

SEVENTY EIGHTH DAY, MARCH 31, 2025

2025 REGULAR SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, March 31, 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

March 28, 2025

EHB 1173 Prime Sponsor, Representative Bronoske: Concerning wages for journeypersons in high-hazard facilities. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado; Braun; Ramos and Stanford.

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

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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E2SHB 1213 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Expanding protections for workers in the state paid family and medical leave program. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; Alvarado; Ramos and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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2SHB 1409 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning the clean fuels program. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Dhingra; Liias; Ramos and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Boehnke, Ranking Member; Harris; MacEwen and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 1543 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Environment & Energy: Increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Harris; Liias; MacEwen; Ramos; Short and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1842 Prime Sponsor, Representative Steele: Allowing public utility districts to form, own, or use captive insurers. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Harris; Liias; MacEwen; Ramos; Short and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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2SHB 1975 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Amending the climate commitment act by adjusting auction price containment mechanisms and ceiling prices, addressing the department of ecology's authority to amend rules to facilitate linkage with other jurisdictions, and providing for market dynamic analysis. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Dhingra; Liias; Ramos and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Boehnke, Ranking Member; Harris; MacEwen and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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2SHB 1990 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Authorizing utility companies to securitize certain costs related to disasters or emergencies to lower costs to customers. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Liias; Ramos and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Harris and MacEwen.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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 fourth order of business.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

March 31, 2025

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed:

SENATE BILL NO. 5006,
SENATE BILL NO. 5051,
SENATE BILL NO. 5084,
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5118,
SENATE BILL NO. 5122,
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5128,
SENATE BILL NO. 5244,
SENATE BILL NO. 5457,
SENATE BILL NO. 5462,
SENATE BILL NO. 5577,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed:

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1024,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1060,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1094,
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1135,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1142,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1190,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1209,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1234,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1314,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1353,
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1439,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1511,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1706,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1720,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

MOTION

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5805 by Senators Torres, and King

AN ACT Relating to the Yakima Valley School; and amending RCW 71A.20.020 and 71A.20.180.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTION

On motion of Senator Riccelli, the measure listed on the Introduction and First Reading report was referred to the committee as designated.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 32 of the State Constitution and Senate Rule 1(5), the President announced the signing of and thereupon did sign in open session:

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1024,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1060,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1094,
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1135,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1142,
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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1439,
HOUSE BILL NO. 1511,
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1706,
and SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1720.

MOTIONS

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

Senator Dhingra moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION

8642

By Senators Dhingra, C. Wilson, Riccelli, Pedersen, Hasegawa, Kauffman, Ramos, Krishnadasan, Liias, Stanford, Robinson, Saldaña, Cortes, Trudeau, Frame, Bateman, Wellman, Valdez, Slatter, Lovick, Orwall, Alvarado, Chapman, Conway, and Shewmake

WHEREAS, Washington state acknowledges and honors the rich tapestry of its people, recognizing that our diversity is a cornerstone of our collective strength and that Washington has a long-standing tradition of upholding the dignity, safety, and rights of the individual; and

WHEREAS, Washington state supports equal treatment and access for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and believes in the values of equity and belonging for all people; and

WHEREAS, We affirm that transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse individuals have always been integral to our communities, contributing to our shared history, culture, and the continued advancement of equity, equality, and justice; and

WHEREAS, Throughout history, transgender and gender-diverse individuals have been present in all cultures and societies. Gender diversity has existed for all time; woven into the fabric of human existence across cultures, geographies, and generations. As we observe Transgender Day of Visibility, we affirm that transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse people have always been here, not as an exception to history, but as an essential and enduring part of it; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has been at the forefront of advancing transgender rights, enacting anti-discrimination protections, ensuring equal treatment in employment, housing, and public accommodations. These milestones reflect our state's

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continued commitment to ensuring transgender people can live openly, safely, and with dignity—fostering a sense of belonging and community in every space; and

Washington State Senate honor Transgender Day of Visibility and acknowledge the contributions made by the transgender community to our state.

WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility aims to uplift and celebrate the lives and accomplishments of the transgender community, while also recognizing the resilience and strength it takes to thrive in the face of ongoing discrimination and systemic barriers; and

Senators Dhingra, Wilson, C. and Liias spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8642.

WHEREAS, Transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals deserve to have not only the barriers they face acknowledged but also their brilliance, creativity, joy, and leadership celebrated; and

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

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

WHEREAS, On this Transgender Day of Visibility, we celebrate the brilliance, creativity, and joy that transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse individuals bring to our communities. Their contributions enrich our culture, strengthen our economy, and enhance the social fabric, growing diversity, and prosperity of our state; and

The President welcomed and introduced members of Pride Across the Bridge, the LGBTQ Commission, and Lavender Rights Project who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

WHEREAS, Washingtonians are encouraged to observe this day and uplift their transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse family, friends, neighbors, and community members, focusing on their strength, resilience, and accomplishments beyond the adversity and into the joy of their existence; and

At 12:43 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the challenges that persist in creating a safe, inclusive, and equitable environment for all. The Senate honors their identities, experiences, and the joy they bring to our collective community;

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the

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