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2025 REGULAR SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Friday, March 14, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

The prayer was offered by Ms. Sharn Kaur, Sikh community member affiliated with the Khalsa Gurmat Center.

MOTIONS

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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2SHB 1024 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Capital Budget: Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1172 Prime Sponsor, Representative Schmidt: Concerning fire protection district civil service systems. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1540 Prime Sponsor, Representative Timmons: Expanding eligibility for the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth program to an accredited tribal college. Reported by Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Hansen, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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HB 1556 Prime Sponsor, Representative Entenman: Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. Reported by Committee on

Higher Education & Workforce Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Hansen, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1722 Prime Sponsor, Representative Connors: Reviewing state restrictions affecting students participating in secondary career and technical education programs and other state-approved career pathways. Reported by Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Hansen, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

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SGA 9227 EDISON A. VALERIO, appointed on March 3, 2025, for the term ending September 30, 2028, as Member of the Columbia Basin College Board of Trustees. Reported by Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Hansen, Vice Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

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

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

MESSAGE FROM OTHER STATE OFFICERS

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

Commerce, Department of - "Associate Development Organizations FY24 Report", in accordance with 43.330.082 RCW;

Conservation Commission, Washington State - "Impact of Climate-Smart Livestock Management Proviso Funding in Washington Report", pursuant to House Bill No. 1552;

Health Care Authority - "Medicaid Transformation Project Quarterly Report - Year 9, Period 2", pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5092;

Natural Resources, Department of - "Monthly Fire Suppression Report, December 2024-January 2025", pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187;

Social & Health Services, Department of - "WorkFirst Maintenance of Effort and Work Participation Rate: First and Second Quarter, Calendar Year 2024", pursuant to Engrossed

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5950; *“Financial Eligibility FTE Use & Associated Outcomes Report”*, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5693; *“Respite and Stabilization Report”*, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5092; *“Community Respite Services for Adults”*, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5092;

Treasurer, Office of the - *“Material Factors in Public Finance and Investments: A Review of Laws in Other Jurisdictions and their Impacts Report”*, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187;

Transportation, Department of - *“Washington-Oregon Bi-State Agreements Report - February 2025”*, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125.

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1094 by Representatives Walen, Ryu, Shavers, Lekanoff, Reeves, and Donaghy

AN ACT Relating to providing a property tax exemption for property owned by a qualifying nonprofit organization and loaned, leased, or rented to and used by any government entity to provide character-building, benevolent, protective, or rehabilitative social services; amending RCW 84.36.030; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

EHB 1106 by Representatives Barnard, Leavitt, Eslick, Penner, Klicker, Richards, Shavers, Couture, McClintock, Callan, Marshall, Kloba, Nance, and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to recognizing the tremendous sacrifices made by our military veterans by phasing down the disability rating requirements to ensure more disabled veterans are eligible for property tax relief; amending RCW 84.36.381; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

E2SHB 1108 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Klicker, Peterson, Barkis, Ybarra, Low, Leavitt, Schmidt, Eslick, Penner, Connors, Paul, Ramel, Jacobsen, Shavers, Burnett, Rude, Keaton, Obras, Timmons, Wylie, Caldier, Barnard, Rule, Nance, Berg, and Bernbaum)

AN ACT Relating to creating a task force on housing cost driver analysis; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

E2SHB 1218 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Farivar, Macri, Reed, Simmons, Wylie, Pollet, Street, Ormsby, Scott, Salahuddin, Parshley, and Hill)

AN ACT Relating to persons referred for competency evaluation and restoration services within the framework of the forensic mental health care system consistent with the requirements agreed to in the Trueblood settlement agreement; amending RCW 10.77.074, 10.77.086, 10.77.088, and 10.77.092; reenacting and amending RCW

43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 10.77 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

EHB 1219 by Representatives Taylor, Farivar, and Simmons
AN ACT Relating to the interbranch advisory committee; amending RCW 2.76.010; adding a new section to chapter 2.76 RCW; and repealing RCW 2.76.800 and 2.76.900.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

