

## TENTH DAY

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding.

The Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Andy Staubitz, announced the presence of the House of Representatives at the Chamber door.

The President called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort Speaker of the House, Representative Laurie Jinkins, Speaker Pro Tempore Chris Stearns, and Representative Hunter Abell to the Rostrum and members of the House of Representatives to seats within the Chamber.

## JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8400, the President called the Joint Session to order. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the House of Representatives. The Secretary called the roll of the members of the Senate. The President declared that a quorum of the Legislature was present.

## APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor to escort the State Supreme Court Justices to the Senate Chamber: Senators T'wina Nobles and Phil Fortunato and Representatives Julio Cortes and Rob Chase.

## APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials to the Senate Chamber: Senators Bill Ramos and Perry Dozier and Representatives Adam Bernbaum and John Ley.

## APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor, consisting of Senators Emily Alvarado and Nikki Torres and Representatives Kristine Reeves and Hunter Abell to escort Chief Justice Debra L. Stephens to the Senate Chamber.

Sergeant at Arms Andy Staubitz announced the arrival of the Justices of the Supreme Court. The committee of honor escorted Justices to seats at the front of the Chamber. The President introduced: Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Steven González, Justice Sheryll Gordon McCloud, Justice Mary Yu, Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis, Justice Helen Whitener, and Justice Salvador Mungia.

Sergeant at Arms Andy Staubitz announced the arrival of the statewide elected officials. The committee of honor escorted statewide elected officials to seats at the front of the Chamber. The President introduced: Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, State Auditor Pat McCarthy, Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer, and State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti.

Sergeant at Arms Andy Staubitz announced the arrival of the Honorable Debra L. Stephens, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. The committee of honor escorted Chief Justice Stephens to the rostrum. The President introduced and welcomed Chief Justice Stephens to the Joint Session.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard, composed of Sergeant James Maguire, Trooper Dean Gallanger, Trooper Matt Gagley, and Trooper Jared Raber, presented the Colors.

Page Mr. Keshav Karkamkar led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Travis Adams of Pasco performed the National Anthem. Mr. Adams was a guest of Senator Torres. Mr. Adams was a guest of Senator Torres.

Rabbi Seth Goldstein from Temple Beth Hatfiloh, Olympia offered the prayer.

The President welcomed and introduced Chief Justice Debra L. Stephens.

## STATE OF THE JUDICIARY

Chief Justice Stephens: "Members of the Washington State Legislature, elected officials in the Executive branch, colleagues in the Judiciary, and people all across Washington,

I come before you as Chief Justice of the Washington State Supreme Court, representing the dedicated individuals who serve the public in the Judicial Branch of our government. We are the many judges and other court professionals who work every day, in communities large and small, to uphold our collective commitment to equal justice under the law. Thank you for receiving our Annual State of the Judiciary Report and providing this opportunity to highlight some of our work. Today, I will focus on efforts to build what we call, "Courts of the Future," reflecting the judiciary's continued push toward innovation, responsiveness and inclusivity in service to the people of Washington.

The past few years have tested us profoundly. We are still feeling the impacts of a global pandemic with immense personal and social losses. The resulting disruptions in judicial operations have underscored the urgent need for systemic improvements to deliver timely and equitable justice. But the challenges have only strengthened our resolve, and we arrive in 2025 with the benefit of lessons learned and of having more diverse voices at the table. Much of the work I will share today was accomplished under the leadership of Chief Justice Steven Gonzalez, and I want to take this opportunity to thank Justice Gonzalez for his vision and passion for justice.

Working together with leaders across the judicial branch and with our partners, we have achieved milestones that evidence the judiciary's resilience and commitment to constant improvement. Courts continue to offer remote proceedings and alternative approaches to dispute resolution, employing new technologies that have increased access to justice in unprecedented ways. Developing solutions tailored to their specific needs, courts are working through backlogs, improving access while protecting public health and safety, and delivering critical services to our most vulnerable community members.

We have learned that, when it comes to innovation, one size doesn't fit all, and improved communications among courts across Washington is key to on-the-ground success. Successful

communication couldn't happen without the dedication of volunteer judges and court administrators who serve in the leadership of their trial court associations. I want to recognize Judge Kristin Ferrera of Chelan County Superior Court, President of the SCJA; Judge Karl Williams of Pierce County District Court, President of the DMCJA; along with representatives from our associations for court administration and management, Frankie Peters of Thurston County and TJ Bohl of Pierce County. Thank you for your leadership and for joining us today.

Let me highlight just a few examples of successful court programs we're working on across the state:

**Therapeutic courts.** With support and technical assistance from our Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), innovative therapeutic court programs have nearly doubled across the state. They provide vital alternatives to traditional sentencing through a focus on rehabilitation and services for individuals struggling with mental health and substance use disorders and other challenges. The expansion of therapeutic courts reflects the vision of the judges and court staff who lead them and their dedication to innovative justice solutions that reduce recidivism and foster community healing.

