may pay fees under this subsection ~~((6))~~ (7) with advanced college tuition payment program tuition units at a rate set by the advanced college tuition payment program governing body under chapter 28B.95 RCW.

~~((7))~~ (8)(a) The institutions of higher education must make available fee waivers for low-income running start students. A student shall be considered low income and eligible for a fee waiver upon proof that the student meets federal eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price school meals. Acceptable documentation of low-income status may also include, but is not limited to, documentation that a student has been deemed eligible for free or reduced-price lunches in the last five years, or other criteria established in the institution's policy.

(b)(i) By the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, school districts, upon knowledge of a low-income student's enrollment in running start, must provide documentation of the student's low-income status, under (a) of this subsection, directly to institutions of higher education.

(ii) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public

instruction, in consultation with the Washington student achievement council, shall develop a centralized process for school districts to provide students' low-income status to institutions of higher education to meet the requirements of (b)(i) of this subsection.

(c) Institutions of higher education, in collaboration with relevant student associations, shall aim to have students who can benefit from fee waivers take advantage of these waivers. Institutions shall make every effort to communicate to students and their families the benefits of the waivers and provide assistance to students and their families on how to apply. Information about waivers shall, to the greatest extent possible, be incorporated into financial aid counseling, admission information, and individual billing statements. Institutions also shall, to the greatest extent possible, use all means of communication, including but not limited to websites, online catalogues, admission and registration forms, mass email messaging, social media, and outside marketing to ensure that information about waivers is visible, compelling, and reaches the maximum number of students and families that can benefit.

~~((8))~~ (9) The student's school district shall transmit to the institution of higher education an amount per each full-time equivalent college student at statewide uniform rates for vocational and nonvocational students. The superintendent of public instruction shall separately calculate and allocate moneys appropriated for basic education under RCW 28A.150.260 to school districts for purposes of making such payments and for granting school districts seven percent thereof to offset program related costs. The calculations and allocations shall be based upon the estimated statewide annual average per full-time equivalent high school student allocations under RCW 28A.150.260, excluding small high school enhancements, and applicable rules adopted under chapter 34.05 RCW. The superintendent of public instruction, participating institutions of higher education, and the state board for community and technical colleges shall consult on the calculation and distribution of the funds. The funds received by the institution of higher education from the school district shall not be deemed tuition or operating fees and may be retained by the institution of higher education. A student enrolled under this subsection shall be counted for the purpose of meeting enrollment targets in accordance with terms and conditions specified in the omnibus appropriations act.

~~((9))~~ (10) This section governs school operation and management under RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal education compact schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW to the same extent as it applies to school districts.

**Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.320 and 2009 c 524 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:

A school district shall provide general information about the program to all pupils in grades ~~((ten))~~ 10, ~~((eleven))~~ 11, and ~~((twelve))~~ 12 and the parents and guardians of those pupils, including information about the opportunity to enroll in the program through online courses available at community and technical colleges and other state institutions of higher education, enrollment opportunities during the summer academic term, and including the college high school diploma options under RCW 28B.50.535. To assist the district in planning, a pupil shall inform

the district of the pupil's intent to enroll in courses at an institution of higher education for credit. Students are responsible for applying for admission to the institution of higher education."

On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the remainder of the title and insert "summer running start for rising juniors; amending RCW 28A.600.310 and 28A.600.320; and creating a new section."

Senator Hawkins spoke in favor of adoption of the striking amendment.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of striking amendment no. 493 by Senator Hawkins to Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5670.

The motion by Senator Hawkins carried and striking amendment no. 493 was adopted by voice vote.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Hawkins, the rules were suspended, Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5670 was advanced to third reading, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Senators Hawkins and Nobles spoke in favor of passage of the bill.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5670.

#### ROLL CALL

The Secretary called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5670 and the bill passed the Senate by the following vote: Yeas, 48; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1.

Voting yea: Senators Boehnke, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Dozier, Fortunato, Frame, Gildon, Hansen, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Holy, Hunt, Kauffman, Keiser, King, Kuderer, Lias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, McCune, Mullet, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Padden, Pedersen, Randall, Rivers, Robinson, Saldaña, Salomon, Schoesler, Shewmake, Short, Stanford, Torres, Trudeau, Valdez, Van De Wege, Wagoner, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, C., Wilson, J. and Wilson, L.

Excused: Senator Billig

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5670, having received the constitutional majority, was declared passed. There being no objection, the title of the bill was ordered to stand as the title of the act.

#### MOTION

At 12:06 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2024.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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Introduction & 1st Reading.....	2	Second Reading .....	10
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Second Reading .....	7	Second Reading .....	10
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Second Reading .....	6	5995-S	
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Second Reading .....	11	Second Reading .....	10
5670-S2		Third Reading Final Passage .....	10
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5917		GUESTS	
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Second Reading .....	9	Naselle High School, Class of 2024 Seniors	9
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