

SIXTEENTH DAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

2025 REGULAR SESSION

**SIXTEENTH DAY****AFTERNOON SESSION**Senate Chamber, Olympia  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

**MOTIONS**

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

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

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

January 24, 2025

**SB 5011** Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, J.: Labeling ballot drop boxes. Reported by Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Kauffman; McCune; Riccelli and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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**SB 5034** Prime Sponsor, Senator Boehnke: Eliminating the expiration of the interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement team. Reported by Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Kauffman; McCune; Riccelli and Short.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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**SB 5077** Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Concerning expansion of voter registration services by government agencies. Reported by Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Hasegawa; Kauffman and Riccelli.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato; McCune and Short.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without

recommendation. Signed by Senator Wilson, J., Ranking Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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**SB 5156** Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Concerning elevator standards in smaller apartment buildings. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5156 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Bateman, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Goehner, Ranking Member; Gildon; Orwall; Salomon and Trudeau.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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**SB 5176** Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Implementing prompt pay recommendations from the capital projects advisory review board. Reported by Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5176 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Kauffman; McCune; Riccelli and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

**MOTIONS**

On motion of Senator Riccelli, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

**SB 5530** by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to penalty increases for certain offenses; amending RCW 9A.56.050, 9.94A.533, 69.50.401, and 69.50.4013; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

**SB 5531** by Senator Chapman

AN ACT Relating to streamlining the home care worker background check process; and amending RCW 43.20A.715 and 74.39A.056.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

**SB 5532** by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to establishing standards for civil proceedings and unprofessional conduct involving child abuse and domestic violence; amending RCW 13.34.102, 18.130.180, 26.09.191, and 26.09.197; reenacting and

amending RCW 26.09.004; adding a new section to chapter 2.56 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 26.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5533 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to the custody of a child when a parent has a history of domestic violence; and amending RCW 26.16.125.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5534 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to spring blade knives; amending RCW 9.41.250, 9.41.280, 9.41.282, 9.41.300, 10.31.100, and 43.216.760; repealing RCW 9.41.251; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5535 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to rights of individuals to bear arms; reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.010; creating a new section; repealing RCW 9.41.390, 9.41.395, and 7.48.330; and repealing 2023 c 162 s 1 and 2023 c 163 s 1 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5536 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to the just and equitable distribution of real property and liabilities in the dissolution of marriage or domestic partnerships; amending RCW 26.09.080; and adding a new section to chapter 26.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5537 by Senator Chapman

AN ACT Relating to efficient administration of state education agencies; and amending RCW 43.30.205.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5538 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to the removal of unauthorized persons; and amending RCW 9A.52.105 and 4.24.355.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5539 by Senators Alvarado, and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to expanding protections for workers in the state paid family and medical leave program; amending RCW 50A.05.020, 50A.15.020, 50A.20.010, 50A.20.020, 50A.30.010, 50A.35.010, and 50A.35.020; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5540 by Senator Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to students' eligibility to receive unemployment insurance benefits; and repealing RCW 50.20.095.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5541 by Senators Trudeau, Harris, Valdez, Lovick, Salomon, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Wilson, C., Riccelli, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to the Washington future fund pilot project; amending RCW 43.08.190; adding new sections to chapter 43.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5542 by Senators Boehnke, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges; and amending RCW 28B.15.520.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5543 by Senators Boehnke, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to equity in eligibility for the college bound scholarship; and amending RCW 28B.118.010.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5544 by Senators Liias, and King

AN ACT Relating to improving county local roads by creating a new county local road program; adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5545 by Senators Riccelli, and Holy

AN ACT Relating to exempting family home providers overseen and certified by a federal military service from child care licensing; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.216.010.

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

SB 5546 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to requiring the installation of solar energy systems on new school buildings; adding new sections to chapter 28A.525 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SB 5547 by Senator Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to increasing cannabis revenue distributions to local governments; and amending RCW 69.50.540.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5548 by Senator Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to workers' compensation benefits; amending RCW 51.32.010 and 51.32.060; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5549 by Senators Saldaña, and Frame

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AN ACT Relating to expanding protections for applicants and employees under the Washington fair chance act; amending RCW 49.94.005, 49.94.010, and 49.94.030; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5550 by Senator MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to funding the state transportation system using climate commitment act revenues; amending RCW 70A.65.100, 70A.65.240, and 70A.65.250; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5551 by Senator Wellman

AN ACT Relating to school library information and technology programs; amending RCW 28A.320.240; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.30 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5552 by Senators Wilson, J., Shewmake, Fortunato, Nobles, Braun, Short, Gildon, Christian, Chapman, Holy, McCune, Warnick, Goehner, Dozier, Wilson, C., Slatter, Cortes, and Liias

AN ACT Relating to the creation of building codes for kit homes; reenacting and amending RCW 19.27.015; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5553 by Senators Salomon, and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to providing a sales and use tax incentive for multifamily affordable housing; and amending RCW 82.59.007, 82.59.020, 82.59.030, 82.59.040, 82.59.070, 82.59.130, and 82.59.140.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5554 by Senators Salomon, Bateman, Goehner, and Gildon

AN ACT Relating to historic landmark designations; reenacting and amending RCW 43.21C.495; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5555 by Senators Salomon, and Alvarado

AN ACT Relating to zoning regulations in commercial, retail, and mixed-use areas in cities and code cities; amending RCW 35.21.990 and 35A.21.440; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

SB 5556 by Senators Ramos, Lovick, Valdez, Lovelett, Shewmake, Chapman, and Trudeau

AN ACT Relating to modernizing the adopt-a-highway program to improve its ability to meet its original purpose within existing fiscal limitations; amending RCW 47.40.100 and 47.36.400; adding a new section to chapter 47.40 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5557 by Senators Krishnadasan, Dhingra, Kauffman, Slatter, Wilson, C., Saldaña, Orwall, Lovelett, and Stanford

AN ACT Relating to codifying emergency rules to protect the right of a pregnant person to access treatment for emergency medical conditions in hospital emergency departments; amending RCW 70.170.060; reenacting and amending RCW 70.41.020; adding a new section to chapter 70.41 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5558 by Senators Goehner, Riccelli, Trudeau, Harris, Dozier, Boehnke, Gildon, Christian, Torres, Short, Holy, and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to growth management comprehensive plans; and amending RCW 36.70A.130.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5559 by Senator Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to streamlining the subdivision process inside urban growth areas; and amending RCW 58.17.020 and 58.17.060.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5560 by Senators Chapman, and Pedersen

AN ACT Relating to designating the Pacific razor clam as the state clam; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections.

SB 5561 by Senator Cleveland

AN ACT Relating to creating a health care entity registry; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

MOTIONS

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

At 12:32 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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