

TWELFTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Friday, January 24, 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.

MOTIONS

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 22, 2025

SB 5016 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Concerning prearrangement funeral services. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kauffman, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Lovick; McCune; Stanford and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5037 Prime Sponsor, Senator Holy: Enacting the uniform custodial trust act. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5060 Prime Sponsor, Senator Holy: Creating a law enforcement hiring grant program. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5060 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 23, 2025

SB 5068 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Concerning agencies, firefighters, prosecutors, and general or limited authority law enforcement, extending eligibility for employment to all United States citizens or persons legally authorized to work

in the United States under federal law. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5071 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Updating the endangerment with a controlled substance statute. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5071 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5093 Prime Sponsor, Senator Dhingra: Concerning dignity in pregnancy loss. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5093 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Lovick; Salomon and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Torres and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5099 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5099 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Lovick; Salomon and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Torres and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 23, 2025

SB 5105 Prime Sponsor, Senator Orwall: Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5105 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5108 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kauffman: Regulating service contracts and protection product guarantees. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kauffman, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Lovick; McCune; Stanford and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5110 Prime Sponsor, Senator Kauffman: Providing tuition waivers for tribal elders at Washington's 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 Ways & Means.

January 23, 2025

SB 5122 Prime Sponsor, Senator Trudeau: Enacting the uniform antitrust premerger notification act. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Lovick; Salomon and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato and Torres.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5133 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, C.: Concerning departures from the guidelines for caregiver status. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5133 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Lovick; Salomon; Valdez and Wagoner.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Fortunato.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Torres.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5147 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Reviewing laws related to criminal insanity and competency to stand trial. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5147 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

January 23, 2025

SB 5158 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Concerning student athlete insurance. 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.

January 23, 2025

SB 5181 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, C.: Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5181 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Cortes; Hansen and Krishnadasan.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Harris, Ranking Member; Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5190 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Allowing school districts to request extensions to state energy performance standard deadlines for K-12 school buildings. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5190 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair, K-12; Wilson, C., Vice Chair, Early Learning; Harris, Ranking Member; Cortes; Dozier; Hansen; Krishnadasan and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

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SB 5202 Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Ensuring the efficacy of judicial orders as harm reduction tools that increase the safety of survivors of abuse and support law enforcement in their efforts to enforce the law. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

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MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5202 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Lovick; Salomon; Torres and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Fortunato and Wagoner.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Holy, Ranking Member.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5209 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Explicitly listing the department of labor and industries in the definition of limited authority Washington law enforcement agency while not granting new enforcement authority. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SB 5224 Prime Sponsor, Senator Lovick: Concerning officer certification definitions, processes, and commissioning. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Valdez and Wagoner.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator Torres.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 22, 2025

SJM 8005 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hasegawa: Requesting that Congress enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions that were in effect under the Glass-Steagall act. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Kauffman, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Hasegawa; Lovick; Stanford and Wilson, J.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senator McCune.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 23, 2025

SJM 8006 Prime Sponsor, Senator Torres: Concerning the limited license legal technician program. Reported by Committee on Law & Justice

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by

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Senators Dhingra, Chair; Trudeau, Vice Chair; Holy, Ranking Member; Fortunato; Lovick; Salomon; Torres; Valdez and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

MOTIONS

On motion of Riccelli, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Joint Memorial No. 8006 which was designated to the Committee on Ways & Means and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

January 21, 2025

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 R. BATISTE, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Washington State Patrol - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Transportation as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9205.

January 21, 2025

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.

ALLYSON L. BROOKS, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9206.

January 21, 2025

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 CLARK, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Financial Institutions - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9207.

January 21, 2025

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.

CAMI FEEK, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Employment Security Department - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9208.

January 21, 2025

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.

MARCUS J. GLASPER, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Licensing - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Transportation as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9209.

January 21, 2025

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.

KATHRYN LEATHERS, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Retirement Systems - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9210.

January 21, 2025

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.

JOE NGUYEN, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Commerce - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9211.

January 21, 2025

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.

DAVID PUENTE JR., reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9212.

January 21, 2025

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.

DEREK I. SANDISON, reappointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governor's pleasure, as a Director of the Department of Agriculture - Agency Head.

Sincerely,
BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9213.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Riccelli, all appointees listed on the Gubernatorial Appointments 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 5473 by Senator Conway

AN ACT Relating to law enforcement personnel grievance arbitration procedures; and amending RCW 41.58.070.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5474 by Senators Liias, and Muzzall

AN ACT Relating to expanding opportunities for organic, regenerative, climate-smart, and sustainable producers; amending RCW 15.86.070; adding new sections to chapter 15.86 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5475 by Senator Dozier

AN ACT Relating to maintenance for salmon recovery projects; amending RCW 77.85.130; and adding a new section to chapter 77.85 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5476 by Senator Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects; amending RCW 39.04.350; and providing an effective date.

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

SB 5477 by Senator Bateman

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, 48.43.091, 48.43.410, 48.43.520, 48.43.535, 48.43.761, 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.

