

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, JANUARY 10, 2023

The House was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by the Speaker.

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Monday, January 9, 2023

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

Monday, January 9, 2023

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4400
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4401

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READINGHB 1193 by Representatives Dye, Goehner and Corry

AN ACT Relating to affirming that the legislature has not provided authority for the state building code council to use greenhouse gas emissions as a consideration in residential building codes or energy codes; amending RCW 19.27.020, 19.27A.020, and 19.27A.160; reenacting and amending RCW 70A.45.020; adding a new section to chapter 19.27A RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1194 by Representative Klicker

AN ACT Relating to training, educating, and inspiring the next generation of the clean and renewable energy workforce; amending RCW 43.52.391; adding a new chapter to Title 82 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.08.962 and 82.12.962; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1195 by Representatives Senn, Riccelli, Fitzgibbon, Walen, Fey, Ryu, Berry, Bateman, Simmons, Santos, Gregerson, Berg, Bergquist, Tharinger, Ramel, Doglio, Ormsby, Macri, Callan, Fosse, Thai and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons in public parks and public hospitals; reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.300; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1196 by Representatives Mosbrucker and Davis

AN ACT Relating to public transparency in the criminal plea negotiation process; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry.

HB 1197 by Representatives Bronoske, Berry, Bateman, Simmons, Fosse, Davis and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to defining attending provider and clarifying other provider functions for workers' compensation claims, and adding psychologists as attending providers for mental health only claims; amending RCW 51.04.050, 51.28.010, 51.28.020, 51.28.030, 51.32.055, 51.32.090, 51.32.095, 51.36.010, 51.36.022, 51.36.060, and 51.36.070; adding a new section to chapter 51.08 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1198 by Representatives Bronoske, Fey, Leavitt and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to authorizing public transportation benefit areas to become limited authority Washington law enforcement agencies; amending RCW 36.57A.080; reenacting and amending RCW 10.93.020; and adding a new section to chapter 36.57A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry.

HB 1199 by Representatives Senn, Eslick, Leavitt, Berry, Bateman, Kloba, Reed, Simmons, Tharinger, Ramel, Doglio, Goodman, Macri, Callan, Fosse and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to licensed child care in common interest communities; adding a new section to chapter 64.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 64.34 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 64.38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 64.90 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HB 1200 by Representatives Alvarado, Bronoske, Fitzgibbon, Berry, Bateman, Reed, Simmons, Bergquist, Ramel, Doglio, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Fosse, Pollet and Chopp

AN ACT Relating to requiring public employers to provide employee information to exclusive bargaining representatives; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.59 RCW; and adding a new section to

chapter 28B.52 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 41.80 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1201 by Representatives Ormsby, Macri and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to actuarial funding of state retirement systems; amending RCW 41.45.060 and 41.45.150; repealing 2021 c 334 s 747 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1202 by Representatives Ormsby and Macri

AN ACT Relating to eliminating accounts; amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; decodifying RCW 43.99N.040; repealing RCW 13.40.466, 43.72.902, 43.83.300, 43.83.310, 43.83.320, 43.83.370, and 70A.135.100; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1203 by Representatives Ormsby and Macri

AN ACT Relating to improving the fiscal process by updating accounts administered by the office of financial management, creating new accounts including one for the opioid litigation settlement and one for the receipt of federal funds, and reenacting accounts created in the supplemental budget bill; amending RCW 43.41.450, 41.06.280, 41.06.285, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; reenacting RCW 43.79.567 and 43.330.365; adding new sections to chapter 43.79 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 38.52 RCW; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1204 by Representatives Callan, Eslick, Leavitt, Bateman, Kloba, Reed, Simmons, Doglio, Goodman, Ortiz-Self, McEntire, Davis and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to implementing the family connections program; amending RCW 74.13.715; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning.

