MORNING SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, January 12, 2011

The Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Owen. No roll call was taken.

MOTION

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

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, the Senate advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

September 8, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

HAROLD J. ABBE, reappointed September 4, 2008, for the term ending June 12, 2012, as Member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

February 7, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

RAUL ALMEIDA, reappointed February 7, 2008, for the term ending September 25, 2011, as Member of the Clemency and Pardons Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

October 18, 2011, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MAX D. ANDERSON, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 13 (Lower Columbia College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

February 12, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ROBERT C. ANDERSON, appointed February 12, 2010, for the term ending October 1, 2012, as Member of the Small Business Export Finance Assistance Center Board of Directors.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

December 4, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

SHERRY L. ARMijo, appointed November 17, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Columbia Basin Community College District No. 19.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

September 8, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

LOGAN M. BAHR, appointed September 8, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Central Washington University.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

February 15, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

HARRY BARBER, reappointed February 15, 2010, for the term ending July 15, 2013, as Member of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

February 25, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

BRUCE BECKER, appointed August 12, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2013, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

August 20, 2009

August 9, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

LORI BLANCHARD, reappointed July 19, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2014, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

July 28, 2010

July 6, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

MARTY BROWN, appointed April 16, 2010, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Director of the Office of Financial Management.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

July 6, 2010
April 9, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

SONDRA L. CLARK, appointed March 29, 2010, for the term ending June 11, 2013, as Member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

October 20, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SUSAN COLE, reappointed October 1, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 21 (Whatcom Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

August 31, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

DENISE COLLEY, reappointed July 23, 2009, for the term ending July 1, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, State School for the Blind.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

January 4, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JAMES COOK, reappointed November 30, 2009, for the term ending October 1, 2013, as Member of the The Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

August 12, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JOHN COX, appointed August 12, 2008, for the term ending June 15, 2012, as Member of the Marine Employees' Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

December 13, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JUNE A. DARLING, appointed December 3, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 15 (Wenatchee Valley College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

January 19, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

LYNNE DELANO, appointed January 1, 2009, for the term ending April 15, 2014, as Chair of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

October 22, 2008
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JIM DEPAEPE, appointed October 22, 2008, for the term ending June 30, 2012, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

April 10, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

LARRY DITTMAN, appointed April 2, 2009, for the term ending June 17, 2011, as Member of the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

December 24, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
DAN DIXON, appointed November 5, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2012, as Member, Board of Trustees, Central Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

January 16, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

GARY L. DOUVIA, appointed January 15, 2007, for the term ending December 31, 2012, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

October 29, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ELIZABETH B. DUNBAR, appointed October 15, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 22 (Tacoma Community College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

March 23, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

KIM A. EKKER, appointed March 2, 2010, for the term ending January 19, 2014, as Member of the Board of Pharmacy.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

November 8, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

RONALD P. ERICKSON, appointed October 27, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Central Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

August 11, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

RAMIRO ESPINOZA, reappointed July 26, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Western Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

April 21, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

LENSA ETANA, appointed April 9, 2009, for the term ending December 5, 2012, as Member of the Eastern State Hospital Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

September 2, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

COLLEEN FAIRCHILD, appointed August 12, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2013, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

March 8, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SHARON FAIRCHILD, reappointed April 4, 2010, for the term ending April 3, 2014, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

June 8, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

ELIZABETH FORD, reappointed June 16, 2006, for the term ending June 15, 2011, as Member of the Marine Employees’ Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

June 16, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

BETTI FUJIKADO, appointed May 20, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2012, as Member, Board of Trustees, Western Washington University.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 28, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

LAWRENCE M. GLENN, appointed October 6, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Peninsula Community College District No. 1.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

September 8, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

MOLLY E. HAMAKER-TEALS, appointed August 12, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

June 2, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

HAROLD W. HANSON, appointed May 16, 2010, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Director of the Washington State Lottery Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.
H. JEFFERY HOWARD, appointed April 9, 2009, for the term ending December 5, 2012, as Member of the Eastern State Hospital Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

October 20, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MIKE HUDSON, reappointed October 15, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

December 20, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

DR. KEITH HUNZIKER, appointed December 20, 2007, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

June 3, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

ROGER JACKSON, appointed April 23, 2010, for the term ending December 5, 2012, as Member of the Western State Hospital Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

September 13, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ADDITION JACOBS, appointed September 13, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

July 6, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

DAVID JENNINGS, appointed June 18, 2009, for the term ending December 31, 2014, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

March 8, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JEFF G. JOHNSON, reappointed April 4, 2010, for the term ending April 3, 2014, as Member of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

August 2, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MYRA JOHNSON, reappointed July 19, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2014, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

June 25, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

STEPHEN L. JOHNSON, appointed May 1, 2009, for the term ending February 28, 2015, as Member of the Board of Tax Appeals.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

November 18, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

ALLIE M. JOINER, reappointed October 21, 2010, for the term ending July 1, 2015, as Member of the State School for the Deaf Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

February 1, 2010
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2011 REGULAR SESSION

THIRD DAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JENNIFER JOLY, appointed January 15, 2010, for the term ending December 31, 2014, as Member of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

April 12, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JO ANN KAUFFMAN, reappointed March 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

January 21, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

EDMUND I. KILEY, appointed January 14, 2010, for the term ending December 26, 2013, as Member of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

October 18, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

KRISTINE A. KLAVEANO, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 20 (Walla Walla Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

September 28, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

DENNIS KLOIDA, reappointed September 14, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

