

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The House was called to order at 9:55 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Monday, January 8, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4406
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4407

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2195 by Representatives Callan, Eslick, Senn, Chopp, Ramel, Paul, Reeves, Ormsby, Hackney, Reed, Fosse, Doglio, Goodman and Davis

AN ACT Relating to strengthening the early learning facilities grant and loan program by revising criteria and providing resources to the Ruth LeCocq Kagi early learning facilities development account; amending RCW 43.31.577, 82.87.030, and 43.31.575; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and providing effective dates.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

HB 2196 by Representatives Donaghy, Berry, Ormsby and Davis

AN ACT Relating to alcohol concentration; amending RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.504, 46.61.5055, 46.61.506, 46.20.308, and 46.20.3101; adding a new section to chapter 43.59 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 66.44 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 66.08 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

HB 2197 by Representatives Orwall, Pollet, Berry, Fey, Reed, Fosse, Macri and Davis

AN ACT Relating to the availability of prevention services under medical assistance programs; adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2198 by Representatives Reeves, Walen, Ramel, Springer, Reed, Pollet and Leavitt

AN ACT Relating to mitigating the impact of rising school facility temperatures resulting from climate change; amending RCW 28A.150.290; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 2199 by Representatives Orcutt, Fitzgibbon, Reed, Doglio and Leavitt

AN ACT Relating to creating business and occupation and public utility tax exemptions for certain amounts received as the result of receipt, generation, purchase, sale, transfer, or retirement of allowances, offset credits, or price ceiling units under the climate commitment act; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.16 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 2200 by Representatives Macri, Ormsby and Reed

AN ACT Relating to accounts; amending RCW 82.45.240 and 27.34.400; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040, 43.79A.040, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70A.535 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 43.83.330, 43.83.350, 27.34.410, 43.79.487, 70A.305.140, 43.79.530, 43.41.444, and 43.79.515; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2201 by Representatives Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Berry, Ramel, Reeves, Duerr, Hackney, Reed, Goodman and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market; amending RCW 70A.65.010, 70A.65.060, 70A.65.070, 70A.65.080, 70A.65.100, 70A.65.110, 70A.65.170, 70A.65.200, 70A.65.310, and 70A.15.2200; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and providing a contingent effective date.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2202 by Representatives Couture, Griffey and Hutchins

AN ACT Relating to providing a state program of assistance for local government indigent public defense and law enforcement costs; adding new sections to chapter 36.26 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2203 by Representatives Ryu, Walen, Paul, Reeves, Ormsby, Hackney, Fey, Reed, Taylor, Doglio, Donaghy, Goodman, Leavitt and Davis

AN ACT Relating to creating a pilot project to assist incarcerated veterans; adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

HB 2204 by Representatives Waters and Wylie

AN ACT Relating to the creation of a special liquor permit to authorize the sale of liquor by a manufacturer of liquor at another licensed premises during an emergency; and amending RCW 66.20.010.

Referred to Committee on Regulated Substances & Gaming.

HB 2205 by Representatives Cheney, Couture, Hutchins and Graham

AN ACT Relating to establishing protections for citizens participating in the initiative and referendum process; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.84 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 2206 by Representatives Cheney, Low, Couture and Hutchins

AN ACT Relating to establishing secure online access to the voter registration database; amending RCW 29A.08.125; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 2207 by Representatives Ramos, Low, Chapman, Couture and Reed

AN ACT Relating to providing tools designed to reduce the impacts of unlawful solid waste dumping; amending RCW 70A.200.060, 7.84.100, 70A.200.140, 70A.305.180, and 79.100.030; reenacting and amending RCW 79.100.010; adding a new section to chapter 79.100 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2208 by Representatives Harris and Bateman

AN ACT Relating to providing flexibility in calculation of nursing rates for the purposes of implementing new centers for medicare and medicaid services data; amending RCW 74.46.485, 74.46.496, and 74.46.501; and reenacting and amending RCW 74.46.020.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2209 by Representatives Thai, Ryu, Gregerson, Senn, Santos, Ramel, Reeves, Morgan, Reed, Fosse, Cortes, Macri, Doglio, Paul, Pollet and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to celebrating lunar new year; reenacting and amending RCW 1.16.050; adding a new section to chapter 43.117 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 2210 by Representatives Dye, Couture, Graham, Fosse, Springer and Davis

AN ACT Relating to establishing a wild horse holding and training program at a state corrections center; and creating new sections.

