

FIFTEENTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, January 27, 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 invocation was led by Mr. Karandeep Singh, Kalsa Gurmat Center, Federal Way and Mr. Mustafa Mohamedali, Islamic Center of Olympia.

MOTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 46, on motion of Senator Riccelli, and without objection, the Committee on Law & Justice was granted special leave to meet during the day's floor session.

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 24, 2025

SB 5051 Prime Sponsor, Senator Bateman: Consolidating regulatory authority for nursing assistants. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 24, 2025

SB 5191 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning paid family leave premium collection for dockworkers. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5191 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado; Braun; MacEwen; Ramos and Stanford.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 24, 2025

SB 5239 Prime Sponsor, Senator Slatter: Concerning the retention of hospital medical records. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5239 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall,

Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

January 24, 2025

SB 5244 Prime Sponsor, Senator Riccelli: Providing an exemption for women, infants, and children program staff to perform hematological screening tests. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Orwall, Vice Chair; Muzzall, Ranking Member; Cleveland, Chair; Bateman; Chapman; Christian; Harris; Holy; Riccelli; Robinson and Slatter.

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 third order of business.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

January 22, 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.

KURT BECKETT, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9214.

January 22, 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.

KATHERINE D. CHAPMAN-SEE, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Office of Financial Management - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9215.

January 22, 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.

TIMOTHY LANG, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Department of Corrections - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Human Services as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9216.

January 22, 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.

MICHAEL MACKILLOP, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Department of Services for the Blind - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9217.

January 22, 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.

JOEL SACKS, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Department of Labor and Industries - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9218.

January 23, 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.

WILLIAM S. KEHOE, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Washington Technology Solutions - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9219.

January 23, 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.

DREW SHIRK, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Department of Revenue.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9220.

January 24, 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.

GENT WELSH, appointed January 15, 2025, for the term ending January 1, 2075, as a Director of the Military Department - Agency Head.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON, Governor

Referred to Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections as Senate Gubernatorial Appointment No. 9221.

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 5494 by Senator Kauffman

AN ACT Relating to lead-based paint program capacity improvements; amending RCW 70A.420.010, 70A.420.020, 70A.420.040, 70A.420.050, 70A.420.070, 70A.420.080, 70A.420.060, and 70A.420.090; adding a new section to chapter 70A.420 RCW; prescribing penalties; and repealing RCW 70A.420.030.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5495 by Senators Saldaña, and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to limitation of liability in life insurance policies; amending RCW 48.23.260 and 48.34.090; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5496 by Senators Alvarado, and Orwall

AN ACT Relating to preserving homeownership options by limiting excessive home buying by certain entities; amending RCW 19.86.140; adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

SB 5497 by Senators Alvarado, and Bateman

AN ACT Relating to compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters; amending RCW 35.21.683 and 35A.21.430; adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

SB 5498 by Senators Alvarado, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to contraceptive coverage; amending RCW 48.43.195; and providing an effective date.

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Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5499 by Senators Christian, and Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to codifying the body scanner program at the department of corrections; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5500 by Senators Alvarado, Wilson, C., Trudeau, Valdez, Wellman, Lovelett, Frame, and Salomon

AN ACT Relating to modernizing reimbursement rates to more accurately reflect the cost of providing high quality child care for the working connections child care program; amending RCW 43.216.828; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5501 by Senators Stanford, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to employer requirements for driving; amending RCW 49.58.090; adding a new section to chapter 49.58 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5502 by Senators Robinson, and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to recycling and waste reduction; amending RCW 82.19.050; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 70A RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5503 by Senators Valdez, and Alvarado

AN ACT Relating to public employee collective bargaining processes; amending RCW 41.56.050; adding new sections to chapter 41.58 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 49.36 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5504 by Senators Chapman, and Harris

AN ACT Relating to supporting caregivers who provide complex care services to children with heightened medical needs; and adding a new section to chapter 74.09 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5505 by Senators Chapman, and Short

AN ACT Relating to the state universal communications services program; amending RCW 80.36.300, 80.36.630, 80.36.650, 80.36.660, 80.36.670, 80.36.680, 80.36.690, and 80.36.700; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5506 by Senators Christian, and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to extending the effective date of licensing living accommodations for residential private schools; amending 2023 c 441 s 8 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5507 by Senator Cleveland

AN ACT Relating to providing coverage for massage therapy under medical assistance plans; and reenacting and amending RCW 74.09.520.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5508 by Senators Krishnadasan, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to the child welfare housing assistance program; amending RCW 74.13.802; and reenacting and amending RCW 13.34.030.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5509 by Senators Alvarado, and Salomon

AN ACT Relating to the siting of child care centers; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5510 by Senators Shewmake, Goehner, Chapman, and Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to conservation district revenue limitations; and amending RCW 89.08.405.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5511 by Senator King

AN ACT Relating to low-proof alcoholic beverages; amending RCW 66.04.010, 66.24.630, 66.24.055, and 82.08.150; and adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5512 by Senators Boehnke, and King

AN ACT Relating to allowing for the use of centralized surveillance systems by house-banked card rooms; adding new sections to chapter 9.46 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5513 by Senators Slatter, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to improve access to health care and the management of chronic diseases; amending RCW 69.41.030; reenacting and amending RCW 18.64.011; adding a new section to chapter 18.64 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 5514 by Senator Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard with alternative metrics and extensions for reporting; amending RCW 19.27A.170, 19.27A.210, 19.27A.220, and 19.27A.250; and reenacting and amending RCW 19.27A.140 and 19.27A.200.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5515 by Senator Shewmake

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 & Technology.