August 11, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MARTHA KONGSGAARD, reappointed July 27, 2010, for the term ending June 25, 2014, as Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

January 2, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SHERYL A. LAMBERTON, reappointed January 3, 2008, for the term ending December 5, 2011, as Member of the Western State Hospital Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

December 9, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JONATHAN M. LANE, appointed December 3, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 18 (Big Bend Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

December 13, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

KAREN LEE, appointed December 10, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2016, as Member, Board of Trustees, Western Washington University.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 28, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

KAREN LEE, appointed December 10, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2016, as Member, Board of Trustees, Western Washington University.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.
ROBERT W. LENIGAN, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Technical College District #29 (Clover Park).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 21, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JANET LEWIS, reappointed October 15, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 28, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

SHOUBEE LIAW, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 7 (Shoreline Community College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

December 16, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JAMES LOWERY, appointed December 10, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 12 (Centralia College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

February 12, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MIKE D. MARAVE, reappointed February 12, 2010, for the term ending October 1, 2012, as Member of the Small Business Export Finance Assistance Center Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Economic Development, Trade & Innovation.

November 9, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

MARK MATTKE, appointed October 15, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

April 19, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

MARK MAYS, appointed March 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 28, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

CATHY A. MCABEE, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Technical College District #27 (Renton).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

December 13, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JULIE MCCULLOCH, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 1 (Peninsula College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Refereed to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

February 15, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

RICHARD F. MCCURDY, appointed March 1, 2010, for the term ending December 26, 2011, as Member of the Board of Pilotage Commissioners.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

PATRICK McELLIGOT, reappointed January 1, 2010, for the term ending December 31, 2012, as Member of the Investment Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

October 14, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

THOMAS W. MCLANE, reappointed September 9, 2009, for the term ending September 8, 2014, as Member of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

August 31, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

GILBERT A. MENDOZA, appointed August 12, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

October 30, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JOHN M. MEYER, appointed October 27, 2009, for the term ending August 2, 2012, as Member of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

August 28, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

STEVE S. MILLER, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, College District No. 8 (Bellevue College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

June 10, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ROBERT OZUNA, appointed June 10, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2013, as Member, Board of Trustees,
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

THERESA PAN HOSLEY, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Technical College District #28, (Bates).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

December 9, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

CHARLOTTE PARSLEY, appointed March 16, 2007, for the term ending July 1, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, State School for the Deaf.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

April 23, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

CHUCK PERRY, reappointed January 1, 2007, for the term ending December 31, 2012, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

January 7, 2007

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ROYCE E. POLLARD, appointed July 27, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Clark Community College District No. 14.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 29, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

BRIDGET O. PIPER, appointed October 15, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 17 (Spokane and Spokane Falls Community Colleges).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

August 24, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

QUENTIN POWERS, reappointed October 1, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Edmonds Community College District No. 23.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 20, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

CINDY ROAF, appointed October 17, 2008, for the term ending June 30, 2012, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

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

October 20, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

CHARLES ROBINSON, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 21 (Whatcom Community College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 20, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

MARGARET ROJAS, reappointed October 1, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Skagit Valley Community College District No. 4.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JADA RUPLEY, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 14 (Clark College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

STEPHEN RUSHING, reappointed July 19, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2014, as Member of the Professional Educator Standards Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ROBERT M. RYAN, appointed December 6, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2012, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 22 (Tacoma Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

ANN E. RYHERD, appointed August 23, 2010, for the term ending August 2, 2016, as Member of the Lottery Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

SAMUEL H. SHADDOX, appointed September 8, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.
ALBERT SHEN, appointed October 26, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 6 (Seattle, So. Seattle, and No. Seattle Community Colleges).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 18, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.
JAMES SHIPMAN, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 5 (Everett Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

April 14, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.
MANFORD R. SIMCOCK, reappointed April 1, 2010, for the term ending March 26, 2014, as Member of the Higher Education Facilities Authority.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

THE HONORABLE STEPHEN THARINGER, reappointed February 15, 2010, for the term ending July 15, 2013, as Chair of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

April 8, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

DENNIS THAUT, reappointed April 16, 2010, for the term ending April 15, 2015, as Member of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

March 17, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

DAVID THREEDY, appointed April 8, 2010, for the term ending June 17, 2015, as Chair of the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

September 25, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

PAMELA J. TIETZ, appointed October 1, 2009, for the term ending June 30, 2013, as Member of the Housing Finance Commission.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

December 18, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JIM TIFFANY, reappointed October 1, 2009, for the term ending September 30, 2014, as Member, Board of Trustees, Wenatchee Valley Community College District No. 15.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

October 18, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

PAUL TRAUSE, appointed October 1, 2010, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Commissioner of the Employment Security Department.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

August 11, 2009
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

JOHN TURNER, reappointed July 6, 2009, for the term ending September 25, 2012, as Member of the Clemency and Pardons Board.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

November 29, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.

JOYCE TURNER, appointed April 1, 2010, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Director of the Department of General Administration.

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

October 19, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.

RICHARD VAN HOLLEBEKE, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 23 (Edmonds Community College).

Sincerely,
CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

November 3, 2010
TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.
BRIAN VANCE, reappointed October 4, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2015, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 24 (South Puget Sound Community College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

April 8, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
LINDA VILLEGAS BREMER, appointed May 1, 2010, for the term ending January 15, 2011, as Member of the Liquor Control Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection.