HB 1205 by Representatives Taylor, Reed and Senn

AN ACT Relating to responsibility for providing service by publication of a summons or notice in dependency and termination of parental rights cases; and amending RCW 13.34.080.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1206 by Representatives Pollet, Walen, Leavitt, Orwall, Chapman, Rule, Ryu, Berry, Bateman, Berg, Ramel, Ormsby, Callan, Senn, Ortiz-Self, Fosse, Paul and Thai

AN ACT Relating to tax relief for newspaper publishers; amending RCW 82.04.260, 35.102.150, 82.04.460, and 82.08.806; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1207 by Representatives Senn, Rude, Fey, Reed, Bergquist, Ramel, Doglio, Callan, Thai and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools by requiring distribution of related policies and complaint procedures, designation of a primary contact for compliance with nondiscrimination laws, and changing a prejudicial student discipline term; amending RCW 28A.300.042 and 28A.600.015; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.642 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1208 by Representatives Walen and Corry

AN ACT Relating to pet insurance; adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

EHB 1209 by Representatives Leavitt, Griffey, Fey, Bronoske and Davis

AN ACT Relating to restricting the possession, purchase, delivery, and sale of certain equipment used to illegally process controlled substances; amending RCW 9.94A.518; adding a new section to chapter 69.50 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry.

EHB 1210 by Representatives Rude, Callan, Fey and Bergquist

AN ACT Relating to the recording of school board meetings; amending RCW 42.56.080 and 42.30.035; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1211 by Representatives Bergquist, Rude, Caldier, Kloba, Doglio and Senn

AN ACT Relating to special education funding formula; and amending RCW 28A.150.390.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1212 by Representatives Dye and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to outdoor recreation affordability; amending RCW 46.16A.090, 77.15.160, and 77.15.750; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 79A.80.005, 79A.80.010, 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, 79A.80.040, 79A.80.050, 79A.80.060, 79A.80.070, 79A.80.080, 79A.80.090, 79A.80.100, 79A.80.110, and 79A.80.120.

Referred to Committee on Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans.

HB 1213 by Representatives Ybarra, Fitzgibbon, Ramel, Doglio and Macri

AN ACT Relating to compliance with labeling requirements for wipes; amending RCW 70A.525.901 and 70A.525.020; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1214 by Representative Walsh

AN ACT Relating to enacting the protecting children's bodies act; amending RCW 48.43.0128 and 74.09.675; adding a new

section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1215 by Representatives Chapman, Lekanoff, Berry, Kloba, Reed, Simmons, Tharinger, Ramel, Doglio, Macri, Senn and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to the protection and restoration of riparian areas; adding a new section to chapter 89.08 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 77.85 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 1216 by Representatives Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Berry, Reed, Simmons, Macri, Fosse and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to clean energy siting; adding new sections to chapter 43.21C RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.70B RCW; adding new chapters to Title 43 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1217 by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Fosse, Berry, Reed, Simmons, Gregerson, Ramel, Macri and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to improving worker recovery in wage complaints by authorizing the collection of interest and studying other options; amending RCW 49.48.083; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1218 by Representatives Bergquist, Stokesbary, Tharinger, Doglio and Macri

AN ACT Relating to adding a new caseload for the official caseload forecast for the number of people eligible for the working families' tax credit under RCW 82.08.0206; and amending RCW 43.88C.010.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1219 by Representatives Pollet, Bronoske, Ramel, Berry and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to public transportation benefit area governing bodies; amending RCW 36.57A.050; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 1220 by Representatives Mena, Reed, Simmons and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to establishing universal civic duty voting; amending RCW 29A.40.010, 29A.08.330, 29A.08.355, and 46.20.155; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.08.320 and 29A.36.161; adding new sections to chapter 29A.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29A.84 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29A.04 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1221 by Representatives Stearns, Kloba, Ramel, Goodman and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to the privacy of lottery players; and amending RCW 42.56.230.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

SCR 8400 by Senators Pedersen and Short

Convening a joint session for the purpose of receiving the State of the Judiciary message.

SCR 8401 by Senators Pedersen and Short

Establishing cutoff dates for the consideration of legislation during the 2023 regular session of the sixty-eighth legislature.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 1194 which was referred to the Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce Development.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended and SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400 and SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401 were placed on the second reading calendar.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4400
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JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4400, the Senate appeared at the doors of the House of Representatives and requested admission to the Chamber. The Sergeant at Arms of the House, Mr. Johnny Alexander, and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Mr. Andy Staubitz, escorted the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Senator Karen Keiser, Senator Judy Warnick and Senator T'wina Nobles to seats at the Rostrum. The senators were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Speaker of the House called upon the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Denny Heck, to preside over the Joint Session.

The President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck, called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was declared to be present.

President Heck: "This Joint Session has been convened to receive the state of the state message from His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee."