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

HB 2211 by Representatives Stearns, Orwall, Gregerson, Chapman, Hackney, Fosse and Goodman

AN ACT Relating to granting local taxing authority to fund criminal justice; amending RCW 82.14.450 and 82.14.340; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2212 by Representatives Rule, Leavitt, Hackney, Pollet, Timmons, Kloba and Callan

AN ACT Relating to increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators; amending RCW 28A.150.260; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2213 by Representatives Cheney, Taylor, Duerr and Graham

AN ACT Relating to defects and omissions in the laws that have been identified by the justices of the supreme court or judges of the superior courts pursuant to Article IV, section 25 of the state Constitution; amending RCW 10.116.030, 13.04.030, 21.20.380, and 29A.80.061; reenacting and amending RCW 10.95.030; creating a new section; repealing RCW 9.68.060, 9.68.070, and 9.68.090; and repealing 2020 c 1 ss 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 2214 by Representatives Slatter, Bergquist, Chopp, Ramel, Reeves, Paul, Morgan, Gregerson, Ormsby, Alvarado, Reed, Fosse, Macri, Goodman, Pollet, Leavitt, Timmons, Davis, Riccelli and Duerr

AN ACT Relating to permitting beneficiaries of public assistance programs to automatically qualify as income-eligible for the purpose of receiving the Washington college grant; and amending RCW 28B.92.200 and 28B.92.225.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 2215 by Representatives Slatter, Berg, Senn, Walen, Ramel, Reeves, Reed, Fosse and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to enrichment levies; amending RCW 84.52.0531; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2216 by Representatives Cheney, Leavitt, Walen, Santos, Couture, Graham, Reed, Rude and Davis

AN ACT Relating to reducing barriers to state employment by eliminating two-year and four-year degree requirements that are unnecessary; amending RCW 41.06.157; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 2217 by Representatives Cortes, Senn, Santos, Ormsby, Reed, Fosse, Doglio and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to authority over individuals found guilty of or accused of criminal offenses that occurred when the individual was under age 18; amending RCW 13.40.300 and 13.40.110; and creating a new section.

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

HB 2218 by Representatives Cortes, Chopp, Ramel, Santos, Reeves, Fey, Callan, Alvarado, Reed, Fosse, Tharinger, Doglio, Goodman, Pollet, Timmons and Davis

AN ACT Relating to the provision of extended foster care services to youth ages 18 to 21; amending RCW 13.34.267, 74.13.031, and 74.13.336; reenacting and amending RCW 13.34.030 and 74.13.020; and creating a new section.

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

HB 2219 by Representatives Hackney, Bateman, Chapman, Barkis, Gregerson, Reed, Fosse, Doglio, Pollet and Callan

AN ACT Relating to providing tax relief for nonprofit development of affordable housing; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 2220 by Representatives Rule, Hackney, Hutchins and Cheney

AN ACT Relating to violent offenses; and amending RCW 9.94A.030 and 10.19.055.

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

HB 2221 by Representatives Orwall, Santos, Reeves, Donaghy and Davis

AN ACT Relating to establishing a work group to address the shortage of qualified and certified American sign language interpreters and protactile sign language interpreters in the state of Washington; adding a new section to chapter 43.20A RCW; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

HB 2222 by Representatives Hackney, Rule, Hutchins and Cheney

AN ACT Relating to updating the endangerment with a controlled substance statute; and amending RCW 9A.42.100.