**Court interpreter services.** With your support, and assisted by the leadership of our Interpreter & Language Access Commission, services have been significantly expanded to ensure greater access to justice for non-English-speaking and limited-English-proficient individuals statewide. Courts are finding creative ways to deliver services and stretch our limited resources. We will continue to work together to enhance language programs because we know they are essential to fair access in our legal system.

Just as we strive to literally hear more diverse voices in our courts, we've launched a new Equity and Access web page, providing tools and resources for courts to implement diversity and inclusion strategies more effectively. This aligns with the judiciary's broader strategic plan to ensure that every individual, regardless of background, experiences equitable treatment within our judicial system, in every court across the State.

In our report and at the Washington Courts' website, you can learn more about other court initiatives that have been recognized by the Board for Judicial Administration with "Innovating Justice Awards." These recognitions emerged as part of our COVID-19 pandemic response, to highlight the many ways courts adapted and responded to better serve the people in their communities. They express the collective appreciation of the BJA members and partners. And, along the theme of appreciation, please join me in acknowledging our BJA co-chair, Judge Alicia Burton from Pierce County Superior Court. I also want to thank and acknowledge the leadership of our judicial branch partner agencies: Sara Robbins, Director of the Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) and Larry Jefferson, Director of the Office of Public Defense.

Courts of the future must be aware of the historic inequities of the past, and our judicial branch initiatives reflect an unwavering commitment to tearing down barriers, fostering inclusion, and building a justice system that truly serves all Washingtonians. We have learned not to mistake the normal for the neutral, and to recognize that what "Just Is" isn't necessarily "Justice."

I am proud that Washington's judiciary is leading the nation in the transition from punitive justice to restorative practices. Restorative justice emphasizes healing, community engagement, and meaningful accountability. We see this in more effective approaches to criminal sentencing and juvenile justice, as well as in child welfare system reforms. At every level of court, we are accelerating our work to eradicate systemic barriers and better serve vulnerable communities.

Ours was the first state to create Supreme Court Commissions

dedicated to equity and inclusion. For over 30 years, the Minority and Justice Commission has spearheaded initiatives to address racial disparities, for example in jury selection and participation, in bail practices, and with respect to criminal and civil fines and fees. The Gender and Justice Commission's new database of services for survivors of domestic violence provides critical resources for those seeking safety and support. The Interpreter & Language Access Commission continues to enhance access to justice by expanding training and certification for interpreters and ensuring individuals with limited English proficiency can fully engage in legal proceedings. And the Commission on Children in Foster Care focuses on improving the delivery of services for our most vulnerable youth, working collaboratively with state and local partners. In addition to these commissions, we have workgroups and Task Forces that focus on urgent issues. I want to particularly acknowledge our Disability Justice Task Force that is working to develop solutions that ensure individuals with disabilities can fully participate in our court system. The ongoing work of these judicial branch entities is essential to *elevating* the voices of underserved individuals, *convening* important conversations, and *fulfilling* the mission of the judicial branch to be, not just a legal system, but truly a *justice* system.

Branch wide, our Efforts to effectuate the Blake decision are also gaining momentum. Collaborative initiatives by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), local courts, public defenders, prosecutors, impacted individuals, and advocacy groups have significantly expanded outreach. Highlights this year include the first-ever in-person Blake vacate and refund clinic at the Snohomish County Courthouse and extensive educational outreach in our prisons, community centers, libraries, and other public institutions.

As of January 2025, the Blake Refund Bureau has issued over \$4 million in refunds for approximately 3,300 Blake-qualifying cases. An additional \$21 million is pending for nearly 63,000 cases submitted by 127 courts. Meanwhile, over 55,000 Blake convictions have been vacated, benefiting more than 37,000 individuals in Department of Corrections custody. Outreach and relief efforts are set to continue expanding throughout 2025.

Across Washington, courts are closely watching the launch of the Pierce County Jury Pay Pilot Project, which increased juror compensation by 900%, addressing long-standing economic barriers and enhancing jury diversity. That project involves vital data collection and analysis, and represents an important first step to making jury service possible for more people. Much of the success of the project is due to the tireless work of talented individuals in the Pierce County Courts, and I want to express appreciation to court administrator Chris Gaddis and Superior Court Presiding Judge Susan Adams, who is here today. Research confirms what we know from our nation's history – jury service is the bellwether of our justice system. It enriches civic engagement for those who serve, and removing economic barriers to service is essential to fulfilling the constitutional promise of a jury of one's peers.

Sticking with Pierce County for a moment, let me also spotlight the Pierce County District Court's Pre-Trial Pathways Program. This program helps demystify the court process and connect participants to essential resources such as housing, behavioral health support, and vocational training. With 60% of participants identifying as people of color, initiatives like this address systemic inequities while fostering self-sufficiency and enhancing community safety by reducing recidivism.

Innovative work is also being done in new self-help centers providing support to unrepresented litigants. The Courthouse Clinic in Yakima County stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, addressing the challenges faced by pro se individuals in family law cases. Commissioner Shane Silverthorn,

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along with Quinn Dalan and Wendy Winfield of Central Washington Legal Aid, have launched a program that has already served over 250 individuals and families, helping to finalize agreed or default orders and eliminate court delays.