April 24, 2009

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
LORNA WALSH, appointed April 9, 2009, for the term ending July 1, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, State School for the Blind.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

March 19, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
STEPHEN L. WARNER, appointed March 19, 2010, for the term ending September 30, 2013, as Member, Board of Trustees, Community College District No. 3 (Olympic Community College).

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

February 26, 2008

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
PATRICIA A. WARREN, appointed February 21, 2008, for the term ending June 15, 2011, as Member of the Marine Employees' Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Transportation.

December 19, 2006

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following reappointment, subject to your confirmation.
MIRANDA WECKER, reappointed January 1, 2007, for the term ending December 31, 2012, as Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters.

January 4, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
CINDY ZEHNDER, appointed May 4, 2010, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as Chair of the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

November 9, 2010

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I have the honor to submit the following appointment, subject to your confirmation.
AMANDA ZELLER, appointed October 22, 2010, for the term ending June 30, 2011, as Member, Board of Trustees, Eastern Washington University.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE O. GREGOIRE, Governor
Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Eide, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9012, Marty Brown, which was placed on the confirmation calendar under suspension of the rules.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5044 by Senators Rockefeller, Zarelli and Regala
AN ACT Relating to the tax preference review process; and amending RCW 43.136.045 and 43.136.055.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5045 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Conway, Holmquist Newbry, Keiser, Kline, King and Chase

Refereed to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5046 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin and Roach

AN ACT Relating to adding court-related employees to the assault in the third degree statute; and amending RCW 9A.36.031.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5047 by Senators Kline, Chase, Harper, Nelson, Keiser and Shin

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting requests for waivers of rights of residents of long-term care facilities; and amending RCW 70.129.105.

Refereed to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5048 by Senators Kline, Nelson and Chase

AN ACT Relating to enhanced intelligence in Washington state; and adding a new chapter to Title 42 RCW.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5049 by Senators Kline, Roach and Keiser

AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee; amending RCW 13.34.100, 42.56.230, 42.56.330, 48.03.050, and 70.148.060; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.250; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5050 by Senators Kline, Nelson, Harper, Keiser and Hatfield

AN ACT Relating to residential landlord/tenant security deposits; and amending RCW 59.18.270 and 59.18.280.

Refereed to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5051 by Senators Kline, Rockefeller, Nelson, Keiser, Ranker and Chase

AN ACT Relating to public notice of proposed settlements of environmental and public health enforcement actions; amending RCW 15.58.340, 70.94.211, 70.94.332, 70.95.315, 70.95I.050, 70.105.095, 70.118.130, 70.118B.050, 70.118B.060, 70.119.130, 70.119A.040, 76.09.140, 77.55.291, 88.46.070, 90.03.605, 90.14.200, 90.46.270, 90.48.037, 90.56.270, 90.58.230, 90.76.070, and 90.76.080; adding a new section to chapter 70.95 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and creating a new section.

Refereed to Committee on Environment, Water & Energy.

SB 5052 by Senators Kline and Harper

AN ACT Relating to licensing court reporting firms or agencies; adding new sections to chapter 18.145 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5053 by Senators Kline, Hargrove, Nelson and Chase

AN ACT Relating to persistent offenders; amending RCW 9.94A.570, 9.95.425, 9.95.430, 9.95.435, and 9.95.440; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 9.95 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Refereed to Committee on Human Services & Corrections.

SB 5054 by Senators Kline and Harper

AN ACT Relating to legal proceedings involving public hazards; amending RCW 4.24.611 and 4.24.601; and creating a new section.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5055 by Senators Kline, Pflug, Kohl-Welles, Nelson, McAuliffe, Keiser, Chase, Fraser, Haugen, Prentice, Brown, Holmquist Newbry, Rockefeller and Shin

AN ACT Relating to the notice of appointment of a personal representative in probate proceedings; and amending RCW 11.28.237.

Refereed to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5056 by Senators Kline, Carrell, Hargrove, Pflug, Nelson, Harper, Kohl-Welles, Regala and Roach
AN ACT Relating to bail and pretrial release practices; amending RCW 2.56.030, 10.19.090, 10.19.100, 10.19.160, 18.15.010, 18.15.020, 18.15.040, 18.15.050, 18.15.070, 18.15.100, 18.15.110, and 71.05.385; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.360 and 71.05.390; adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.16 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 10.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 10.31 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.18 RCW; creating new sections; and making appropriations.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5057 by Senators Pflug, Kline and Harper

AN ACT Relating to the income tax required to be paid by a trustee; and amending RCW 11.104A.290.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5058 by Senators Pflug, Kline and Harper

AN ACT Relating to receivership; and amending RCW 7.60.025, 7.60.035, 7.60.040, 7.60.100, 7.60.120, 7.60.200, 7.60.230, and 7.60.260.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5059 by Senators Murray, Pflug, Brown, Kastama, Rockefeller, Shin, Hobbs, Delvin, Conway, Chase, Regala, Kline, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, Tom, Fraser, White, McAuliffe and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5060 by Senators Carrell, King, Litzow, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Pflug, Holmquist Newbry and Roach

AN ACT Relating to mail theft; amending RCW 9A.56.010; reenacting and amending RCW 99A.515; adding new sections to chapter 9A.56 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