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

HB 2223 by Representatives Rule, Eslick, Gregerson, Reeves, Reed, Doglio and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to protecting school libraries by increasing librarians in public schools; amending RCW 28A.150.260 and 28A.400.007; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2224 by Representatives Rule and Graham

AN ACT Relating to the risks, strengths, and needs assessment tool used in the risk assessment process when investigating alleged child abuse and neglect referrals; amending RCW 26.44.030; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

HB 2225 by Representatives Thai, Santos, Ormsby and Reed

AN ACT Relating to giving people with criminal records who are rehabilitated a fresh start in occupational licensing in Washington; and amending RCW 18.400.020, 18.400.030, and 9.96A.020.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

HB 2226 by Representatives Ortiz-Self, Berry, Gregerson, Ramel, Santos, Reeves, Reed and Davis

AN ACT Relating to collecting data on the H-2A worker program and from certain hand harvesters; amending RCW 50.75.020; and adding new sections to chapter 50.75 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 2227 by Representative Ortiz-Self

AN ACT Relating to vacating convictions for driving under the influence, actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence, or an offense considered a prior offense to such convictions; and amending RCW 9.96.060.

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

HB 2228 by Representative Christian

AN ACT Relating to decreasing the minimum density requirements for middle housing; amending RCW 36.70A.635; and reenacting and amending RCW 36.70A.030.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HB 2229 by Representative Christian

AN ACT Relating to coordination and collaboration of homeless services; adding new sections to chapter 43.185C RCW; creating a new section; and providing effective dates.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HB 2230 by Representatives Peterson, Eslick, Gregerson, Ramel, Reed and Waters

AN ACT Relating to promoting economic inclusion by creating the economic security for all grant program; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

HB 2231 by Representatives Walen, Chapman, Hackney, Springer and Goodman

AN ACT Relating to incentivizing cities and counties to attract and retain commissioned law enforcement officers; reenacting and amending RCW 43.101.200; adding new sections to chapter 82.14 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2232 by Representatives Doglio, Mena, Berry, Bateman, Ramel, Ormsby, Reed, Fosse, Macri, Pollet, Peterson and Duerr

AN ACT Relating to petroleum products supply and pricing; amending RCW 19.86.140 and 42.56.330; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2233 by Representatives Couture, Griffey, Connors, Klicker, Hutchins, Jacobsen and Graham

AN ACT Relating to providing an appropriate response to the use and presence of controlled substances by parents to protect children; amending RCW 13.34.050, 26.44.050, 26.44.056, and 26.44.030; and reenacting and amending RCW 13.34.065.

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

HB 2234 by Representatives Ybarra and Couture

AN ACT Relating to energy assistance for low-income households; and amending RCW 19.405.120.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2235 by Representatives Dye and Couture

AN ACT Relating to improving publicly available data on Washington state's water quality to improve salmon recovery and the prioritization of salmon recovery projects; amending RCW 90.48.580; adding a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2236 by Representatives Shavers, Santos, Reed and Goodman

AN ACT Relating to expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs; adding a new section to chapter 28A.700 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 2237 by Representatives Taylor and Walen

AN ACT Relating to limitations in parenting plans; amending RCW 26.09.191; and adding a new section to chapter 26.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 2238 by Representatives Thai, Berry, Bateman, Ramel, Santos, Reeves, Duerr, Reed, Fosse, Macri, Doglio, Goodman, Pollet, Kloba and Davis

AN ACT Relating to imposing a new tax on ammunition; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 2239 by Representatives Timmons, Eslick, Callan, Ramel, Reeves, Reed, Doglio, Leavitt and Davis

AN ACT Relating to supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills; amending RCW 28A.300.288; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 2240 by Representatives Taylor, Timmons, Gregerson, Senn, Chopp, Reed, Cortes and Macri

AN ACT Relating to clarifying the process for redacting void covenants from recorded property documents; and amending RCW 49.60.227.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 2241 by Representatives Jacobsen and Christian

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting puberty blocking medications, cross-sex hormones, and gender transition surgeries for minors; and adding a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2242 by Representatives Orwall, Pollet, Ramel, Callan, Fosse, Leavitt, Davis and Morgan

AN ACT Relating to supporting sexual assault survivors at institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.110.020; adding new sections to chapter 28B.112 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 2243 by Representatives Reeves, Waters, Chapman, Walen, Reed, Springer and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to creating the children's social equity land trust; amending RCW 43.216.602 and 79.02.010; reenacting and amending RCW 79.64.110; and adding a new chapter to Title 79 RCW.

Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

HB 2244 by Representatives Reeves, Walen, Senn, Ramel, Chapman, Chopp, Ormsby, Reed, Fosse, Leavitt, Davis and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to improving retirement security for Washingtonians by establishing Washington saves, an automatic enrollment individual retirement savings account program, and updating the Washington retirement marketplace statute; amending RCW 43.330.732 and 43.330.735; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040 and 43.79A.040; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating a new section; decodifying RCW 43.330.730; prescribing penalties; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 2245 by Representatives Bronoske, Eslick, Ramel, Senn, Reed, Macri, Leavitt and Davis

AN ACT Relating to establishing co-response services and training as an essential component of the crisis care continuum; amending RCW 71.24.905; reenacting RCW 71.24.025; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2246 by Representatives Bateman, Low, Gregerson, Bronoske, Robertson, Reeves, Paul, Reed and Doglio

AN ACT Relating to vacation leave accrual for state employees; amending RCW 43.01.044, 41.40.010, and 43.43.120; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.01.040.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 2247 by Representatives Bateman, Bronoske, Simmons, Duerr, Callan, Reed, Macri, Doglio, Leavitt and Davis

AN ACT Relating to addressing behavioral health provider shortages; amending RCW 18.19.020, 18.83.020, 18.83.050,

18.83.080, 18.83.105, 18.83.110, 18.83.115, 18.83.135, 18.83.170, 18.83.180, 18.83.190, 18.83.210, 18.225.145, 18.225.180, 48.43.045, and 74.09.522; reenacting and amending RCW 18.205.095 and 18.225.090; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2248 by Representatives Bateman, Callan, Fey, Reed, Doglio, Leavitt and Davis

AN ACT Relating to providing support to individuals with traumatic brain injuries; and amending RCW 74.31.020, 74.31.030, and 74.31.050.

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

HB 2249 by Representative Dye

AN ACT Relating to ensuring transparency regarding the impacts of allowing general market participants, including financial speculators, to participate in climate commitment act markets; amending RCW 70A.65.090 and 70A.65.220; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2250 by Representatives Gregerson, Walen, Mena, Ramel, Duerr, Peterson, Reed, Berry, Berg, Stonier, Callan, Ryu, Chapman, Bateman, Reeves, Paul, Ormsby, Fosse, Cortes, Macri, Doglio and Goodman

AN ACT Relating to increasing representation and voter participation in local elections; amending RCW 29A.60.221, 29A.52.112, 29A.52.220, 29A.24.010, 36.32.040, 36.32.050, 35A.12.040, 28A.343.320, 29A.04.410, 29A.12.080, and 29A.36.121; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.36.170; adding a new section to chapter 29A.52 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 29A.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 52.14 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 53.12 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 29A.04.127; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 2251 by Representatives Cortes, Eslick, Ormsby, Reed and Fosse

AN ACT Relating to the disposition of unenforceable legal financial obligations other than restitution imposed by a court or an agent of the court against a juvenile prior to July 1, 2023; amending RCW 13.40.192; and creating a new section.

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

HB 2252 by Representatives Klicker, Leavitt, Sandlin, Reed, Fosse, Graham and Taylor

AN ACT Relating to allowing small business establishments in residential zones; and adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2253 by Representatives Hackney, Doglio, Ryu, Orwall, Duerr, Berry, Ramel, Paul, Springer, Macri, Bergquist, Pollet and Tharinger

AN ACT Relating to fair access to community solar; amending RCW 80.28.370, 80.28.375, and 82.16.182; adding new sections to chapter 80.28 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2254 by Representatives Walen, Reeves, Reed and Springer

AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations of the 2023 child support schedule work group; amending RCW 26.19.065, 26.19.071, 26.19.080, 26.09.170, 26.23.050, 74.20A.055, 74.20A.056, 74.20A.059, and 26.19.020; reenacting and amending RCW 26.09.004; adding new sections to chapter 26.09 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

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. 2244 which was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Business.