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a special committee to escort the State Supreme Court Justices to the House Chamber: Representatives McClintock and Farivar and Senators Shewmake and MacEwen.

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The President of the Senate appointed a special committee to escort the statewide elected officials to the House Chamber: Representatives Street and Low and Senators Kauffman and Hawkins.

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The President of the Senate appointed a special committee to advise His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee, that the Joint Session had assembled and to escort the Governor to the House Chamber:

Representatives Stearns and Hutchins and Senators Hasegawa and Fortunato.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of the Justices of the State Supreme Court at the Chamber door. The special committee consisting of Representatives McClintock and Farivar and Senators Shewmake and MacEwen escorted the Chief Justice and Justices to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The members of the Supreme Court were introduced by the President: Chief Justice Steven Gonzalez, Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Susan Owens, Justice Debra Stephens, Justice Sheryl Gordon-McCloud, Justice Mary Yu and Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of the statewide elected officials at the Chamber door. The special committee consisting of Representatives Street and Low and Senators Kauffman and Hawkins escorted the statewide elected officials to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The statewide elected officials were introduced by the President: Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, State Auditor Pat McCarthy, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, Superintendent of Public Instruction Chris Reykdal and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz.

The President introduced officers and members of the Consular Association of Washington: Vanessa Padgurny, Acting Consul General of Canada; Floribert Mubalama, Honorary Consul of the Democratic Republic of Congo; Mark Gantar, Honorary Consul of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Uli Fischer, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany; Katalin Pearman, Honorary Consul of Hungary; Micheal Smith, Consul General of the Republic of Ireland; Hisao Inagaki, Consul General of the State of Japan; Daravuth Huoth, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Cambodia; Viggo Forde, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Norway; Eva Kammel, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Austria; Anders Barria Roman, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Chile; Matti Suokko, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Finland; Eunji Seo, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Korea; Imants F. Holmquist, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Latvia; Miguel A. Velasquez, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Peru; Iulian Calinov, Honorary Consul of Romania; Philippe Gowetschel, Honorary Consul of the Swiss Confederation; Elisabetta Valentini, Honorary Consul of the Italian Republic; Valeriy Goloborodko, Honorary Consul of Ukraine; Daniel Chen, Director General of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office; Joe White, Consul of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Gerardo Guiza, Deputy Consul of the United Mexican States.

The President introduced former Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen who was present in the Chamber.

The President recognized tribal chairs, leaders, and representatives of the Native tribes within Washington who were present in the gallery.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee at the Chamber door. The special committee consisting of Representatives Stearns and Hutchins and Senators Hasegawa and Fortunato escorted Governor Inslee to the Rostrum where he was introduced by the President.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard, commanded by Lieutenant Matt Fehler, presented the Colors. The Honor Guard was comprised of Trooper Kyle Flaig, Trooper Dean Gallanger, Sergeant James Maguire and Sergeant William Rutherford.

The National Anthem was performed by the Tacoma Refugee Choir directed by Ms. Erin Guinup.

The President led the Joint Session in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The prayer was offered by Father Andriy Matlak, Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Seattle.

The President welcomed and introduced Ms. Rena Priest, Washington State Poet Laureate, who was seated at the rostrum.

Ms. Rena Priest, speaking in her Lummi language, expressed her pleasure in joining the Joint Session to share her poem written to the theme "A Vision for a More Equitable 2023."

The President introduced the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington.

STATE OF THE STATE

Governor Inslee: "Thank you. Thank you very much for that greeting. Good afternoon on a beautiful day in the state of Washington. And it is a beautiful day and it's been made more beautiful by our guest Father Andriy Matlak, Poet Laureate Rena Priest and the Tacoma Refugee Choir. Thank you very much for enlightening us and inspiring us. We appreciate that.

And a very warm welcome and congratulations to our twenty-nine newly-elected senators and representatives. I'm excited to be in service with you.

And as Speaker Jinkins remarked yesterday, our government should be reflective and representative of the people we serve. This year we are welcoming the most diverse legislature in our state's history.

And I want to give, if you will allow me, I would like to express my deep appreciation for my family, particularly my grandchildren, who always inspire me to take the long view. And particularly, of course, to Trudi Inslee, who is such a great partner, and I mean great.