SB 5061 by Senators Swecker, Haugen, King and Shin

AN ACT Relating to reconciling changes made to vehicle and vessel registration and title provisions during the 2010 legislative sessions; amending RCW 4.24.210, 7.68.035, 18.27.100, 19.116.020, 19.118.170, 43.21A.667, 43.43.400, 43.121.100, 46.01.040, 46.04.1945, 46.04.1951, 46.04.249, 46.04.265, 46.04.3815, 46.04.429, 46.04.62260, 46.04.671, 46.04.691, 46.04.692, 46.04.705, 46.09.320, 46.09.400, 46.09.420, 46.09.450, 46.09.470, 46.09.490, 46.10.440, 46.10.470, 46.10.490, 46.10.500, 46.10.510, 46.12.550, 46.12.600, 46.12.630, 46.12.700, 46.12.730, 46.12.735, 46.12.740, 46.12.745, 46.16A.070, 46.16A.080, 46.16A.200, 46.16A.210, 46.16A.215, 46.16A.455, 46.16A.510, 46.16A.530, 46.16A.540, 46.16A.545, 46.17.040, 46.17.210, 46.17.220, 46.17.230, 46.17.355, 46.17.400, 46.18.010, 46.18.020, 46.18.200, 46.18.220, 46.18.255, 46.18.285, 46.18.295, 46.19.050, 46.19.060, 46.30.020, 46.32.080, 46.32.120, 46.37.010, 46.61.582, 46.61.610, 46.61.672, 46.61.675, 46.68.020, 46.68.030, 46.68.380, 46.68.420, 46.68.425, 46.68.455, 46.70.027, 46.70.101, 46.71.011, 46.71.080, 46.87.010, 46.87.023, 46.87.060, 46.87.140, 46.87.230, 46.87.294, 46.87.296, 47.01.440, 50.40.071, 64.44.050, 70.107.030, 70.120.010, 70.120.160, 70.120.170, 70.285.020, 77.12.170, 77.12.879, 79A.05.020, 79A.05.065, 79A.05.225, 79A.60.510, 79A.60.630, 79A.60.670, 82.08.020, 82.12.800, 82.12.801, 82.14.430, 82.50.250, 84.36.080, 88.02.530, 88.02.560, 88.02.590, 88.02.595, 88.02.610, 88.02.620, 88.02.640, and 88.02.650; amending 2010 c 161 s 438 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 46.01.140, 46.04.670, 46.16A.030, 46.18.050, 46.18.060, 46.18.110, 46.18.130, and 48.11.020; creating a new section; recodifying RCW 46.04.391 and 46.16.900; repealing RCW 46.04.1961, 46.04.7051, 46.10.405, 46.16.30922, 46.18.030, and 88.02.655; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5062 by Senators Pridemore, Swecker, Hatfield, Becker, Kastama, White, Tom, Parlette, Shin, Chase, Pflug and Holmquist Newbry

AN ACT Relating to providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.550; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5063 by Senators Haugen, King and Shin

AN ACT Relating to special license plates for motorcycles; and amending RCW 46.04.437, 46.18.215, 46.18.225, 46.18.230, 46.18.235, 46.18.270, 46.18.280, and 46.18.290.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5064 by Senator Nelson

AN ACT Relating to membership on the Washington citizens’ commission on salaries for elected officials; and amending RCW 43.03.305.

Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections.

SB 5065 by Senators Carrell, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Nelson, Delvin, Tom, Shin, McAuliffe and Kilmer

AN ACT Relating to prevention of animal cruelty; amending RCW 16.52.011, 16.52.085, 16.52.200, and 16.52.207; adding a new section to chapter 16.52 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.
SB 5066  by Senators Conway, Kohl-Welles and Kline
AN ACT Relating to streamlining contractor appeals; and amending RCW 18.27.370.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5067  by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Conway and Chase
AN ACT Relating to changing the department of labor and industries certified and registered mail requirements; and amending RCW 18.27.060, 18.27.230, 18.27.370, 18.106.100, 18.106.180, 19.28.131, 19.28.271, 19.28.341, 19.28.490, 43.22.435, 43.22A.080, 43.22A.130, 49.17.140, 49.26.110, 49.40.060, 49.48.083, 70.79.320, 70.87.125, 70.87.185, and 70.87.205.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5068  by Senators Conway, Prentice and Kohl-Welles
AN ACT Relating to the abatement of violations of the Washington industrial safety and health act during an appeal; and amending RCW 49.17.140.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5069  by Senators Prentice, Kohl-Welles, Conway, Kline and Chase
AN ACT Relating to the creation of the farm labor account; and amending RCW 19.30.030.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5070  by Senators Conway, Kohl-Welles, Kline and Chase
AN ACT Relating to prevailing wage records requests; and adding a new section to chapter 39.12 RCW.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5071  by Senators Murray, Pflug, Keiser, Conway, Kline, Parlette and Roach
AN ACT Relating to providing licensed midwives online access to the University of Washington health services library; and amending RCW 43.70.110.
Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5072  by Senators Hatfield, Shin and Haugen
AN ACT Relating to the authority of the department of agriculture to accept and expend gifts; and adding a new section to chapter 43.23 RCW.

SB 5073  by Senators Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Keiser, Regala, Pflug, Murray, Tom, Kline, McAuliffe and Chase
AN ACT Relating to medical use of cannabis; amending RCW 69.51A.005, 69.51A.020, 69.51A.010, 69.51A.030, 69.51A.040, 69.51A.050, 69.51A.060, and 69.51A.900; adding new sections to chapter 69.51A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 69.51A.080; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.
Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 5074  by Senators Murray, Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Haugen, Keiser, Regala, Prentice, Hobbs and Parlette
AN ACT Relating to body art, body piercing, and tattooing; amending RCW 18.300.010, 18.300.020, 18.300.030, 18.300.050, 18.300.060, 18.300.070, 18.300.090, and 18.300.130; and adding new sections to chapter 18.300 RCW.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection.

