

TWENTY NINTH DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Monday, February 10, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, 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

February 7, 2025

SB 5036 Prime Sponsor, Senator Boehnke: Strengthening Washington's leadership and accountability on climate policy by transitioning to annual reporting of statewide emissions data. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5090 Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Updating the professional engineers' registration act. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

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

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5124 Prime Sponsor, Senator Muzzall: Establishing network adequacy standards for skilled nursing facilities and rehabilitation hospitals. Reported by Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5124 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 Ways & Means.

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SB 5148 Prime Sponsor, Senator Bateman: Ensuring compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5148 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Bateman, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Goehner, Ranking Member; Gildon; Orwall; Salomon and Trudeau.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5172 Prime Sponsor, Senator Christian: Concerning fire protection district civil service systems. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5175 Prime Sponsor, Senator Shewmake: Concerning the photovoltaic module stewardship and takeback program. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5175 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Harris; Liias; Lovelett; MacEwen; Ramos and Wellman.

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5203 Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5203 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Chapman; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake and Valdez.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Christian and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5205 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Concerning Washington college grant award amounts. Reported by Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Nobles, Chair; Warnick, Ranking Member; Boehnke and Slatter.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Hansen, Vice Chair.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5236 Prime Sponsor, Senator Slatter: Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases used for anesthetic purposes. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5236 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Harris; Liias; Lovelett; Ramos and Wellman.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators MacEwen and Short.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5241 Prime Sponsor, Senator Liias: Adding fusion energy to facilities that may obtain site certification for the purposes of chapter 80.50 RCW. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5241 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Boehnke, Ranking Member; Dhingra; Harris; Liias; Lovelett; MacEwen; Ramos; Short and Wellman.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5252 Prime Sponsor, Senator Shewmake: Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5252 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke; Braun; Cleveland; Conway; Dhingra; Hansen; Kauffman; Muzzall; Pedersen; Riccelli; Saldaña; Wagoner; Warnick; Wellman and Wilson, C..

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 5258 Prime Sponsor, Senator Gildon: Implementing state auditor recommendations for reducing improper medicaid concurrent enrollment payments. Reported by Committee on

Health & Long-Term Care

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5258 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 and Slatter.

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5265 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Expanding minimum requirements for electrical inspectors to include certain out-of-state experience. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5265 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado; Ramos and Stanford.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and MacEwen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5300 Prime Sponsor, Senator Stanford: Concerning the leasing authority of the state parks and recreation commission at St. Edward State Park. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5300 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5316 Prime Sponsor, Senator Harris: Modifying provisions of the revised uniform unclaimed property act. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5316 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke; Braun; Cleveland; Conway; Dhingra; Hansen; Hasegawa; Kauffman; Muzzall; Pedersen; Riccelli; Saldaña; Wagoner; Warnick; Wellman and Wilson, C..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5336 Prime Sponsor, Senator Orwall: Concerning

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protections for isolated employees. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5336 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado; Ramos and Stanford.

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and MacEwen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5360 Prime Sponsor, Senator Trudeau: Concerning environmental crimes. Reported by Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5360 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Shewmake, Chair; Slatter, Vice Chair; Dhingra; Harris; Lias; Lovelett; Ramos and Wellman.

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

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5370 Prime Sponsor, Senator Harris: Lengthening port commissioner terms. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5370 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Torres, Ranking Member; Bateman and Goehner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5381 Prime Sponsor, Senator Conway: Establishing department authority to ensure payment is received from the self-insured employer after a self-insured group or municipal employer has their self-insurer certification withdrawn. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

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

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

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Braun and MacEwen.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5408 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Allowing for corrections to wage and salary disclosures. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5408 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Braun; MacEwen and Schoesler.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Alvarado; Ramos and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5410 Prime Sponsor, Senator Braun: Concerning parking privileges for veterans. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5410 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Lias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5431 Prime Sponsor, Senator Schoesler: Modifying tax and revenue laws in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections. Reported by Committee on Ways & Means

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5431 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Robinson, Chair; Stanford, Vice Chair, Operating; Trudeau, Vice Chair, Capital; Frame, Vice Chair, Finance; Gildon, Ranking Member, Operating; Torres, Assistant Ranking Member, Operating; Schoesler, Ranking Member, Capital; Dozier, Assistant Ranking Member, Capital; Boehnke; Braun; Cleveland; Conway; Dhingra; Hansen; Hasegawa; Kauffman; Muzzall; Pedersen; Riccelli; Saldaña; Wagoner; Warnick; Wellman and Wilson, C..

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5433 Prime Sponsor, Senator Ramos: Exempting exclusive bargaining representatives for department of corrections employees from certain provisions related to coalition bargaining. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

MAJORITY recommendation: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5433 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Senators Saldaña, Chair; Conway, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Alvarado; Ramos and Stanford.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Braun and Schoesler.