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

MOTION

There being no objection, the Committee on Rules was relieved of the following bills and the bills were placed on the 3rd Reading calendar:

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1652
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1377
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1277
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1705
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1471
 SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1332
 SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1241
 HOUSE BILL NO. 1146
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1362
 SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1105
 SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1717
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1113
 SECOND ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1757

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4406
 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4407

MOTION

There being no objection, the Committee on Health Care & Wellness was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 2208, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

There being no objection, the House reverted to the first order of business.

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4406, 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 Staubit, escorted the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Senator Karen Keiser, Senator Shelly Short and Senator Bob Hasegawa 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, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, to preside over the Joint Session.

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant 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 Alvarado and Barnard and Senators Torres and Trudeau.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a special committee to escort the statewide elected officials to the House Chamber: Representatives Cheney and Reeves and Senators Hansen and Linda Wilson.

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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 Connors and Fitzgibbon and Senators Kauffman 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 Alvarado and Barnard and Senators Torres and Trudeau 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 Debra Stephens, Justice Sheryl Gordon-McCloud 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 Cheney and Reeves and Senators Hansen and Linda Wilson 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, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz.

The President of the Senate introduced officers and members of the Consular Association of Washington: Gwyn Kutz, Canada; Floribert Mubalama, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Mark Gantar, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Pedro Costa, Federative Republic of Brazil; Katalin Pearman, Hungary; Elisabetta Valentini, Italian Republic; Mark Schleck, Kingdom of Denmark; Luis Esteban, Kingdom of Spain; Viggo Forde, Norway; Eva Kammel, Republic of Austria; Anders Barria Roman, Republic of Chile; Paul Raidna, Republic of Estonia; Matti Suokko, Republic of Finland; Carlos José Arroyave Prera, Republic of Guatemala; Eunji Seo, Republic of Korea; Miguel A. Velasquez, Republic of Peru; Teresa Indelak Davis, Republic of Poland; Philippe Goetschel, Swiss Confederation; Daniel Chen, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center; Valeriy Goloborodko, Ukraine; and Robin Twyman, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The President of the Senate acknowledged the following people in the gallery: First Lady, Trudi Inslee; the Honorable Gary Locke, 21st Governor of Washington State and former Ambassador to China; Tulalip Tribes Chair Teri Gobin; Tulalip Tribes Vice Chair Misty Napeahi and Tumwater Mayor Debbie Sullivan.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee at the Chamber door. The special committee consisting of Representatives Connors and Fitzgibbon and Senators Kauffman 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 Heather Axtman, Trooper Dean Gallanger, Trooper Kyle Flaig and Trooper Michael Sessions.

The National Anthem was performed by Bobby Ray and Shalah Rose McCarthy from Kitsap County.

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

The prayer was offered by Reverend Dee Eisenhauer, Eagle Harbor Congregational Church, Bainbridge Island.

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

STATE OF THE STATE

Governor Inslee: "Good afternoon. I would like to thank the Reverend Dee Eisenhauer for the invocation. And Bobby Ray and Shalah 'Rose' McCarthy for their wonderful voices.

Mr. President, Madame Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished justices of the court, members of the Legislature, Tribal leaders, local leaders, members of the Consular Corps, and my fellow Washingtonians. I come to you as a governor, as a granddad, and as a Washingtonian. To thank you and your families for your contributions to our efforts. My staff and their families deserve credit as well. Particularly my family and a very special person to me - Trudi. I love seeing the childcare center she inspired us to build for our Capitol families. Among many causes she's advocated for as First Spouse. I love you Trudi and I'm not alone.

Let's cut to the chase. I'm happy to report we have been, we are, and we will always be the strongest state in the nation. In fact, the state of our state is stronger than ever. For over a decade, we've advanced nation-leading policies to support working families. Grown our economy. And acted boldly to protect our state's iconic spaces and salmon. We've advanced equity. Built more housing. Fought for a woman's right to choose. And ushered in a clean energy economy. In an era of tremendous transition and change, Washington has emerged as a beacon of progress in this nation. This year, we are going to make sure that light shines brighter.