Mr. President, Madame Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished justices of the court, members of the Legislature, tribal leaders, state and local officials, and members of the Consular Corps, particularly the Ukrainian Honorary Consul Valeriy Goloborodko, We stand with Ukraine in the state of Washington.

My fellow Washingtonians, after two years of delivering the State of the State virtually, it is great to be back here together again. And I want to tell you, you all look great. You haven't aged a day in two years. So, there's good news here.

Look, I know we have big challenges this session. As leaders, we will be called upon these next few months to act with decisiveness, with ambition, with audacity.

And the good news is that here in Washington state, ambition and audacity are both embedded in our state's DNA.

And as I was giving thought about the challenges we face this session, I realized we aren't facing anything we aren't ready for.

I was thinking about my comments today, it was just something that we're ready to do. When you think about the things we've passed in the recent years that are now becoming real, and they need them to become real. People are eager to see bold and inclusive leadership and action.

Think about this, five years ago we launched a transformation of our centuries-old behavioral health system. Today, that effort is resulting in dozens of new facilities opening throughout our state that offer more kinds of care in more places for more people.

Two years ago, we funded a new type of rapid acquisition housing. It's speeding up our ability to create supportive housing in a matter of weeks and months, instead of years and decades.

The climate policies we passed in recent sessions are now going into effect. And not only are these policies driving down polluting emissions, they are also creating thousands of clean energy jobs across our state.

Two years ago, we passed a Working Families Tax Credit that starts next month. This credit will put as much as \$1,200 into the hands of more than 400,000 Washington families.

And the list goes on: paid family leave; broadband access; career connected learning; and the best financial program, financial aid program for students in the nation.

Here in our state, we invest in our people, and we invest in our communities.

It's a reason we have been rated the best state in America, the best economy in America, the second-best state for business, the third best state for workers — we can't be number one in everything, but we sure come close every year.

And this is not an accident. It is because of the work we do in these chambers.

And because of that work and because of the work of millions of Washingtonians, I can proudly report to you this: the state of our state is strong. And I am happy.

If we continue building on the investments and policies we've started, we can continue building a Washington: Where everyone is housed. Where schools are safe from gun violence, and students receive the mental and educational support they need. Where the existential crisis of climate change is met by unmatched innovation. Where communities are welcoming and safe for all. Where all people have a constitutional right to reproductive freedom. And, where people struggling with mental health or substance abuse no longer fall unseen and unheard through the cracks.

Building a Washington that fits this vision is entirely within our grasp this session. We can set the bar this high because we know we're able to achieve it. Let's take housing and homelessness as an example.

We know states across the country are seeing an increase in homelessness, and Washington unfortunately is one of them. Why? Well, we know there are multiple reasons. Though some people face behavioral health challenges or chemical addiction issues, the fundamental, underlying challenge is that we do not have enough housing in our state for our people.

And it is a difficult irony of having such a strong economy. Well-paid workers flock here for jobs, forcing lower-paid workers to compete for housing. And when there's not enough housing for all, rents and prices skyrocket beyond what we can afford.

And until we fix our housing crisis, thousands of people will remain homeless. Today, we're short 81,000 housing units and worsening by the thousands each year.

Our population grew nearly 1 million people in the past decade. But housing stock only grew about 315,000 units. We're going to need another million units in the next 17 years. Again, until we fix our housing crisis, thousands of people will remain homeless. And we need a fix that provides a level of speed and scale beyond anything we've done in the past.

Now when it comes to building affordable housing, our Housing Trust Fund has been our primary tool for decades. But unfortunately, we can only adjust that dial a little bit here and there. We have been adjusting it up every biennium since 2013 — \$30-\$50 million at a time. But it simply isn't enough. And if there was ever a time to go big, it's now. And I understand the frustration of those who wonder why this problem hasn't been solved yet. And I understand the allure of easy answers to homelessness. But we all know there are no easy answers. Simply moving a person experiencing homelessness from one street corner or city to another is not a real solution.

Now, what is working are efforts such as the rapid acquisition program that we launched, and you launched two years ago. That program is allowing us now to create thousands of new supportive housing units at a pace that was never possible before. This is a pace we have to sustain and accelerate at scale.

I've seen the success of these programs in several housing projects that I've visited, including a few months ago when I met a young man named John Tori Mackey. He was at a pallet shelter village in Vancouver called The Outpost. Tori told me that having a private space all of his own, that was secure and access to services was the difference he needed to get effective treatment and get back on his feet. He told me it literally saved his life.

