

EIGHTH DAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

2024 REGULAR SESSION

EIGHTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, January 15, 2024

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. The Secretary called the roll and announced to the President that all senators were present.

MOTION

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

The Sergeant at Arms Color Guard consisting of Pages Zanaida Flores Najera and Rose Ok, presented the Colors.

Page Andrew Dobbs led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. Bishop Dr. Lawrence White, Pastor, Church of the Living God in Tacoma, and President, Tacoma Ministerial Alliance offered the prayer.

Mr. Providence Kamana performed "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*" and "*A Change is Gonna Come*", accompanied by Mr. Art Borders.

MOTIONS

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

On motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate advanced to the first order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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SB 5801 Prime Sponsor, Senator Dozier: Concerning special deposits. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5801 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Gildon; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5823 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Concerning school district elections. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5824 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Dozier and Fortunato.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5835 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, L.: Concerning transparency in rule making. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5835 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5837 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Codifying the state election database to publish, evaluate, and analyze certain election data. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

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

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5843 Prime Sponsor, Senator Nguyen: Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5856 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Concerning voter registration challenges. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Dozier and Fortunato.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5873 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wellman: Providing adequate and predictable student transportation. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5887 Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Modifying the public accountancy act. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5890 Prime Sponsor, Senator Valdez: Reducing ballot rejection rates through updates to ballot curing, canvassing, reporting, and outreach processes. Reported by Committee on State Government & Elections

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5890 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Valdez, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hunt, Chair; Dozier; Fortunato; Hasegawa and Kuderer.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SJM 8009 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hasegawa: Concerning the federal harbor maintenance tax. Reported by Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8009 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass. Signed by Senators Stanford, Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Gildon; Hasegawa; Lovick; MacEwen and Mullet.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SJR 8207 Prime Sponsor, Senator Hunt: Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wellman, Chair; Nobles, Vice Chair; Wilson, C., Vice Chair; Hunt; Mullet and Pedersen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Dozier and McCune.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Standing Committee report were referred to the committees as designated.

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 6213 by Senators Mullet and Wilson, L.; by request of Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

AN ACT Relating to modifying joint legislative audit and review committee studies by extending the sunset act, allowing the extension of timelines for conducting studies, and removing barriers to continuing the sustainable harvest study; and amending RCW 43.131.900, 76.04.516, and 44.28.083.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 6214 by Senator Rivers

AN ACT Relating to animal cruelty in the first degree; and reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.515.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 6215 by Senators Schoesler and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to improving tax and revenue laws in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections as reflected on any fiscal note for this act, including provisions easing compliance burdens for taxpayers, clarifying ambiguities, making technical corrections, and providing administrative efficiencies; amending RCW 28A.150.412, 82.04.759, 82.32.783, and 82.12.0266; adding a new section to chapter 82.46 RCW; repealing RCW 19.02.055; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6216 by Senators Nobles and Torres; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health to maintain, expand, and provide oversight to Washington's school-based mental and behavioral health system for children and adolescents across the state; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

AN ACT Relating to newborn safe transfer; amending RCW 13.34.360; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 6217 by Senator McCune

AN ACT Relating to deterring robberies from retail establishments; and amending RCW 9.94A.832.

SB 6225 by Senator Boehnke

AN ACT Relating to siting wind energy facilities to avoid interference with military installations; adding a new section to chapter 80.50 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70B RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 6218 by Senators Van De Wege, King, Kuderer and Lovick

AN ACT Relating to dental only plans; amending RCW 48.43.743; and adding new sections to chapter 48.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6226 by Senator Trudeau

AN ACT Relating to creating reporting requirements for the department of social and health service's office of fraud and accountability; and adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 6219 by Senators Warnick, Schoesler, Dozier, Wilson, J., Salomon, McCune, Wilson, L., Holy, Torres, Padden, Fortunato, Braun, King, Short, Rivers and Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to promoting agritourism in Washington; amending RCW 36.70A.177; adding a new section to chapter 19.27 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 66.24 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 6227 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to allowing entry of a civil protection order to protect victims when a person is found not guilty by reason of insanity; amending RCW 10.77.110 and 7.105.450; and adding a new section to chapter 10.77 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 6220 by Senators Salomon, Shewmake, Short and Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to reducing the public health harms associated with high THC cannabis products by raising awareness, implementing and studying health interventions, and increasing the minimum legal age of sale of high THC cannabis products to prevent psychosis; amending RCW 69.50.357; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 6228 by Senator Dhingra

AN ACT Relating to treatment of substance use disorders; amending RCW 71.24.618, 18.225.145, and 43.70.250; reenacting and amending RCW 41.05.017 and 18.205.095; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6221 by Senators Salomon, Stanford and Liias

AN ACT Relating to the Washington national primate research center at the University of Washington; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 6229 by Senators Shewmake, Cleveland, King and Holy

AN ACT Relating to modifying match requirements for the green transportation capital grant program; and amending RCW 47.66.120.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6222 by Senator Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to the number of district court judges; and amending RCW 3.34.010 and 3.34.020.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 6230 by Senators Rivers, Van De Wege, Kauffman and Muzzall

AN ACT Relating to creating an option for impacted taxing districts to provide a portion of their new revenue to support any tax increment area proposed within their jurisdiction and clarifying that a tax increment area must be dissolved when all bond obligations are paid; and amending RCW 39.114.020 and 39.114.050.