SB 5075  by Senators Fain, Hobbs, Benton, Litzow, Keiser and Tom
AN ACT Relating to the expiration dates of the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account and its revenue source; amending RCW 43.320.140 and 36.22.181; providing an effective date; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.
Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

SB 5076  by Senators Hobbs, Benton, Prentice, Keiser, Haugen, Tom, Shin, Kline and Roach
AN ACT Relating to the subpoena authority of the department of financial institutions; adding a new section to chapter 18.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.100 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.110 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.146 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 21.30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 31.45 RCW; and creating a new section.
Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance.

On motion of Senator Eide, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.
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At 10:07 a.m., pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4401, on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate was declared to be at ease for the purpose of a joint session to receive the State of the Judiciary address.

JOINT SESSION

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of the House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) called upon President of the Senate Owen to preside.

The President appointed a special committee to escort the Supreme Court Justices to the Chamber: Representatives Rolffes and Hargrove; Senators Litzow and Rockefeller.

The President appointed a special committee to escort the statewide elected official to the Chamber: Representatives Ryu and Buys; Senators Hill and Pridemore.

The President appointed a special committee to advise Her Excellency, Governor Christine Gregoire that the joint session had assembled and to escort her to the chamber: Representatives Billig and Harris; Senators Baumgartner and Shin.

The President appointed a special committee to escort Chief Justice Barbara Madsen to the Chamber: Representatives Miloscia and Zeiger; Senators Fain and Kline.

The Supreme Court Justices arrived, were escorted to the front of the Chamber and were introduced: Justice Charles W. Johnson, Justice Gerry L. Alexander, Justice Tom Chambers, Justice Susan Owens, Justice Mary E. Fairhurst, Justice James M. Johnson, Justice Debra L. Stephens and Justice Charles K. Wiggins.

The statewide elected official arrived, was escorted to the front of the Chamber and was introduced: State Auditor Brian Sonntag.

Governor Christine Gregoire arrived and was escorted to the rostrum.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen arrived, was escorted to the rostrum and was introduced.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by the Columbia River Young Marines, Tri Cities. The President led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Father Bernard Coughlin, Chancellor of Gonzaga University.

Father Bernard Coughlin: “Thank you, and I ask you to join me in prayer. Eternal God and Father, we ask that you assist with your guidance and love, Barbara A. Madsen, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. That your divine wisdom assists and guide her and her colleagues on this court in all their judicial decisions. We pray too for all judges throughout our state that you assist and guide them in discharging their duties with wisdom and honesty. We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy all citizens of our United States that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your holy law. May we be preserved in that peace with which the world cannot give and after enjoying the blessings of this life, may we be admitted to those with which are eternal. We pray to you almighty Lord, God and Father forever and ever, Amen.”

STATE OF THE JUDICIARY

Chief Justice Barbara Madsen: “Thank you. President Owen, Speaker Pro Tempore Moeller, Governor Gregoire, our Elected Official, my colleagues on the Supreme Court, my fellow judges who are in the gallery and Ladies and Gentlemen: I am here today on behalf of the Judicial Branch of Government of this State to present the State of the Judiciary Address. I particularly want to thank two people who are here with me today. First, I would like to thank my husband, Don Madsen, so worried about being called the lovely Mr. Madsen. He is the long-suffering man who listens to my speeches over and over and over again. Thank you. The second person I want to thank is Father Coughlin. Father Coughlin doesn’t travel very much anymore but he did agree to be here to give the benediction. Father Coughlin became the President of Gonzaga University the year that I started law school there. He and Gonzaga have been there for me at the most important times of my career and so I want to thank Father Coughlin and my entire Gonzaga family for their unflagging support.”

“The strength of our democracy is that our institutions of government are made up of our neighbors and friends. People who live among us and who themselves must depend on the same institutions that they serve. After listening to Speaker Chopp and Representative DeBolt on Monday and yesterday to our Governor, Chris Gregoire, I just want to share this observation: In my view, the people who have been chosen to lead at this very difficult time are people of good will. They want to do the very best that they can for the neighbors and friends and the communities that they serve. No one can envy the job facing our elected leaders this session. This is a year of unprecedented challenges but from where I stand I am confident that all of you in this room have brought the right stuff to do the job and I thank you. Because we know how much hard work lies ahead, my colleagues in the Judicial Branch and I are grateful to you for the opportunity to speak to you today as well as our elected officials and to the people of Washington.”

“One of the hallmarks of a democracy is the right to access to courts. It is really the fact that our country has a democracy that drives the need for courts. Democracies rely on the rule of law and the protection of individual liberties. That is because in a democracy we have rights and these rights must be protected and vindicated and this is the role that we assign to our courts. The hallmark of our justice system is captured in the words that are etched in stone on many of our courthouses in Washington: ‘Equal justice under law’ and in our Pledge of Allegiance, the last line: ‘With liberty and justice for all.’ Our courts are here to ensure the basic rights and protections guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of our Nation and of our State. We are charged with interpreting the laws that you right here in this chamber will create and have created and we are directed by our State Constitution to provide open, just and timely resolution of all matters that come before the courts. This is the core of what we do and it’s how we fit into the democratic form of government. The true meaning, though, of the Judicial Branch can be seen every day in the thousands of pictures that make up a much broader mosaic, the millions of life stories of our neighbors and friends who use our courts.”