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SB 5464 Prime Sponsor, Senator King: Promoting the better understanding of certain federal standards related to commercial driver's licenses. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Lias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Ramos, Vice Chair; Alvarado and Lovelett.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5471 Prime Sponsor, Senator Goehner: Authorizing middle housing in unincorporated growth areas and unincorporated urban growth areas, certain limited areas of more intensive rural development, and fully contained communities. Reported by Committee on Housing

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Bateman, Chair; Alvarado, Vice Chair; Goehner, Ranking Member; Gildon; Orwall; Salomon and Trudeau.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5554 Prime Sponsor, Senator Salomon: Concerning historic landmark designations. Reported by Committee on Local Government

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Salomon, Chair; Lovelett, Vice Chair; Bateman and Goehner.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SB 5624 Prime Sponsor, Senator Wilson, J.: Developing best practices for responding to electric vehicle fires. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Lias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Alvarado; Chapman; Christian; Cortes; Fortunato; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen; Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SGA 9064 STEVEN MALLOCH, reappointed on July 3, 2023, for the term ending June 30, 2027, as Member of the Chehalis Board. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Chapman, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Short, Ranking Member; Lias; Saldaña and Shewmake.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Muzzall; Schoesler and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9065 JERRY J. MENINICK, appointed on June 27, 2023, for the term ending June 12, 2027, as Member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Chapman, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Lias; Saldaña and Shewmake.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Short, Ranking Member; Muzzall; Schoesler and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9126 PAH-TU PITT, reappointed on June 13, 2024, for the term ending June 12, 2028, as Member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Chapman, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Lias; Saldaña and Shewmake.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Short, Ranking Member; Muzzall; Schoesler and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9213 DEREK I. SANDISON, reappointed on January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Director of the Department of Agriculture - Agency Head. Reported by Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Chapman, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Short, Ranking Member; Lias; Muzzall; Saldaña; Schoesler; Shewmake and Wagoner.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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SGA 9221 GENT WELSH, appointed on January 15, 2025, for the term ending at the governors pleasure, as Director of the

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Military Department - Agency Head. Reported by Committee on State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections

AN ACT Relating to retroactively applying the requirement to exclude certain juvenile convictions from an offender score regardless of the date of the offense; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; and creating a new section.

MAJORITY recommendation: That said appointment be confirmed. Signed by Senators Valdez, Chair; Krishnadasan, Vice Chair; Wilson, J., Ranking Member; Hasegawa; Kauffman; McCune and Riccelli.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

SB 5716 by Senator Krishnadasan

AN ACT Relating to expanding the locations where a person can be guilty of unlawful transit conduct to include the Washington state ferries; amending RCW 9.91.025; and prescribing penalties.

MOTIONS

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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.

SB 5717 by Senators Lovick, and King

AN ACT Relating to establishing a driver work zone and first responder safety course requirement; amending RCW 46.20.075 and 46.63.200; adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.59 RCW; and providing an effective date.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5710 by Senator MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to addressing diesel vessel procurement at the Washington state ferries; amending RCW 47.56.030, 47.60.010, 47.60.810, 47.60.826, and 47.56.030; adding a new section to chapter 47.60 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5711 by Senator Bateman

AN ACT Relating to defining the rental or lease of individual storage space at self-service storage facilities as a retail transaction for the imposition of business and occupation and sales and use taxes; reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.050; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

SB 5718 by Senator Lovick

AN ACT Relating to providing members of the teachers' retirement system plan 3 and school employees' retirement system plan 3 that were never offered a choice of plan 2 the opportunity to irrevocably transfer to plan 2 for future service; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.35 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5712 by Senators Boehnke, and Slatter

AN ACT Relating to establishing a presumption of compliance for entities covered under the state's industrial stormwater general permit under certain circumstances; adding a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

SB 5719 by Senator Salomon

AN ACT Relating to local government hearing examiners; and amending RCW 36.70.970, 35.63.130, 35A.63.170, and 58.17.330.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5713 by Senator Fortunato

AN ACT Relating to chemical abortion; amending RCW 9.02.120; reenacting and amending RCW 9.02.170; adding new sections to chapter 9.02 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

SB 5720 by Senators Pedersen, and Warnick

AN ACT Relating to the uniform consumer debt default judgments act; amending RCW 19.16.260; and adding a new chapter to Title 4 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5714 by Senators Trudeau, and Torres

AN ACT Relating to declaring civil immigration enforcement as unprofessional conduct of bail bond recovery agents; and amending RCW 18.185.110.

SB 5721 by Senators Stanford, Valdez, Hasegawa, and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to enhancing consumer protections for automobile insurance coverage; and adding a new section to chapter 48.18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Pedersen, all measures listed on the Introduction and First Reading report were referred to the committees as designated.

At 12:31 p.m., on motion of Senator Pedersen, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

SB 5715 by Senators Kauffman, and Frame

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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