I also met a woman named Millicent, and her daughter, McKenna, last year. They lost their home right before COVID and couldn't find another place they could afford. But they found stability at the Willow Crossing in Seattle. I'd like all of you to meet Millicent and McKenna here. Thanks Millicent and McKenna. Where are you? I'm looking for you there. Thanks for being here today.

Their stories, and stories like Tori's, are not unlike most of the other 25,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in our state. When you're only one paycheck or one car repair away from a missed rent payment, it can feel impossible to find another option in a housing market like ours. So, I will say it again: Until we fix our housing crisis, thousands of people, like these folks, are going to remain homeless.

This is why I'm proposing a \$4 billion referendum that will significantly speed up the construction of thousands of new units that will include shelters, supportive housing and affordable housing. This will be combined with additional behavioral health support, and substance use treatment, and employment services and more. Why? Well, it's because we know that substance use treatment and mental health support can work when you combine it with secure, stable housing.

This is not a one-time effort to buy a one-time fix where the money just sort of disappears. This investment will turn into true assets, once built, will provide a pipeline of affordable housing for tens of thousands of more people every year. And most importantly, a bonding referendum allows us to act now, not bit by bit over the next 30 years.

So, this referendum will forward our ability to build, importantly, it offers us the scale and speed we need. Scale and speed are necessary for market-rate development, as well. We know that residential zoning restrictions block developers from building denser, more affordable options. And we simply have to finish the job we started last session to address middle housing and increase housing density within our communities. There is a way to do this that respects the unique character of our towns and cities, while also responding to the reality that look, we are a growing, changing state.

Again, until we fix our housing crisis, thousands of people will remain homeless. I believe the people in the state of Washington are with us on this. Let's go big. Let's get this done this session.

Now another issue confronting families and communities across Washington is behavioral health. And I've mentioned that we launched an effort in 2018 to transform our behavioral health system. We had a century-old model of care that wasn't working. And since then, we've been building a new, community-based systems that helps people get the specific type of care they need closer to their homes and loved ones. And we've made thousands of new beds available to patients across Washington for care that ranges from crisis stabilization to substance abuse disorder.

We're still building, and my budgets contain funding to keep every part of our plan on track, including the new 350-bed forensic hospital at Western. We've got work to do. But much like our housing crisis, this is not enough, particularly when it comes to forensic services. We are seeing an unprecedented increase in demand for competency evaluation and restoration services — a 60% increase in court orders just since 2018, and a 145% increase in inpatient referrals since 2013. This is not sustainable.

This state has been and will continue doing its part to shore up capacity. We've added hundreds of forensic beds since the Trueblood trial in 2015, and we plan on adding hundreds more.

But even with all these investments, this unprecedented growth in court orders and referrals is not manageable or sustainable. Nor is our criminal justice system really an effective way to connect people to the treatment they really need to restore their lives.

So, we should be prioritizing diversion and community-based treatment options rather than using the criminal justice system as an avenue to mental health care, particularly because competency services only treat people to be well enough to be prosecuted. Now, this has been a frustrating point of contention for families, lawyers, judges, patients, advocates, providers and for me. We have to find a better way. Lawsuits and lawyers are not going to fix this problem. So, I will be asking local leaders to join me in crafting a better plan, both for defendants' mental health and for public safety.

Now, while we do these things, we're also continuing our efforts in education. And we know that meeting the social and emotional needs of our students is an extremely important effort, and I commend this Legislature and you for making historic investments last year to increase funding for schools so that they can hire more nurses, counselors, psychologists, and social workers which is always important but particularly as we are coming through COVID. And my budget continues these additional investments.

I'm also hopeful this year that we can increase funding for special education. I've proposed more than \$120 million to better support school districts as they meet the needs of every student, no matter how complex their needs.

All told, my budget proposal increases K-12 spending by \$3 billion. We know that circumstances have been difficult for students, educators, paraeducators, school bus drivers and all the others who work in our schools. So, I hope you can join me in a moment of recognition for these people who have been so instrumental in helping students navigate the challenges of COVID and beyond. Thank you to these educators. I appreciate your work.