This is my eleventh time addressing this chamber. And I have a bigger audience each year. There are one million more Washingtonians today than when I took office. Because Washington is the place to be. I welcome our new Washingtonians who have seen the genius and promise of our state. The minimum wage was nine dollars in 2013 and today it's over sixteen dollars. Wages overall have grown by thirty nine percent - double the national rate. Our GDP has grown forty five percent. From five hundred twenty-eight billion dollars in 2013 to seven hundred sixty-eight billion dollars today. And we're among the few states that rank as both a top state for business and for workers.

As we contemplate this next year and the work ahead, I think back to my dad, who coached track at Sealth High School. He told his runners to imagine the finish line was 10 yards beyond the finish line. My father always said, and this is what sticks with me, "Fellas, run through the tape!" so they wouldn't let up before the race was over. We are going to run through the tape this year. Just as I know you'll give this state your best work, I'll give mine. This is not a farewell speech. These are not famous last words. I'm not riding into the sunset. Winston Churchill said, 'This is not time for ease and comfort. It is time to dare and endure.'

We will not relent to our greatest challenges. We will not go backward. This is the Evergreen State. And the Ever Forward State. And we're going ever forward on our evergreen agenda. Climate change is our present challenge. But climate collapse does

not have to be inevitable. This Legislature put us on a clear - and necessary - path to slash greenhouse gases 95% by 2050. We will hold our ground.

Any delay would be a betrayal of our children's future. We are on the razor's edge between promise and peril. We know this when historic floods gut homes that stood for generations. Or when wildfires force the evacuation of entire towns like Medical Lake last year. And the need for climate action is felt daily for Washingtonians living with pollution. There are neighborhoods today in Washington where people are dying two and a half years younger on average because of pollution. This pollution is harmful to the lives of Washingtonians in communities like Everett, Wenatchee, Mattawa, Spokane, the Tri-Cities, the Yakima Valley, Shoreline, South King County, and Tacoma. There are neighborhoods in these communities where people are forced to live sicker and die younger because of this pollution.

We have made a solemn oath to our children, and their children. And in that noble mission we will neither flag nor fail. We will go on to give them the grandest of blessings. A healthy Washington. Instead of taking rank with defeatists who live in the grey twilight of pessimism. Thanks to this Legislature's budget priorities, we can help more people like Elisa Garcia, a farmworker in Toppenish. Her home was one of 32 in Yakima County that had rooftop solar installed. Thanks to a state program specifically geared toward farmworkers. Her home now produces 100% of its energy from her own roof. Her family's energy bills are zero. And it would not have been possible without this Legislature. Elisa and her daughter, Jasmin, are here with us today. Thank you, both.

You're going to hear many more stories this year and beyond about how our climate policies are making life better for Washington families. The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) is letting us invest in work that reduces pollution and creates good-paying jobs. It's funding electric school buses. Eight million free transit rides for youth and counting. Filtration systems in schools so students can breathe when there's wildfire smoke outside. And public chargers for electric vehicles. This is money going right back to Washington families. It's not going off to Houston or other oil hubs with the oil industry's record \$200 billion in profits in 2022.

Now we have more we can give back to our communities. I'm proposing a \$200 utility bill credit for one out of every three households in Washington. That's nearly two million low- and moderate-income Washingtonians. We will help thousands more families install energy-efficient heat pumps that cut emissions and energy bills. This law also makes it easier to invest in our infrastructure, including hybrid-electric ferries, and safer bike and pedestrian routes. From sustainable aviation fuels and EV battery manufacturing in Moses Lake to electric buses in Ferndale. We're attracting and creating thousands of good-paying jobs in clean energy and clean technology. And as fossil fuel jobs go away, we're training those workers - the folks who worked at places like TransAlta - for jobs in this new clean energy economy. These jobs are coming on quickly. The new Pacific Northwest federal hydrogen hub will create 8,000 jobs alone for the production and distribution of green hydrogen to reduce pollution. Here's something else about the fossil fuel industry. For decades, we've been subjected to the rollercoaster of gas prices. We're going to do something about price transparency in Washington this session. I understand why people are frustrated about gas prices. The oil and gas industry's books are closed to the public. It's time for transparency and accountability.

