

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

TENTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, January 17, 2024

The House was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the Speaker (Orwall presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by a Sergeant at Arms Color Guard, Sophie Sikorra and William Harper. The Speaker (Orwall presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance. The prayer was offered by Elizabeth Bretschneider, Lacey Stake, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

SPEAKER'S PRIVILEGE

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) recognized guests seated in the gallery from Pacific NorthWest Economic Region: Rick Glumac, PNWER President, BC Chantelle de Jonge, PNWER Alberta delegate Garth Rowswell, PNWER Alberta delegate Matt Morrison, CEO, PNWER Brandon Hardenbrook, COO, PNWER Bruce Agnew, Director, PNWER RIA.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 1-2117**

Pursuant to Article It, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 29A.72.230, and WAC 434379-010, the Office of the Secretary of State has caused the signatures submitted in support of Initiative to the Legislature No. 2117 to be examined in the following manner:

1. It was determined that 466,072 signatures were submitted by the sponsors of the initiative. A random sample of 13,983 signatures was taken from those submitted;

2. Each sampled signature was examined to determine if the signer was a registered voter of the state, if the signature was reasonably similar to the one appearing on the record of that voter, and if the same signature appeared more than once in the sample. We found 10,863 valid signatures, 3,105 signatures that were invalid and 15 pairs of duplicated signatures in the sample;

3. We calculated an allowance for the chance error of sampling (84) by multiplying the square root of the number of invalid signatures by 1.5;

4. We estimated the upper limit of the number of signatures on the initiative petition which were invalid (106,280) by dividing the sum of the number of invalid signatures in the sample and allowance for the chance of error of sampling by the sampling ratio;

5. We determined the maximum allowable number of duplicate pairs of signatures on the petition (35,276) by subtracting the sum of the number of signatures required by Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution (324,516) and the estimate of the upper limit of the number of invalid signatures on the petition from the number of signatures submitted;

6. We determined the expected number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (32) by multiplying the square of the sampling ratio by the maximum allowable number of pairs of signatures on the initiative petition;

7. We determined the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (22) by subtracting 1.65 times the square root of the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample from the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample; and

8. The number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample is less than the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample. Therefore, I hereby declare Initiative to the Legislature No. 2117 to contain sufficient signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Washington this 16th day of January, 2024.

Steve Hobbs
Secretary of State

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HI 2117 by People of the State of Washington

Concerning carbon tax credit trading.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 2404 by Representatives Rule, Stokesbary, Jacobsen and Nance

AN ACT Relating to promoting learning recovery programs in public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.655 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2405 by Representatives Duerr, Doglio, Ramel and Berry

AN ACT Relating to sustainability factors in investment strategies and proxy voting by the Washington state investment board; amending RCW 43.33A.110, 43.33A.140, and 43.33A.150; adding a new section to chapter 43.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2406 by Representatives Connors, Rude, Hutchins, Walen, Klicker, Caldier, Ybarra, Chapman, Jacobsen, Barkis, Paul, Eslick, Taylor, Dent, Sandlin, Schmidt, Nance, Springer and Graham

AN ACT Relating to establishing a work group to assess the restrictions on the employment of 16 and 17 year olds; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 2407 by Representatives Couture, Rule, Senn, Caldier and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to increasing protections for child welfare workers; amending RCW 74.14B.010; reenacting and amending RCW 74.14B.005; and adding a new section to chapter 74.14B RCW.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, YOUTH, & EARLY LEARNING.

HB 2408 by Representatives Lekanoff, Orwall, Davis, Ramel and Nance

AN ACT Relating to methods of communication used by the technology platform designed for the behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system; and reenacting and amending RCW 71.24.890.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 2409 by Representatives Corry and Barkis

AN ACT Relating to underground facilities and safe excavation practices; and amending RCW 19.122.020, 19.122.030, 19.122.040, and 19.122.130.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2410 by Representatives Ybarra and Caldier

AN ACT Relating to jet fuel; amending RCW 82.04.287, 82.04.436, and 70A.535.150; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 2411 by Representatives Callan, Berg and Ortiz-Self

AN ACT Relating to school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction; and amending RCW 28A.530.080.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

HB 2412 by Representatives Schmidt, Berry, Timmons, Fitzgibbon, Street and Bergquist

AN ACT Relating to making technical corrections to plumbing supervision and trainee hours reporting; amending RCW 18.106.070; and reenacting and amending RCW 18.106.010.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 2413 by Representatives Walen, Hutchins, Ryu and Springer

AN ACT Relating to affordable and supportive housing sales and use taxes and encouraging investments in affordable homeownership unit development; and amending RCW 82.14.540.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

HB 2414 by Representatives Mena, Morgan, Chapman, Reed, Stearns, Ramos, Cortes, Street, Farivar, Simmons, Taylor, Alvarado, Entenman, Bateman, Gregerson, Ormsby, Fey, Fosse, Macri, Thai, Pollet, Chopp, Bergquist, Slatter, Berg, Doglio, Lekanoff, Nance, Donaghy, Ramel, Hackney and Davis

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of hog-tying; reenacting and amending RCW 10.120.010; adding a new section to chapter 10.120 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on COMMUNITY SAFETY, JUSTICE, & REENTRY.

MOTIONS

Representative Fitzgibbon moved that the measures printed on today's introductions sheet be considered first reading under the fourth order of business and be referred to the committees so designated.