“On this level, I can report to you that the state of Washington’s judiciary remains strong but stretched thin. While
the Legislative Branch deals with issues on a macro level, the Judicial Branch affects the lives and futures, the hopes and dreams of individual people on an individual basis. These stories that pull at our heart strings are played out every day in our courts across the state. From the San Juans to Spokane, issues that come before the courts have life-changing consequences. A typical day in our courthouses might see a victim of domestic violence seeking a protection order or it might see a civil dispute between owners of a small business trying to end their partnership but still keep their business afloat or it may see parents who are trying to adopt a child through the foster care system. Collectively, our courts hear more than two million filings a year. That is about one filing for every three citizens of our state. The vast number of these cases, more than one million and a half, are handled at limited-jurisdiction courts. I started my own career in the municipal court. I remember once that the fire department came and cleared my courtroom because we were exceeding courtroom capacity. In our limited-jurisdiction courts, judges handle misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors, traffic infractions, small claims and various civil actions. These are often referred to as the people’s courts. At the superior court, judges must decide everything from child custody issues to dissolutions, felony criminal matters, land use disputes, recall petitions – heaven forbid, contract claims and many other civil disputes. At the appellate level, we have three courts of appeals in which, as a total, they receive an average of more than four thousand new filings annually. Now under our state’s constitution, every one of those has to be heard by our courts of appeals. And in our supreme court, we are asked to hear petitions in over fifteen hundred cases a year. Over the last two years, the Supreme Court has worked hard to reduce the time that the parties have to wait to find out if the Court has accepted review. We’ve reduced this time from fourteen months down to four months, on an average. It took us a year to do that.”

“As my colleagues can tell you, being a judge is a tremendous honor, but it also carries heavy responsibilities. I’ve had a chance in the past few weeks to meet with many of you, particularly those of you who are new, and I’ve tried to explain that our court system is a decentralized, non-unified system. So, in addition to hearing and deciding cases and managing their local courts, our judges also have to work at the state level to try to coordinate statewide policies and practices. They do this through participating in their judicial associations, on boards, on commissions, on committees and on taskforces that we create. Many of the leaders of our most visible associations are with us today and earlier President Owen introduced some of them: Judge Steve Warning who is the president judge of our Superior Courts Judges Association; and Judge Brown, who is the president of our District and Municipal Court Judges Association, but I would like to recognize that there are many other judges here today who serve on the Board for Judicial Administration. I’d like to have those members of the Board please stand and be recognized.”

“The Board for Judicial Administration or, as we fondly call it, the BJA is the policy-setting body for the entire judiciary which is going to be meeting here today in Olympia after this session. I’m very proud of these judges and of the judicial officers that they represent from all four levels of our courts in Washington. A central focus for the BJA is maintaining fair and impartial courts throughout our state staffed by well-trained and professional judges. Independent judges are vital to our democracy. At the Supreme Court we often have visitors, judges from other countries that come to see our courthouse. On one such occasion a few years ago, a judge was touring our conference room where we make the decisions for the cases that we hear. He expressed surprise that we did not have a telephone in the conference room. He couldn’t understand how we would get our directions from the governor without a telephone. – She’s going to install one next week, right? – Well, we tried to explain about the independence of the judiciary.”

“In the State of Washington, we have a long history of non-partisan election of judges. Yet, curiously, in some of our municipal courts – not all but in some, so-called people’s courts, we give the city executive or the city Legislative Branch the exclusive right to decide who they will appoint as judges and how long those judges will serve. We will again be asking the Legislature this year to help us to assure that judges from all levels of court are elected by, and accountable to, the people that they serve. Last year when we were talking with you about this proposal, we provided some sample questions that were being asked to some judicial candidates in our municipal courts. In one example candidates were asked if they understood that sentencing offenders to jail would have a direct impact on the city’s budget. Another question that they were asked was whether they understood that appointing attorneys for indigent clients would have a budgetary impact on the city. As the Olympian Editorial Board so cogently stated last year after hearing this information, ‘The message sent to those seeking judicial appointment was clear: Dollars are more important than the fair administration of justice.’ Where judges are not elected, there are troubling examples. Judges with legitimate disagreements with the city council, the mayor, or the city manager or even the chief of police or the prosecutor who have found themselves kicked out of office at the end of their term seemingly because they disagreed. Judges once served at the pleasure of the crown and they lost their positions if the crown were defeated or if there was a death of a ruler but in a democracy, judges are unique because they are given license to sit in judgment of the government itself. Because democracies rely on the rule of law and the protection of individual liberties, democracies require judges to make rulings that are often unpopular. Fair and impartial courts, free from undue influence and control by Legislative and Executive Branches, are fundamental to our democracy. Our proposal is not an indictment of municipal court judges. Nor is it an indictment of city council members or mayors, many of whom work very collaboratively and appropriately with the judges in their jurisdictions and with the courts but we must change the system that makes them answerable to the city and not to the people. I’m urging your support for our proposal again this year, in 2011.”

“Another major initiative of the Judiciary is working to eliminate bias in the courts. In the 1980s this Legislature and our Judiciary became national leaders in examining and responding to bias in the courts. You provided funding for the Gender and Justice Commission and also for the Minority and Justice Commission and through these commissions we continue to aggressively, and with research, focus on eliminating bias and barriers to justice in our state. While it’s impossible to report on all of the work of these Commissions, I do want to point out just a couple of examples. For example, our Minority and Justice Commission was receiving complaints that African-Americans were required to post bail to secure release from jail far more often than white defendants. The Commission partnered with the University of Washington to conduct a study of judges’ release practices. We learned that the release criteria in our court rules was inherently biased. The Commission recommended a new court rule changing the criteria which the Supreme Court adopted. And then, just this past session, we worked, the Gender and Justice Commission, worked with community groups and key legislators here to pass legislation
banning the practice of shackling women prisoners during labor and delivery.”