I believe this Legislature is capable of even more extraordinary achievements. Because I've seen it happen every year I've been here. Don't forget moments like 2018, the end of the McCleary saga, when we moved heaven and earth to fulfill our paramount duty of funding education in the state of Washington.

Now I hope you'll join me by increasing pay for 32,000 paraeducators by three dollars an hour. Again raising the cap on special education funding. And creating incentives for more teachers to serve special needs students. And once students have graduated, they now have more pathways than ever. This Legislature has created one of the most generous college financial aid programs in the country. But college isn't the only pathway to success. Which is why we've also greatly increased support for apprenticeships.

Bryan Orihuela of Auburn was going to be an engineer. But then he was in a traumatic car accident. Followed by high medical bills. He had to leave college. Fortunately, he got connected to Computing for All's pre-apprenticeship program, which this Legislature helped support with Career Connect Washington grants. Now he's a developer at a mental health app. And Bryan is also here today. Bryan, thank you.

This Legislature cares about people. I know that because of what you've done. This state saved thousands upon thousands of lives when COVID struck. We are now just one of a handful of states with the tools to curb excessive drug costs. We have more ways to grow our health care workforce. We've passed the nation's best Paid Family Medical Leave program. In fact, I heard a story about this just the other day when I biked up to the Town & Country market on Bainbridge to get some maple bars for my grandkids. This woman behind the counter said, 'Governor, I have to tell you something' - and my fellow electeds know when a constituent leads with something cryptic that you could be in for anything.

But she said, 'Governor, I had a broken wrist last year and I couldn't do my job. And the only thing that kept my family afloat was that Paid Family Medical Leave law.' I hope you're all having these conversations in your districts as well, because your policies are making an enormous difference in people's lives.

Protecting access to health care is helping Washingtonians like Sheena and John Wilson from Mount Vernon. Sheena's husband John was diagnosed with cancer. Sheena expected their health costs would go up to \$3,000 a month. Until she accessed the benefits of our Cascade Care public option. Her family now pays \$108 a month and the most they'll pay out-of-pocket this year for her husband's cancer treatment is \$2,500 total. John and Sheena are here with us today from Mount Vernon. Thank you both and good luck, too.

Our policies change lives when they're focused on the people we're here to serve. We give people the chance to succeed. People-focused policies are also how we're addressing homelessness. Some think we can just wave a wand and those living in homelessness will disappear. But this is the real world. And we have an honest solution: Build housing and connect people to the right services. And they will succeed. This time last year a woman named Starr Draper found herself in a right-of-way encampment at First Avenue and Michigan Street in Seattle. No one can live in danger and expect their conditions to improve. No one can be swept from one dark corner to another and expect life to get better. We must lift people up and give them the tools, the services and the power of community necessary to get life on track. State and local collaboration got Starr on her journey to wellness. Starr said this program 'renewed my trust.' She's got work. She's got a safe, private place to live. And Starr is here today. Thank you for inspiring us.

Washingtonians can see that dozens of encampments along our highways are gone. And that'll continue if we make the necessary investments. And they're going to see thousands more new housing units. Thanks to our work as well. I want to thank this Legislature for going big on housing last session and trusting that it was a necessary decision to put one billion dollars toward new housing already this biennium.

These aren't the only ways we're making life safer for Washingtonians while I've been in office. We all want to take steps to increase public safety- it's not just one thing, but many approaches.

This Legislature was bold enough to stand up to the NRA and pass some of the best gun reforms in America. It did not matter how many defeats we had to take. We finally banned assault weapons in this state. Gun reform is public safety. Washington state also needs more police officers. And that's what this budget would do. My budget funds more state troopers and forensic scientists, an organized retail theft task force, and more funding for drug trafficking investigations. We're removing barriers to careers in policing by establishing training centers all over the state. Where more recruits are getting some of the best training in the country. Including de-escalation training. We're joined today by the Pasco Police Department's own Claudia Fuentes. Claudia would not be a police officer today if this Legislature had not invested in more Criminal Justice Training Centers like in Pasco. It was impossible for a parent to spend four and a half months

away from home for training in Burien. But because we invested in these training centers, Officer Fuentes got to go home from the academy every night. And because she had this resource, the people of Pasco are safer. Thank you, Claudia.

