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

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4644, by Representatives Taylor, Thai, Sells, Ryu, J. Johnson, Leavitt, Fitzgibbon, Berg, Kloha, Rude, Berry, Morgan, Santos, Dolan, Wicks, Dufault, Callan, Robertson, Riccelli, Harris-Talley, Shewmake, Simmons, Senn, Paul, Ramos, Valdez, Gregerson, Walen, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, Barkis, Ormsby, Ramel, Slatter, Duerr, Stonier, Jacobsen, Davis, Pollet, Peterson, Cody, Bronoske, Chapman, Dent, Hackney, Bateman, Klicker, Rule, Orwall, Goodman, Macri, and Entenman

WHEREAS, During the month of February each year, the great state of Washington comes together to celebrate Black Americans’ contributions to our history, culture, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Black history is American history. Black culture is American culture; and

WHEREAS, We come together as a state to acknowledge the resilience of Black communities, and honor those who have endured racial discrimination and injustice; and

WHEREAS, We appreciate the Black frontline workers who have continued to put their own lives at risk to protect the health and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, This Black History Month, and every month, is a time to learn about those who came before us, and keep moving towards a better, more just future; and

WHEREAS, Each of us has a role to play in the fight for a better Washington state, where everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives celebrate Black History Month and stand alongside Black Americans in times of crisis and in times of beautiful celebrations, as we work towards equity and dignity for every American.

There being no objection, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4644 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4646, by Representatives Ryu, Wicks, and Taylor

WHEREAS, Many people with serious, chronic mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe depression, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis and nausea, require treatment with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, While ongoing treatment with these medications can be very helpful, and even lifesaving, for many people, it can also lead to Tardive Dyskinesia (TD); and

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is a movement disorder that is characterized by random, involuntary, and uncontrolled movements of different muscles in the face, trunk and extremities; and

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia can develop months, years, or decades after a person starts taking DRBAs and even after they have discontinued use of those medications. Not everyone who takes a DRBA develops TD, but if it develops it is often permanent; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that over 600,000 Americans suffer from Tardive Dyskinesia. According to the National Alliance for Mental Illness, one in every four patients receiving long-term treatment with an antipsychotic medication will experience Tardive Dyskinesia; and

WHEREAS, Years of difficult and challenging research have resulted in recent scientific breakthroughs, with two new treatments for Tardive Dyskinesia approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, Tardive Dyskinesia is often unrecognized and patients suffering from the illness are commonly misdiagnosed. Regular screening for TD in patients taking DRBA medications is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has designated the week of May 1, 2022, as "Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" and May is Mental Health Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives encourage awareness of Tardive Dyskinesia so we can better understand the causes and seek a cure for all those suffering; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hopes research will continue to advance thereby creating more options for people seeking medication for chronic mental illness in the future.

There being no objection, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4646 was adopted.
There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

**INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

**HB 2123** by Representatives MacEwen and Springer

AN ACT Relating to ensuring consumers have legal access to cannabinoid products that have been tested and that meet standards for quality and safety while preventing intoxicating products from being sold outside of the regulated adult-use cannabis market and establishing a scientific panel to review cannabinoid science; amending RCW 69.50.101; reenacting and amending RCW 69.50.101; adding new sections to chapter 69.50 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the bill listed on the day’s introduction sheet under the fourth order of business was referred to the committee so designated.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

February 18, 2022

**ESSB 5078** Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Addressing firearm safety measures to increase public safety. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety by prohibiting the manufacture, importation, distribution, selling, and offering for sale of large capacity magazines, and by providing limited exceptions applicable to licensed firearms manufacturers and dealers for purposes of sale to armed forces branches and law enforcement agencies for purposes of sale or transfer outside the state.) Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Simmons, Vice Chair; Davis; Entenman; Goodman; Kirby; Orwall; Peterson; Thai; Valdez and Walen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Gilday, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Graham, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno; Klippert and Ybarra.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 18, 2022