“Our courts have spent enormous energy addressing bias and meaningful access to justice but we recognize the need to reassess our progress so, shortly after becoming Chief Justice, I convened a workforce, the Supreme Court Commissions, Boards and Taskforces Assessment Workgroup to take a hard look at our existing efforts and to make recommendations for modernizing and strengthening the justice system’s ability to ensure fair treatment for all. We have learned a great deal from our work over the years on bias in the courts. We have learned that it’s an extremely complex and nuanced issue. We as a Branch remain profoundly committed to discovering and eliminating barriers to equal justice. To that end, the Supreme Court will be hosting a racial bias roundtable on March 2nd with leaders from the Washington State Bar Association, minority bar associations from across the state, prosecutors, public defenders, legal educators and other stakeholders to look at needed reforms in the system.”

“The core of what brings together our hundreds of courts everyday is the Judicial Information System (JIS). Essentially, JIS equals justice. Without JIS calendars the courts could not operate; money from traffic fines and fees would not be collected and delivered to the state; and judges would not have access to the criminal records of the defendants who appear in front of them. If you can imagine having someone appear in front of you for a critical bail decision and not have the criminal history to make that very important decision. You could not do it without the assistance of JIS. Our JIS capabilities and benefits are far-reaching: protecting victims of domestic violence; ensuring that judges, police, prosecutors, community corrections, probation officers get timely access to related court orders; and increasing the courts’ ability to keep the records organized, accurate and readily accessible. It is a testament to the wisdom of this Legislature that you recognized our need and you created a separate funding stream to maintain and improve this System. A system that also provides essential information to the Washington State Patrol, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Secretary of State, the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the Department of Licensing, local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors and defense attorneys. We are requesting $10 million this biennium from the dedicated JIS account to improve and enhance the information system which currently serves 16,000 court customers and 8,000 other users. These funds are critical to allow the courts to streamline services and to provide accurate and up-to-date information throughout our state. We have already seen what advantages can be gained by modernizing: specifically, the vehicles-related violations exchange that is under development will eliminate the need to physically transfer paper tickets to the courts which, now, have to be reentered by hand.”

“I also have some other good news on the technology front that I would like to report. This past year, the members of the Washington State Bar Association and the Access to Justice community worked to establish something called ‘JusticeNet.’ Sounds a little scary but it’s not. It is an effort to use technology and broadband capability throughout the state to deliver information and services. With over sixty-five members, Justice Net includes courts, libraries, community centers, legal aid and defender organizations, the prosecutors association and the State Bar. Well, in September, the U.S. Department of Commerce approved a grant that was submitted by Justice Net. As a result, the State of Washington will receive $4.1 million to establish and support an inter-connected system of public computing centers throughout the state. These will be located in public libraries, community centers, non-profit organizations, courthouses, low-income housing complexes. These computing centers will be connected to emerging networks of social services organizations, legal aid offices, courts and government services. Together we will transform our justice system using our resource wisely to meet the needs and the aspirations of all people to access to justice.”

“As my predecessor, Gerry Alexander, our former Chief, has addressed you in the past in this body, the Judicial Branch has begun a far-reaching effort to address the state’s legal obligation to provide access to justice across the State of Washington in every courthouse on an equal basis. Historically, this state has imposed a disproportionate responsibility for meeting essential law and justice responsibilities, including funding for the courts, at the local level. In fact, Washington continues its unfortunate ranking as fiftieth in the nation out of fifty states for the percentage of funding that it provides for the courts and for prosecution and criminal indigent defense. As a result, across the state, counties spend well in excess of two-thirds of their general revenues on law and justice functions while, at the state level, the courts comprise less than seven tenths of one percent of the state’s operating budget.”

“Since becoming Chief, I have been talking to trial judges about the impacts of the local budget cuts on their operations. One survey of the judges painted a rather bleak picture. Courts – not all but many, are losing their line staff, they are cutting hours of operation and eliminating all real people answering phones. Entire probation departments are being eliminated which means there is no follow up of any kind to ensure that the defendants meet their court-ordered obligations for treatment. Courthouse facilitators, which do not exist in every county all ready, are being reduced in the counties where they do exist meaning that there are more unrepresented litigants who are not prepared to go forward on their cases. There are couples who are living with temporary orders in dissolution cases because they can’t get trial dates which means that they cannot move forward with their lives. Serious juvenile offenders are being released from detention early. Court clerks are struggling to update their records in a timely and accurate way. And, most remarkably, some Superior Courts are experiencing such significant delays in civil trials that their local bar associations have had to step forward and volunteer as pro tem judges to help reduce the backlog. We have a stunning example of that in Yakima County where twenty-three attorneys stepped forward to volunteer to act as pro tem judges. Injunctives are occurring and public safety is jeopardized as this continues.”

“With this in mind, the BJA will be seeking legislation to extend the sunset provision on the filing fee surcharges that were added by this Legislature in 2009. The judicial system is a core function of government and, as such, we believe that it should be funded through general fund revenues and not user fees but we do understand, in the dire consequences of today’s economy, that is not possible so we will ask you to extend these expiring surcharges and add traditional state and local government split of those filing fees in order to help weather this fiscal storm, both at the state and the county level.”