On another positive note, one effort we've made tremendous progress on is climate. And when we see the tremendous damage that climate change is causing in our state, it's understandable to feel some despair at times. But I think we're also entitled to feel deep pride in what we have accomplished together. The tremendous pace of innovation, together with the policies we've adopted, because of your leadership, ought to give us significant doses of hope when we need it.

When I travel and meet with other government leaders from around the world, they know about the work we're doing in Washington. They know we are leading America on this noble effort. We've passed several landmark policies that are transitioning us to clean transportation, clean electricity and clean buildings. Just last week, our clean fuel standard and our cap-and-invest programs went into effect. And we're doing this in a way that ensures overburdened communities will experience the economic and health benefits of this transition.

Now, our focus shifts to implementation and investment. Now when we do this, we need more capacity to permit clean energy projects in a timely manner, and we need to bolster our transmission infrastructure to reliably deliver clean energy throughout the state.

We also need to expand our research and development capacity. It was just fantastic to go over to the Tri-Cities with Senators Nguyen and Boehnke last month to talk about the potential for a new Institute for Northwest Energy Futures at Washington State University. This Institute will put the region to be a global leader and in the global forefront of clean tech innovation. Go Cougs! And I hope you can help on this. I am not above pandering to Sam Hunt; I will tell you that. I admit to that.

Look, on the investment side this is a really big deal too, obviously now that this program is live. Our state's new cap-and-invest program will allow us, this year, to transform how we invest in transportation and our communities. Heat pumps for low-income families, charging stations across the state, hydroelectric ferries, free transit for youth, grants to clean up air pollution. The list goes on. Again, because of the work you have done. The CCA [Climate Commitment Act] will provide an estimated \$1.7 billion that will be used for projects to drive down emissions, create jobs and give people cleaner air and make communities healthier. This act is also helping us invest in the strongest suite of salmon recovery actions in the state's history. We know salmon are iconic to our state, to all Washingtonians, and certainly to the tribes' culture and way of life.

This will also fund a new voluntary riparian grant program that offers landowners assistance to protect and recover these habitats statewide. Now here's a sad truth, unfortunately, climate change will continue increasing the temperatures of our waters and killing salmon for years to come regardless of some of our best efforts. We need to minimize that. But we have to face this reality. So, providing shade that helps cool rivers and streams is even more critical in the years to come.

And I believe this, as legislators, when future generations look back at you and your efforts forty to fifty years from now, I know they will be proud you took action that gave their generation a chance. So, let's do just that. Let's boldly continue our fight against climate change and salmon extinction this session.

I know the list of things we intend to accomplish is long, but there are a couple more things I want to touch on. The first is public safety. That phrase – public safety – evokes different meanings and ideas amongst people. And I think we need to escape the trap that public safety is about any one thing – mental health or gun safety or drug treatment or law enforcement. The clear fact is, we need them all. One thing we know is that gun violence is a significant driver of increased crime. This isn't a surprise considering that the gun lobby has worked for decades against common sense gun safety measures.

Fortunately, in Washington state, voters and legislators have been willing to take on the gun lobby. We've enacted several measures to strengthen background checks and put limits on the kinds of weaponry used in mass shootings.

This year, we need to continue that work in three ways. First, one of the most meaningful measures, and effective measures that we can take is requiring that people have safety training, basic safety training, before they purchase a gun. Look, we expect that people have, we ought to expect that people have some basic training. We accept training in multiple parts of our lives. So, we should expect that people have basic training when they buy a gun. This has worked in other states. It is time to put it to work in Washington.

Second, we must increase accountability among manufacturers and dealers, and give families and victims access to justice when those entities fail to do their duty. And third, the time has come for the Legislature to ban the sale of military style assault weapons. These weapons are designed for the sole purpose of destroying lives; the lives of school children, law enforcement officers, concertgoers, nightclub patrons, and people gathered in houses of worship. We owe our children the assurance we're doing all we can to keep them safe. Let's pass all three bills and prove to them that the gun lobby doesn't make the rules in Washington state. We do.

Now, of course, gun safety laws are not the only thing we need. We want to help local law enforcement agencies hire and train more officers. They need more officers on our streets and in our neighborhoods. Last summer, Sen. John Lovick and I were joined by dozens of chiefs and sheriffs to propose new regional training centers. These new facilities will allow us to train hundreds of more recruits and help law enforcement agencies recruit people from within their diverse communities.