ESHB 1258 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Ormsby, and Hill)

AN ACT Relating to providing funding for municipalities participating in the regional 911 emergency communications system; and adding a new section to chapter 82.14B RCW.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

ESHB 1296 by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Stonier, Macri, Lekanoff, Doglio, Berry, Salahuddin, Davis, Ramel, Obras, Reed, Ormsby, Scott, Nance, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Parshley, Alvarado, Kloba, Pollet, Peterson, Fey, Simmons, Hill, and Fosse)

AN ACT Relating to promoting a safe and supportive public education system through student rights, parental and guardian rights, employee protections, and requirements for state and local education entities; amending RCW 28A.642.080, 28A.642.020, 28A.320.160, 28A.400.317, 28A.605.005, and 28A.320.160; adding new sections to chapter 28A.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

ESHB 1332 by House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards (originally sponsored by Obras, Gregerson, Berry, Alvarado, Ormsby, Davis, Ramel, Salahuddin, Ryu, Parshley, Macri, Taylor, Reed, Hill, Doglio, Scott, and Nance)

AN ACT Relating to transportation network companies; amending RCW 46.72B.020 and 49.46.300; adding a new section to chapter 46.72B RCW; and providing effective dates.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

ESHB 1395 by House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce (originally sponsored by Farivar, Fosse, Nance, Reeves, Simmons, Obras, Berry, Mena, Scott, Doglio, Macri, Peterson, Salahuddin, Parshley, Cortes, Paul, Alvarado, Ryu, Duerr, Reed, Ramel, Shavers, Wylie, Ormsby, Street, Hill, and Donaghy)

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.

ESHB 1414 by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Connors, Paul, Rude, Springer, Couture,

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AN ACT Relating to improving access to career opportunities for students who are participating in or who have completed preparatory secondary career and technical education programs; amending 2024 c 234 s 3 (uncodified); creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

E2SHB 1432 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Simmons, Eslick, Rule, Davis, Macri, Stearns, Reed, Goodman, Salahuddin, Pollet, Timmons, and Santos)

AN ACT Relating to improving access to appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services by updating Washington's mental health parity law and ensuring coverage of medically necessary care; amending RCW 48.43.016, 48.43.410, 48.43.520, 48.43.530, 48.43.535, 48.43.600, and 48.43.830; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 48.20.580, 48.21.241, 48.41.220, 48.44.341, and 48.46.291; and providing effective dates.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SHB 1460 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Griffey, Davis, Nance, Eslick, and Pollet)

AN ACT Relating to protection order hope cards; amending RCW 7.105.352; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

ESHB 1572 by House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce (originally sponsored by Pollet, Entenman, Reed, and Nance)

AN ACT Relating to modifying higher education accreditation standards; amending RCW 28B.85.020 and 28B.85.040; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

EHB 1574 by Representatives Macri, Davis, Parshley, Mena, Goodman, Simmons, Ormsby, Scott, Doglio, Pollet, Salahuddin, Reed, Nance, and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to protecting access to life-saving care and substance use services; and amending RCW 69.50.315, 10.31.100, and 69.50.4121.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SHB 1650 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Dent, Fey, Barkis, Bronoske, Eslick, Zahn, and Graham)

AN ACT Relating to the addition of airport capital projects as an allowable use of local real estate excise tax revenues; and amending RCW 82.46.010 and 82.46.035.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SHB 1669 by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Stonier, Caldier, Davis, Berry,

Low, Shavers, Nance, Doglio, Lekanoff, Reed, and Parshley)

AN ACT Relating to coverage requirements for prosthetic limbs and custom orthotic braces; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

E2SHB 1813 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Macri, Doglio, Parshley, Davis, Ormsby, Scott, and Pollet)

AN ACT Relating to the reprourement of medical assistance services, including the realignment of behavioral health crisis services for medicaid enrollees; amending RCW 71.24.380; reenacting and amending RCW 71.24.045; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