“This upcoming legislative session will be especially trying for all of us as we strive to uphold the promise of our Constitution: justice administered in all cases, civil and criminal, openly and without unnecessary delay. For the past several months all agencies of the Judicial Branch, in cooperation with the Governor’s office, have reduced our expenses and cut costs by more than $4.3 million, in addition to cuts in the two previous legislative sessions of $17.7 million. This has been especially felt in our Administrative Office of the Courts which experienced a 19.3 percent reduction to its operating budget last biennium.
This has resulted, of course, in losing services to our appellate courts, our trial courts and, of course, to the citizens of our state. One particular program that we think is in danger this year is the Office of Public Guardianship, which was created by the Legislature in 2007 to assist the approximately 4,500 state residents who are incapacitated and need the help of a guardian to be able to live independently."

"Finally, let me say that it is important to note, in these tough times, that we are working hard not to abandon our state’s most vulnerable residents: children in foster care; victims of domestic violence; senior citizens; and others who are vulnerable. Two agencies of our Branch are here to protect the liberties of our citizens every day, that is: the Office of Public Defense and the Office of Civil Legal Aid and they have agreed to withdraw their request for new funds this biennium and will do their very best to work within their current budgets. I am very proud of the work of the Office of Public Defense which is working to improve the standards of public defense in trial, juvenile and appellate courts. The majority of criminal cases in this state involve people who are indigent. Over 200,000 people a year are indigent in this state. Almost fifty years ago, in Gideon versus Wainwright, a United States Supreme Court case, it was established that the state has a constitutional obligation to ensure that people are provided with an attorney. It is one of the cornerstones of our promise of fairness and yet, in many of our jurisdictions, poor defendants traditionally have not been appointed adequate counsel. This is why, in 2006, the Legislature funded a six million dollar program to improve the capability of our public defenders in our municipal and superior courts. This critically important program is key to meeting the state’s obligation under Gideon. OPD has also made incredible strides in a program that provides representation for parents who are facing dependency and termination cases. This is an area where the courts have found that such a fundamental right, the right to be a parent and to have the custody and the care of your children that the Constitution has been determined to mandate that attorneys be appointed in this area. Our studies show that under our OPD program, parents are actually, with the assistance of competent counsel and well-educated counsel, able to work through, using services that are offered by the state, work through their dependency and termination cases often times resulting in additional reunifications and less time in the court system."

"Similarly, our Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) is our state’s legal lifeline for civil equal justice. When there’s nowhere else to turn, Civil Legal Aid steps in. All over Washington, Civil Legal Aid lawyers and volunteers are working together to provide critical legal help to those who cannot afford it on matters that touch on the very fundamental needs that people have: the need for safety; the need for security, housing and access to essential services and support. This need, given our current financial crisis, has increased tremendously. We are seeing many more middle-class citizens who have been caught up in the recession. These people are unable to pay their rent, their mortgage or their bills in the way that they used to be able to do. They come to court. They are embarrassed. They are distraught. And, usually, they are without counsel and without any idea how to proceed to protect themselves. Our state’s civil legal aid system is struggling to meet the urgent civil needs of our newly poor and vulnerable. In King County alone, requests for legal assistance over the past years have risen dramatically. Foreclosures are up 291 percent. Claims for unemployment are up 498 percent. We’ve seen a rise in the requests for medical assistance of 290 percent. Public assistance claims, 148 percent and bankruptcy claims, 145 percent. The OCLA reports that there are similar conditions in counties all across our state. Our judges report that these people cannot bring effective appeals much less revision motions; recover money that is owing to them; or win the custody of their children when they are facing and opponent who is represented. They are routinely evicted, denied domestic violence orders, assessed large judgments they cannot pay and foreclosed out of their homes. Our laws guarantee basic rights and protections to all of us not just those who can afford a lawyer but there is an overwhelming civil justice gap between the legal needs of the economically disadvantaged and the legal help that they receive."

"In closing, on behalf of the dedicated judges of Washington State I would like to reinforce our commitment to the rule of law in our democracy. Your judges will steadfastly continue their efforts to ensure the promise of equal justice for all Washington citizens. In large part, the cornerstone of this commitment rests upon adequate and stable funding for trial courts and we pledge to stay the course in achieving this long-term goal. Together we have made great strides in the right direction for Washington courts and we are deeply grateful for the support you have shown us in the past. I would also like to express how honored I am to serve alongside of all of you as a leader in our separate, but equal Branch of Government. I’m particularly grateful to Governor Gregoire and to the many leaders in the House and Senate who have been so willing to listen to the concerns of our Branch in these difficult times. I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have given me and my colleagues today and I want to wish you all the best in these challenging times."

"Thank you."

The President thanked Chief Justice Madsen for her remarks.

The President asked the special committee to escort Chief Justice Madsen from the Rostrum.

The President asked the special committee to escort the Governor from the Rostrum.

The President asked the special committee to escort the Statewide Elected Official from the Chamber.

The President asked the special committee to escort the Supreme Court Justices from the Chamber.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Sullivan the Joint Session was dissolved.

The Speaker (Representative Moeller presiding) assumed the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted President of the Senate Owen, President Pro Tempore Margarita Prentice, Majority Caucus Chair Karen Fraser and Minority Whip Doug Ericksen and members of the Washington State Senate from the House Chamber.

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Owen.

MOTION

At 12:31 p.m., on motion of Senator Eide, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 13, 2011.

BRAD OWEN, President of the Senate
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