And also, sometimes the right response isn't necessarily from a law enforcement officer. I applaud the incredible work underway to implement our new 9-8-8 system. Unlike most states, this Legislature had the foresight to see this as much more than a crisis hotline. We're using this opportunity to create a true behavioral health crisis response system. And your continued support puts us on a path to ensure people facing a mental health, substance abuse, or suicidal crisis can be connected to mobile responders or culturally competent behavioral health providers. Thank you for making this work possible. I appreciate your leadership.

There is one other very important priority we have to address. And that's the rights of Washingtonians seeking reproductive care. We know, the Dobbs decision last year on the national level upended decades of precedent that assured people across the country had at least some measure of constitutional protection, constitutional protection for abortion care and contraception. That protection is gone for more than half the people in our nation. And the new Republican majority in Congress this weekend made further abortion restrictions one of their top priorities. So, in Washington state, we are fighting to make sure that this right remains protected.

We must protect patient data and privacy. We must protect access from the threat of health care consolidation and cost barriers. We must protect patients and providers from persecution by vigilantes and activist politicians in anti-choice states. And finally, and most importantly, we must pass a constitutional amendment that expressly establishes a fundamental right to reproductive freedom in the great state of Washington.

Before I close, I want to make a bit of a personal comment to you all. I want to express my personal thanks to you and to your families, for your service this session. You have each left your hearth and home to come here to serve your constituents and further the progress and success of our state. And when you do so, I know you will all strive and toil to enact the policies you believe in, and yet may never know many of the actual people you've really helped due to your work.

You may never know the single mom you've helped out of homelessness, but she'll be there. You may never know the teenager in a mental health crisis that you helped, but they'll be there. You may never know the person who was not a victim of gun violence because of your actions, but they'll be there. They'll all be there by the hundreds and thousands. Taken care of because of your efforts. And at the end of this session, I am confident you

will feel the deep satisfaction of those who know they have made a difference.

We have emerged recently through two great threats — one to our personal health and our family’s health, and one to our body politic. Because of the combination of scientific genius and sound decision-making in our state, we are no longer dominated by a virus. Because we stood up to those who dared to dismantle democracy, it is a joy to say with assurance and confidence that democracy is today intact in Washington state. So, now, it is our blessed opportunity to fully exercise the power of democracy, not with half measures, empty gestures, or platitudes. But with the boldness and the ambition that is fitting to the unlimited capacity of the Evergreen State.

We have a special state. We have a special moment. Let’s realize both. Let’s get to work. Thank you.”

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The President called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives Stearns and Hutchins and Senators Hasegawa and Fortunato to escort His Excellency, Governor Insee from the Chamber and the Governor retired from the House Chamber.

The President called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives Street and Low and Senators Kauffman and Hawkins to escort the statewide elected officials from the Chamber and the statewide elected officials retired from the House Chamber.

The President called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives McClintock and Farivar and Senators Shewmake and MacEwen to escort the Justices of the Supreme Court from the Chamber and the Justices of the Supreme Court retired from the House Chamber.

On the motion of Representative Fitzgibbon, the Joint Session was dissolved. The President of the Senate thanked the Speaker and the House for their hospitality and returned the gavel to the Speaker. The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Speaker called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate to escort Lt. Governor Denny Heck, President of the Senate; Senator Karen Keiser, President Pro Tempore; Senator Judy Warnick and Senator T’wina Nobles and members of the Washington State Senate from the Chamber and the Senate retired from the House Chamber.

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

SECOND READING

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400, by Senators Pedersen and Short

Convening a joint session for the purpose of receiving the State of the Judiciary message.

The concurrent resolution was read the second time.

Representative Fitzgibbon moved adoption of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8400.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8400 was adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401, by Senators Pedersen and Short

Establishing cutoff dates for the consideration of legislation during the 2023 regular session of the sixty-eighth legislature.

The concurrent resolution was read the second time.

Representative Fitzgibbon moved adoption of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401.

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

The Speaker stated the question before the House to be the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8401.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401 was adopted.

With the consent of the House, the bills previously acted upon were immediately transmitted to the Senate.

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

MOTION

There being no objection, the Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 1073, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

On motion of Representative Fitzgibbon, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., January 11th, 2023, the 3rd Day of the 2023 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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