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 6223 by Senator Nguyen; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

AN ACT Relating to updating school district director compensation through the development of a state-funded compensation structure; adding new sections to chapter 28A.343 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 28A.343.400; and providing effective dates.

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

SB 6231 by Senators Lovelett and Kuderer

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of hostile architecture elements for publicly accessible buildings or real property; adding a new section to chapter 35.63 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.63 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 36.70 RCW; and providing an effective date.

SB 6224 by Senators Fortunato and Padden

Referred to Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs.

SB 6232 by Senators Wilson, J. and Padden

AN ACT Relating to establishing a pilot common public records portal; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Elections.

SB 6233 by Senator Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to substantive amendments to the state energy code for nonresidential buildings; and amending RCW 19.27A.025.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 6234 by Senator Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to screening newborn infants for branched-chain ketoacid dehydrogenase kinase deficiency; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6235 by Senator Wilson, L.

AN ACT Relating to the city and county criminal justice assistance accounts; amending RCW 82.14.310, 82.14.320, and 82.14.330; creating a new section; and decodifying RCW 82.14.300.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6236 by Senator Wellman

AN ACT Relating to filing a declaration of intent to provide home-based instruction; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.200 RCW.

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

SB 6237 by Senators Salomon and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 47.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.36 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.68 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.04 RCW; creating a new section; providing effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 6238 by Senator Dozier

AN ACT Relating to updating thresholds for the property tax exemption for widows and widowers of honorably discharged veterans; amending RCW 84.39.010; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 6239 by Senator Hunt

AN ACT Relating to advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge international exams;

amending RCW 28A.600.280; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

SB 6240 by Senator Warnick

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 Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

SB 6241 by Senators Randall and King

AN ACT Relating to strengthening pay transparency requirements; and amending RCW 49.58.110.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1146 by Representatives Paul, Steele, Ramel, Taylor, Callan, Rude, Timmons, Chopp, Lekanoff, Duerr, Ramos, Shavers, Stonier, Pollet, Santos, Riccelli and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.600 RCW.

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

SHB 1241 by House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry (originally sponsored by Representatives Leavitt, Reeves, Reed, Morgan and Bronoske)

AN ACT Relating to harassment; and amending RCW 9A.46.020 and 40.24.030.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SHB 1717 by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Rule, Corry, Paul, Stonier, Chapman, Duerr and Timmons)

AN ACT Relating to supporting innovation at associate development organizations; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade.

2EHB 1757 by Representatives Corry, Springer, Chapman, Dent and Schmidt

AN ACT Relating to providing a sales and use tax remittance to qualified farmers; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated with the exception of Senate Bill No.

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6220 which had been designated to the Committee on Health & Long-Term Care and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Commerce.

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

Senator Lovick moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION
8649

By Senators Lovick, Lovelett, Keiser, Salomon, Boehnke, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kauffman, and Cleveland

WHEREAS, Today, the third Monday in January, we remember and honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who became a beacon of hope for actualizing racial equality in our nation; and

WHEREAS, Today, January 15, 2024, marks what would have been Dr. King's 95th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King used his gift of oration to awaken America to the struggles of disenfranchised communities, particularly African Americans, through nonviolent means; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King encouraged others through his dedication to achieving equality. He once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should be measured not by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his or her commitment to making life better for all through service rendered to each other; and

WHEREAS, We mourn the loss of former Black and African American senators who tirelessly served in the Legislature and paved the way for many to follow in their paths; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's unwavering support for the principles of racial justice and social equality helped transform America; and

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WHEREAS, Black communities have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic and its continuing effects; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's steadfast pursuit of fairness encouraged others, as exemplified in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail," in which he said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate, in recognition of the courageous leadership and legacy of hope demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of our state to continue the legacy of Dr. King by condemning racism in all its forms and advancing a more perfect union where all people experience fair treatment under our laws.

Senators Lovick and Hasegawa spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8649.

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

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen and without objection, the names of all members of the Senate were added to Senate Resolution No. 8649.

At 1:07 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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