ESHB 1815 by House Committee on Early Learning & Human Services (originally sponsored by Peterson, Cortes, and Goodman)

AN ACT Relating to prison riot offenses; amending RCW 9.94.049 and 9.94A.640; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 13.40 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

ESHB 1819 by House Committee on Environment & Energy (originally sponsored by Barnard, Doglio, Parshley, Ramel, and Fitzgibbon)

AN ACT Relating to increasing transmission capacity; amending RCW 19.280.030; and adding new sections to chapter 43.21C RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SHB 1822 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Low, Stearns, Berry, Walen, Fosse, Ramel, Barkis, Salahuddin, Richards, and Zahn)

AN ACT Relating to establishing a driver work zone and first responder safety course requirement; amending RCW 46.20.075 and 46.63.200; adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

ESHB 1837 by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Reed, Doglio, Leavitt, Berry, Parshley, Farivar, Taylor, Ramel, Fitzgibbon, Zahn, Thomas, Macri, Bronoske, Barkis, Scott, Pollet, and Nance)

AN ACT Relating to establishing intercity passenger rail improvement priorities; and adding a new section to chapter 47.79 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SHB 1857 by House Committee on Environment & Energy (originally sponsored by Ley, Doglio, Dye, and Parshley)

AN ACT Relating to asbestos-containing building materials; amending RCW 70A.450.030, 70A.450.060, and 70A.450.070; and reenacting and amending RCW 70A.450.020.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

E2SHB 1912 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Dent, Reeves, Schmick, Springer, Orcutt, Nance, McClintock, Morgan, Engell, Paul, Mendoza, Bernbaum, Barnard, Richards, Eslick, Manjarrez, Dufault, Shavers, Burnett, Timmons, Abell, Thai, Barkis, Davis, Connors, and Hill)

AN ACT Relating to the exemption for fuels used for agricultural purposes in the climate commitment act; amending RCW 70A.65.080; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

ESHB 1946 by House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Hill, Lekanoff, Reed, Parshley, Pollet, Obras, Nance, Ormsby, and Macri)

AN ACT Relating to clarifying tribal membership on local boards of health; amending RCW 70.05.030, 70.05.035, 70.46.020, and 70.46.031; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

MOTIONS

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

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

Senator Dhingra moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8630

By Senators Dhingra, Boehnke, Chapman, Cleveland, Cortes, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Lovelett, Lovick, Nobles, Pedersen, Ramos, Robinson, Salomon, Shewmake, Valdez, Wagoner, Warnick, Bateman, Trudeau, Wellman, Krishnadasan, and Stanford

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have made invaluable contributions to the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have a long and rich history in Washington state, with communities that have been integral to the development and prosperity of our region for over a century; and

WHEREAS, The principles of Sikhism, including equality, justice, and service to humanity, align closely with the values

upon which our state and nation were founded; and

WHEREAS, Despite their significant contributions and unwavering commitment to our communities, Sikhs have often faced discrimination, harassment, and violence due to ignorance and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, One of the darkest chapters in this history occurred on September 4, 1907, when a mob in Bellingham targeted Sikh laborers, resulting in the infamous Bellingham Riots; and

WHEREAS, During these riots, Sikh workers were violently attacked, their homes and businesses vandalized, and many were forcibly expelled from the city, with some even facing death threats and physical harm; and

WHEREAS, The Bellingham Riots serve as a stark reminder of the dangers of xenophobia, racism, and bigotry, and highlight the importance of standing united against hate in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that we remember and reflect upon this tragic event in our history to ensure that such injustices are never repeated and to reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive and equitable society for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington honor and celebrate the contributions of Sikhs in Washington state and recognize their significant role in shaping our state's history and identity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington reaffirm its commitment to combatting discrimination, hatred, and violence against Sikhs and all marginalized communities, and to promoting diversity, inclusion, and understanding throughout our state.

Senators Dhingra and Lovelett spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8630.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Sikh Center of Seattle and the general Sikh community of Washington who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 12:43 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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