SB 5516 by Senator Conway

AN ACT Relating to modifying the property tax exemption for community centers; amending RCW 84.36.010; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5517 by Senator Cortes

AN ACT Relating to determining state allocations for school staff salaries; and amending RCW 28A.150.410.

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

SB 5518 by Senators Kauffman, and Orwall

AN ACT Relating to authorizing funding tools to mitigate the impact of sales tax sourcing and enhance community vitality in certain cities that host industrial and warehousing industries that are vital to the statewide economy; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5519 by Senators Lovelett, and Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels; reenacting and amending RCW 43.21B.110; adding a new chapter to Title 70A RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5520 by Senator Orwall

AN ACT Relating to reforming the wrongly convicted persons act; amending RCW 4.100.030, 4.100.040, 4.100.050, 4.100.060, 4.100.070, 4.100.080, 4.100.090, and 28B.15.395; adding a new section to chapter 4.100 RCW; and repealing RCW 4.100.020.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5521 by Senators Valdez, and Kauffman

AN ACT Relating to improving traffic safety; adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.64 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.63 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5522 by Senators Krishnadasan, Wilson, J., Trudeau, Valdez, Schoesler, and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to the state capitol campus; amending RCW 43.34.010, 43.34.040, 43.34.080, and 43.34.090; adding new sections to chapter 43.34 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 43.34.015.

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

SB 5523 by Senators Riccelli, Lovelett, Slatter, Nobles, Kauffman, Warnick, and Trudeau

AN ACT Relating to the role of students on the governing boards of institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.50.100 and 28B.50.102; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.35 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5524 by Senators Goehner, Riccelli, Fortunato, Short, Dozier, Wilson, J., Braun, McCune, Warnick, Torres, Kauffman, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to creating the donate life special license plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200, and 46.68.420; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5525 by Senators Cleveland, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Riccelli, and Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to protecting workers facing employment loss due to businesses closing or mass layoffs; adding a new chapter to Title 49 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5526 by Senators Liias, Braun, Saldaña, Chapman, King, Wilson, C., Gildon, Stanford, Schoesler, Boehnke, Conway, Cortes, and Harris

AN ACT Relating to protecting public health and safety by enhancing the regulation of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products; amending RCW 26.28.080, 70.155.010, 70.155.090, 70.155.100, 70.345.010, 70.345.030, 82.25.030, 82.25.095, 82.26.010, 82.26.020, 82.26.060, 82.26.190, 82.26.200, and 82.26.240; adding new sections to chapter 70.345 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5527 by Senators Ramos, Christian, Krishnadasan, MacEwen, Shewmake, Valdez, and Lovick

AN ACT Relating to the establishment of a state patrol longevity bonus; amending RCW 43.43.386; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5528 by Senators Liias, Wilson, J., Lovick, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to the installation of transportation electrification infrastructure; and adding a new section to chapter 19.28 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

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SB 5529 by Senator Gildon

AN ACT Relating to amending the county population threshold for counties that may exempt from taxation the value of accessory dwelling units to incentivize rental to low-income households; amending RCW 84.36.400; amending 2023 c 335 s 2 (uncodified); creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

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 Dhingra moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8604

By Senators Dhingra, Hasegawa, and Wagoner

WHEREAS, January 26, 2025, marked the 76th Republic Day in India, commemorating the effective adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest democracy; and

WHEREAS, India solidified their achievement of independence from British rule through peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

WHEREAS, India's Constitution requires equality under the law, asserts equality before law, and declares that "the State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India"; and

WHEREAS, India has a strong tradition of maintaining democratic ideals through robust checks on those in power; and

WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to India, including more than 100,000 Indian Americans living in the state; and

WHEREAS, Indian Americans are small business owners, entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

WHEREAS, These businesses provide valuable services, resources, and jobs to the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, Indian Americans have been emigrating to the

West Coast since the 19th century, working in our most vital industries including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

WHEREAS, Indian Americans reflect the values of inclusion and pluralism through their many cultural and religious identities, including Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu; and

WHEREAS, Indian Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces and in law enforcement, and contribute profoundly to the health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the 2025 Republic Day of India as a symbol of the shared values of democracy, diversity, and inclusion, between the nation of India and both the State of Washington and the United States of America.

Senators Dhingra, Warnick and Slatter spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8604.

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 Mr. Prakash Gupta, Consul General; Mr. Jagdish Sharma, Board member of Indian American Friendship Forum, Ms. Nickhath Sherif, Executive Director of Essential First, Ms. Preeti Shridhar, Commissioner of Woodinville Water District, Mr. Nilesh Patel, Board member of Baps Temple in Redmond, Dr. Vijay Tiwari, Cardiac Surgeon, and Mr. Sam Virk, Governor's Transition Team member, who were seated in the gallery.

MOTION

At 12:49 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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