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SB 5478 by Senator Bateman

AN ACT Relating to benefits authorized to be offered by the public employees' benefits board; and amending RCW 41.05.065.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5479 by Senators Liias, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land; and amending RCW 84.34.020 and 84.34.108.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5480 by Senators Riccelli, and Bateman

AN ACT Relating to protecting consumers by removing barriers created by medical debt; amending RCW 19.16.100, 19.182.040, 70.41.400, and 70.54.005; reenacting and amending RCW 19.16.250; and adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5481 by Senator Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to providing access to behavioral health services to children using licensed clinicians colocated within the school; adding a new section to chapter 71.24 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5482 by Senators Liias, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to the use of dogs to hunt black bear, cougar, or bobcat; and amending RCW 77.15.245.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5483 by Senators McCune, Fortunato, Wilson, J., Christian, Torres, Holy, Warnick, Dozier, and Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to history and heritage education; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5484 by Senators Chapman, and King

AN ACT Relating to payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent citizens; amending RCW 46.55.115 and 46.55.120; and adding a new section to chapter 46.55 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5485 by Senators Warnick, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to livestock identification; amending RCW 16.57.460; amending 2023 c 46 ss 7, 8, and 9 (uncodified); and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5486 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to open motion picture captioning in motion picture theaters; adding a new section to chapter

49.60 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5487 by Senator King

AN ACT Relating to authorizing an agricultural employer to select any 12 weeks in a calendar year as special circumstance weeks for labor demand, during which in each of the selected 12 weeks, the agricultural employer may employ agricultural employees for up to 50 hours before the requirement to pay overtime applies under RCW 49.46.130; amending RCW 49.46.130; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5488 by Senators Alvarado, Warnick, and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families; amending RCW 74.13.060; and adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5489 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to the designation of the state sandstone; and adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW.

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

SB 5490 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to providing parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a local jail in compliance with federal law; amending RCW 10.79.100; and adding a new section to chapter 70.48 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5491 by Senators Warnick, Shewmake, Short, Chapman, Lovelett, and Muzzall

AN ACT Relating to a prescribed fire claims fund pilot program; amending RCW 4.92.220; adding a new section to chapter 76.04 RCW; creating a new section; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SB 5492 by Senators Riccelli, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to sustainable state tourism promotion; amending RCW 43.384.030; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5493 by Senators Riccelli, and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to hospital price transparency; amending RCW 70.01.030, 70.41.130, and 70.41.250; adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

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

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

Senator Bateman moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8602

By Senator Bateman

WHEREAS, In Washington state, we are always thankful for leaders who bring communities together to form a brighter and more hopeful Washington; and

WHEREAS, Steve Brooks began his career in emergency medical service as a critical care flight paramedic spending 11 years in the Fire Service in Tennessee before he and his wife Lee moved to Lacey, Washington in 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was selected to serve as the Emergency Medical Service Officer of Thurston County Fire Protection District 3, Lacey (commonly referred to as Lacey Fire District 3) in 2005 before being promoted to Fire Chief in 2012; and

WHEREAS, He was elected President of the Thurston County Fire Chiefs in 2013; and

WHEREAS, He served as Operations Board Member for three key Thurston County emergency services partners: Thurston County Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT), Thurston County 911, and Thurston County Medic One; and

WHEREAS, He built productive and constructive relationships resulting in numerous policy updates and joint ventures within the fire and emergency medical service areas; and

WHEREAS, His positive attitude spread from the Lacey Fire District 3 to the City of Lacey and throughout Thurston County. This cooperative and collaborative leadership style set a new standard for interagency cooperation; and

WHEREAS, He received the Distinguished Leader Award by the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce in 2017 for his work in the larger Thurston County Community; and

WHEREAS, He was elected and served as the Washington Fire Chiefs Legislative Committee Chair from 2019 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, He represented the Washington Fire Chiefs in the Western Region Fire Chiefs Association from 2020 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, His leadership and personal example helped lead Lacey Fire District 3 through the COVID-19 Pandemic, helping fire service agencies across the state navigate one of the most difficult periods in recent history; and

WHEREAS, He was elected and served as the Washington Fire Chiefs President from 2022 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, He played an instrumental role in advocating for firefighter issues, including legislative testimony and the development of a Washington Fallen Firefighter Memorial; and

WHEREAS, His vision and leadership helped create the South Sound Fire Fighter Academy, a collaborative effort with multiple South Sound Fire Districts and Departments, to train firefighters

across Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, His fiscal management enabled the district's balanced growth to meet the needs of a rapidly growing community while improving the District's fire protecting rating for the unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Fire Chief, the District received zero findings in all financial and accountability audits performed by the Washington State Auditor's Office; and

WHEREAS, As Fire Chief, the District successfully came to terms on five collective bargaining agreements ahead of deadline and without mediation; and

WHEREAS, His leadership helped bring about a holistic approach to personnel well-being, achieving advancements in firefighter health and safety, and establishing a model for labor management relations across the state; and

WHEREAS, He is known for his inspirational leadership and unwavering commitment to public safety initiatives and the betterment of fire service leaders across Washington; and

WHEREAS, He is set to retire in March 2025 and is widely recognized for initiating a whole new culture of service and outreach at Lacey Fire District 3; and

WHEREAS, Steve Brooks is a leader whose thoughtfulness, dedication, and shared commitment to community safety are truly noteworthy and deserve widespread public recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and honor Steve Brooks' contributions to the Washington Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services for the past two decades. Steve Brooks is the ideal public servant, and his character is an example for future leaders to emulate.

Senators Bateman, Short and Wagoner spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8602.

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

The President welcomed and introduced members of the Chief Steve Brooks, Mrs. Lee Brooks, his wife, Chief Jennifer Schmidt, Deputy Chief Michael Cerovski, and Deputy Chief Chris Patti, who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 12:42 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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