**SSB 5555** Prime Sponsor, Committee on State Government & Elections: Concerning public safety telecommunicators. Reported by Committee on Community & Economic Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The legislature acknowledges that a primary responsibility of government is to ensure public safety and that almost always an emergency response begins with a request to 911 for assistance. Requests to 911 and subsequent emergency response communications are managed by public safety telecommunicator professionals. These first responders are essential workers who continue public service throughout the pandemic, who are essential to triage requests for emergency responses and provide lifesaving instructions and guidance to those who call 911, ensuring the appropriate response for the situation; law enforcement, behavioral health, fire, and emergency medical. The public safety telecommunicator also dispatches, tracks, processes, and transmits information from the public and continually communicates with responders providing an additional layer of safety. The legislature takes special note of the contributions made by public safety telecommunicators whose tasks are arduous and whose working conditions may be contributing to the high and often critical turnover among the principal cadre of professionals who receive and process requests from the public for emergency response and provide emergency communications with public safety responders.

(2) The legislature also recognizes that public safety telecommunicators are the only public safety professionals who are not required to be certified and do not have standard initial training requirements to perform their critical public safety function. Further, employers of public safety telecommunicators face challenges in attracting suitable candidates, training, and retaining of staff due to the high demand and high stress environment of this critical public safety profession."
(3) The legislature finds and declares that:

(a) Public safety telecommunicators must have a formal system of training, and certification and recertification standards, to ensure a standardized response is given when the public seeks assistance during an emergency and that standardized communications are in place to support public safety responders within Washington state.

(b) The quality of emergency response in most cases begins with the competence of public safety telecommunicators. To ensure the availability and quality of trained public safety telecommunicators, the legislature recognizes the need to adopt and implement standardized training programs and certification and recertification requirements.

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

(1) "Certification board" means the voluntary public safety telecommunicator certification board.

(2) "Public safety answering point" includes primary public safety answering points that receive 911 calls directly from the public and secondary public safety answering points that receive 911 calls only on a transfer or relay basis from the primary public safety answering point.

(3) "Public safety telecommunicator" means a first responder working in a primary public safety answering point, regardless of title, who has successfully completed the training, certification, or recertification standards established in the state of Washington. This includes an employee of the state, a local public agency, or an independent governmental agency whose primary responsibility is to receive, process, transmit, or dispatch 911 emergency and nonemergency calls for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety services by telephone, radio, or other communication devices and includes an individual who promoted from this position and supervises individuals who perform these functions.

(4) "State-approved training program" means a public safety telecommunicator certified training program approved by the certification board to meet the requirements of a state-approved public safety telecommunicator training, certification, and recertification standards. For community colleges, vocational-technical institutes, skill centers, and secondary schools as described in chapter 28B.60 RCW, public safety telecommunicator certified training programs shall be approved by the certification board in cooperation with the board for community and technical colleges or the superintendent of public instruction.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The certification board is established in the state 911 coordination office to create a certification and training program for public safety telecommunicators throughout the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Duties of the certification board include:

(1) Adopting bylaws for the certification board;

(2) Adopting rules, with the advice and assistance of the 911 advisory committee, to implement the provisions of this chapter including, but not limited to, rules to implement a state-approved training program for process, policy, and procedure;

(3) Reviewing and approving state-approved training programs biennially. State-approved training programs should be consistent with industry standards;

(4) Setting all public safety telecommunicator certification, registration, and renewal fees, and to collect and deposit all such fees in the 911 account established under RCW 38.52.540; and

(5) Establishing recertification requirements.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The certification board shall represent diverse stakeholders of the 911 system and shall consist of the following volunteer members:

(1) The chair or vice chair of the 911 advisory committee;

(2) Two public safety answering point directors or 911 coordinators, one from the eastside and one from the westside of the Cascade mountains appointed by the 911 advisory committee;

(3) Two labor union representatives from labor unions representing public safety telecommunicators;
(4) One representative appointed by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;

(5) One representative appointed by the Washington state fire chiefs association;

(6) One representative from the Washington state association of counties appointed by the Washington state association of counties; and

(7) Two public safety telecommunicators from a public safety answering point, one from the eastside and one from the westside of the Cascade mountains appointed by the 911 advisory committee.