Representative Stokesbary moved to suspend the House Rules to allow a motion to refer HI 2117 to the Environment and Energy Committee with instructions to the committee to promptly hold a public hearing consistent with the public notice requirements in House Rule 26(A).

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An electronic roll call was requested on the motion to suspend the House Rules.

ROLL CALL

The Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding) stated the question before the House to be the adoption of the motion to suspend the House Rules to allow a motion to refer HI 2117 to the Environment & Energy Committee with instructions to hold a public hearing consistent with the public notice requirements in House Rule 26(A) and the motion to amend was not adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 39; Nays, 58; Absent, 0; Excused, 1

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Barkis, Barnard, Caldier, Chambers, Chandler, Cheney, Christian, Connors, Couture, Dent, Dye, Eslick, Goehner, Graham, Griffey, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kretz, Low, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Sandlin, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Ybarra

Voting Nay: Representatives Alvarado, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Chapman, Chopp, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Entenman, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Wylie and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representative Corry

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke in favor of the original motion to refer the measures listed on the day's introduction sheet, under the fourth order of business, to the committees so designated.

The motion to refer was adopted and the measures listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 12, 2024

HB 1916

Prime Sponsor, Representative Senn: Concerning funding for the early support for infants and toddlers program. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Eslick, Ranking Minority Member; Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self; Taylor and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 12, 2024

HB 1946 Prime Sponsor, Representative Eslick: Creating the Washington health corps behavioral health scholarship program. Reported by Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Slatter, Chair; Entenman, Vice Chair; Reed, Vice Chair; Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Jacobsen; Klicker; Leavitt; Nance; Pollet; Schmidt and Timmons.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 12, 2024

HB 1950 Prime Sponsor, Representative Slatter: Concerning the public service loan forgiveness program. Reported by Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Slatter, Chair; Entenman, Vice Chair; Reed, Vice Chair; Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Jacobsen; Klicker; Leavitt; Nance; Pollet; Schmidt and Timmons.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 12, 2024

HB 2004 Prime Sponsor, Representative McEntire: Providing early registration at institutions of higher education for military students. Reported by Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Slatter, Chair; Entenman, Vice Chair; Reed, Vice Chair; Ybarra, Ranking Minority Member; Chandler; Jacobsen; Klicker; Leavitt; Nance; Pollet; Schmidt and Timmons.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 12, 2024

HB 2006 Prime Sponsor, Representative Peterson: Concerning court interpreters. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Chair; Farivar, Vice Chair; Entenman; Goodman; Peterson; Thai and Walen.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno; and Cheney.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 12, 2024

HB 2056 Prime Sponsor, Representative Goodman: Concerning information sharing and limited investigative authority of supreme court bailiffs. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Chair; Farivar, Vice Chair; Cheney; Entenman; Goodman; Peterson; Thai and Walen.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; and Abbarno.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 12, 2024

HB 2101 Prime Sponsor, Representative Rule: Eliminating child care licensing fees. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Eslick, Ranking Minority Member; Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 12, 2024

HB 2111 Prime Sponsor, Representative Nance: Clarifying requirements for subsidized child care. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Eslick, Ranking Minority Member; Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self; Taylor and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 12, 2024

HB 2124 Prime Sponsor, Representative Eslick: Supporting and expanding access to child care and early learning programs. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Eslick, Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 15, 2024

HB 2160 Prime Sponsor, Representative Reed: Promoting community and transit-oriented housing development. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Peterson, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Leavitt, Vice Chair; ; Chopp; Entenman; Reed and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Klicker, Ranking Minority Member; Connors, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Hutchins; and Low.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation.
Signed by Representative Barkis.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1726, by Representatives Bronoske, Robertson, Griffey, Rule, Leavitt, Schmidt, Chapman, Ryu, Reeves, Graham, Ormsby, Paul and Reed

Concerning the director of fire protection's administration and reimbursement of fire service-related training programs.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representatives Bronoske and Abbarno spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1726.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1726, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 97; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, error, Cheney, Chopp, error, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, error, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representative Corry

HOUSE BILL NO. 1726, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1818, by Representatives Tharinger and Chapman

Concerning the exclusion of compensating tax when land is sold to a governmental entity intending to manage the land similarly to designated forestland or timberland.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, Substitute House Bill No. 1818 was substituted for House Bill No. 1818 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1818 was read the second time.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representatives Tharinger and Orcutt spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1818.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1818, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 97; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, error, Cheney, Chopp, error, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, error, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representative Corry

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1818, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

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

THIRD READING

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1121, by House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary (originally sponsored by Goodman, Leavitt, Reeves, Lekanoff and Wylie)

Concerning the uniform child abduction prevention act.

The bill was read the third time.

Representatives Goodman and Cheney spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1121.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Substitute House Bill No. 1121, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 97; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 1

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, error, Cheney, Chopp, error, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, error, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representative Corry

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1121, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1330, by Representatives Christian, Pollet, Schmidt, Couture, Low and Doglio

Adjusting the threshold for requiring candidate contribution certifications relating to foreign nationals.

The bill was read the third time.

Representatives error and error spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1330.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1330, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 95; Nays, 2; Absent, 0; Excused, 1

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, error, Cheney, Chopp, error, Connors, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, error, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, Ybarra and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Paul and Santos

Excused: Representative Corry

HOUSE BILL NO. 1330, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 18, 2024, the 11th Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

Laurie Jinkins, Speaker

Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk

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