We must also continue improving behavioral health services in our state. I recently met someone whose family was devastated by fentanyl. Who called it 'the nuclear weapon of drugs.' We propose \$64 million in new spending to fight against opioids and fentanyl. We're going to invest in education, community health hubs, overdose prevention, treatment access, and recovery supports. We're going to support people with stories like Holle Edwards, a member of the Swinomish Tribe whose life languished in addiction to meth and heroin before she got help at local resource centers. Holle got her life back. And she's now a recovery counselor helping people on the same journey at a wellness center in Anacortes.

Holle is here today with her uncle, Swinomish Chair Steve Edwards. Thanks for what you do. Not just for tribal members but our whole community.

This Legislature works wonders when it embraces ambition. We've passed the two biggest transportation funding packages in state history during my time in office - Connecting Washington and Move Ahead Washington. Yet we know we still face questions about how to meet our obligations.

I don't expect we'll have all the answers this year. But there are things we can do in the next 60 days. Which includes helping our ferry system. We're already investing in cleaner, more efficient ferries. And I've directed State Ferries to look for ways to expedite boat construction. But we also must do everything possible to increase staffing and build new boats faster.

We've pursued some of the most transformative policies in the nation in my time in office. For example, I'm proud the leaders of our state are under no illusion that social justice issues were settled 60 years ago with the Civil Rights Act. We will continue advancing social justice. We have made equity a part of everything we do in state government with environmental justice policies such as the HEAL Act and a new agency, the Office of Equity. We must sustain our progress against racism's pernicious influence on the past and present. The work for a more perfect union continues.

Before I close, I want to say there are two grave threats in the United States and in our state today. One threat is to the basic tenants and blessings of democracy. The other is the ongoing assault on a woman's right of choice. We have not forgotten the U.S. Supreme Court's frightening decision to eliminate *Roe v. Wade*. Fundamentally, this is an issue of freedom. Freedom of choice when facing one of the most intimate and personal decisions in life. Most in this room are committed to protecting that right. But none of us will hold these seats forever. We must face the reality that there are forces in our nation and in our own state intent on destroying the right of choice. We need to join eight other states - states like Ohio, Alaska and Illinois - and enshrine reproductive freedom in the constitution this session.

I look forward to working with all of you to advance this amendment.

I want to share with you why I'm optimistic about this session. If I have learned anything with each subsequent legislative session, it's that Washingtonians are always capable of doing more than others thought we could. When I took office, we had audacious goals that defied the odds to become reality. I had confidence we could tackle these challenges because I've always believed in the unique talent and ambitions of Washingtonians. Washingtonians have more resilience. More love for our state. And more endurance to push toward the sunny uplands of the future than any other people on the planet.

The next two months, we're going to make this state better at mental health. Safer against opioids. More supportive for educators and students. And more committed to our climate. We've made hope for the future possible because Washingtonians are never restricted by the past or the bog of the status quo.

Inevitably, we will always be called upon to do more for the people of Washington. No matter the challenge, we will always do more than we thought possible. It is our honor to be Washingtonians. It is our privilege to do this work. And it is our destiny to succeed. Run. Through. The. Tape."

The President of the Senate thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The President of the Senate called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives Connors and Fitzgibbon and Senators Kauffman and Fortunato to escort His Excellency, Governor Inslee from the Chamber and the Governor retired from the House Chamber.

The President of the Senate called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives Cheney and Reeves and Senators Hansen and Linda Wilson to escort the statewide elected officials from the Chamber and the statewide elected officials retired from the House Chamber.

The President of the Senate called upon the special committee consisting of Representatives Alvarado and Barnard and Senators Torres and Trudeau 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 House for the Senate to escort the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, and members of the Washington State Senate from the House Chamber.

On motion of Representative Fitzgibbon, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the 3rd Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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