Sec. 6. RCW 38.52.520 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 19 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:

A state ((enhanced)) 911 coordination office, headed by the state ((enhanced)) 911 coordinator, is established in the emergency management division of the department. Duties of the office include:

(1) Coordinating and facilitating the implementation and operation of ((enhanced)) 911 emergency communications systems throughout the state;

(2) Seeking advice and assistance from, and providing staff support for, the ((enhanced)) 911 advisory committee;

(3) Providing staff support and assistance to the certification board established under section 3 of this act that includes, but may not be limited to:

(a) Establishing forms and procedures necessary to administer chapter 38.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 7 of this act);

(b) Issuing a public safety telecommunicator registration and certification to any applicant who has met the requirements for certification under chapter 38.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 7 of this act); and

(c) Maintaining the official record for the department of all applicants and persons with registrations and certificates under chapter 38.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section 7 of this act);

(4) Recommending to the utilities and transportation commission by August 31st of each year the level of the state ((enhanced)) 911 excise tax for the following year;

((444)) (5) Considering base needs of individual counties for specific assistance, specify rules defining the purposes for which available state ((enhanced)) 911 funding may be expended, with the advice and assistance of the ((enhanced)) 911 advisory committee; and

((444)) (6) Providing an annual update to the ((enhanced)) 911 advisory committee on how much money each county has spent on:

(a) Efforts to modernize their existing ((enhanced)) 911 emergency communications system; and

(b) ((Enhanced)) 911 operational costs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 5 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 38 RCW.

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Paul, Vice Chair; Boehmke, Ranking Minority Member; Chase, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Donaghy; Frame; Jacobsen; Johnson, J.; Kraft; Rule; Sutherland and Taylor.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 18, 2022

SSB 5564 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs: Protecting the confidentiality of employees using employee assistance programs. Reported by Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Sells, Chair; Berry, Vice Chair; Hoff, Ranking Minority Member; Mosbrucker, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bronskke; Harris and Ortiz-Self.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 18, 2022

ESSB 5690 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Law & Justice: Concerning firearms on the capitol campus for the sole purpose of organized memorial events. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Hansen, Chair; Simmons, Vice Chair; Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Gilday, Assistant
Ranking Minority Member; Graham, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno; Davis; Entenman; Goodman; Kirby; Klippert; Orwall; Peterson; Thai; Valdez; Walen and Ybarra.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 18, 2022

SB 5747  Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Concerning the statewide master oil and hazardous substance spill prevention and contingency plan. Reported by Committee on Environment & Energy

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Chair; Duerr, Vice Chair; Dye, Ranking Minority Member; Klicker, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno; Berry; Fey; Goehner; Harris-Talley; Ramel; Shewmake and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

February 18, 2022

SB 5875  Prime Sponsor, Senator Nguyen: Adding employees employed by the department of licensing who are assigned to review, process, approve, and issue driver licenses to the definition of frontline employees under the health emergency labor standards act. Reported by Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Sells, Chair; Berry, Vice Chair; Bronoske and Ortiz-Self.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Hoff, Ranking Minority Member and Harris.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Mosbrucker, Assistant Ranking Minority Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day’s committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

MOTION

There being no objection, the following 2nd Reading Calendar bills were referred to the Committee on Rules:

  HOUSE BILL NO. 1043
  HOUSE BILL NO. 1067

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

MOTION

There being no objection, ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1056 was referred from the 3rd Reading Calendar to the Committee on Rules.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., February 23, 2022, the 45th Legislative Day of the Regular Session.
LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker
BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk
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