Self-help centers in Spokane and Grays Harbor are similarly providing resources for families that cannot afford a lawyer to help them navigate a range of complex legal issues and get their cases resolved. These are the type of services we hope to expand as we build courts of the future. They foster equity and access to the judicial system and help build public trust and confidence.

As we focus on building courts of the future, technology is front and center

Courts continue to embrace new technologies that streamline and unify judicial operations. The Court of Limited Jurisdiction-Case Management System pilot project represents a major step forward in modernizing case management systems for limited jurisdiction courts. This user-friendly platform replaces antiquated stand alone systems and improves efficiency. Progress continues in implementing the CLJ-CMS in courts across Washington, and ongoing state support of that system is essential to its success.

The recent cyberattack on the Washington Courts network has brought into sharp focus the critical importance of effective cybersecurity measures. Thanks to the swift and decisive actions of the Administrative Office of the Courts, major systems were protected, and restored to operation within 18 days. This response time, among the best in the nation, underscores the value of the response systems we have developed and, more importantly, the resilience and professionalism of our AOC team and branch partners. Moving forward, we are investing in advanced cybersecurity protocols to safeguard sensitive information and ensure the public's trust.

We also continue to focus on Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies, carefully evaluating their role in the justice system. Courts have piloted technology tools that have the potential to enhance efficiencies and improve court access, while ensuring that: judicial decisions will always be made by judges, human bias won't be compounded, and private data will remain secure. The Board for Judicial Administration continues to engage stakeholders and work with the Washington State Bar Association AI Task Force and other justice partners. Artificial Intelligence presents both promises and perils, and we will work openly and collaboratively to address the appropriate role of emerging technologies in our courts of the future

Across Washington, courts are as busy as ever, and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) remains the backbone of our justice delivery system, providing vital support through technology, research, technical assistance and training. We gain efficiencies and promote consistent adherence to best practices by serving courts through the AOC structure. This is illustrated by recent initiatives, such as AOC's security incident reporting system, which is enhancing safety, transparency and accountability across all levels of the judiciary. We must support the continued ability of the AOC to maintain IT infrastructure and provide timely training and program support because it is essential to the ability of local courts to deliver timely, effective and equitable services in their communities.

I want to express appreciation to the legislature for your support of our courts. Over the last three years, you have worked to stabilize funding for the courts' statewide IT infrastructure, funded more secure rural courts, and enabled the work of dozens of therapeutic courts across our diverse state. Stable Judicial Branch funding – still a small part of the State's overall budget – will maintain critical services, training, and programs that benefit everyone who comes into our courts. We look forward to

working with you this session on the continuation of prior commitments – including ongoing funding of existing systems and programs that are essential to meeting the Judiciary's promise to deliver equal justice under the law.

In closing, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to my colleagues across the judicial branch, to our partners in the legislative and executive branches and to the many community members whose dedicated work makes real progress possible.

The author Cornell West said that "Justice is what love looks like in public." We show our love and concern for one another when we work together to bend the arc of history ever towards justice. We do this work because we love it. And, working together, we will continue to build a court system that not only meets the needs of today but anticipates the challenges of tomorrow – fair, inclusive, innovative and accessible for all Washingtonians.

Thank you again for receiving our state of the judiciary report and for inviting us here this morning. Thank you."

The President thanked Chief Justice Debra L. Stephens for her remarks.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort Chief Justice Debra L. Stephens from the rostrum and the Chief Justice retired from the Chamber.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials from the Chamber.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort the Justices of the Supreme Court from the Chamber.

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Riccelli, the Joint Session was dissolved.

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House escorted Speaker of the House, Representative Laurie Jinkins, Speaker Pro Tempore Chris Stearns, and Representative Hunter Abell and members of the House of Representatives from the Senate Chamber.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION

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The Senate was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding.

#### MOTIONS

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 20, 2025

SB 5072 Prime Sponsor, Senator Warnick: Concerning abandoned vehicles sold at auctions conducted by registered tow truck operators. Reported by Committee on Transportation

MAJORITY recommendation: That it be referred without recommendation. Signed by Senators Liias, Chair; Lovick, Vice Chair; Ramos, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Goehner, Assistant Ranking Member; Chapman; Christian;

Cortes; Harris; Holy; Krishnadasan; Lovelett; MacEwen;  
Nobles; Shewmake; Valdez and Wilson, J..

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

#### 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.

#### LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

##### KING COUNTY SIGNATURE REPORT MOTION 16727

##### **Proposed No.** 2025-0023.2 **Sponsors** Mosqueda

A MOTION making an appointment to fill the vacancy in the position of state Senator for the 34th Legislative District.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the position of state Senator for the 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative District due to the resignation of Senator Joe Nguyen, which is effective as of January 15, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Washington state Constitution prescribes the process for filling vacancies in either house of the state Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the candidates must reside in the 34th Legislative District and be of the same political party as the legislator whose office is vacated, and

WHEREAS, the 34th Legislative District Democratic Precinct Committee officers have met to consider candidates for the position, and

WHEREAS the King County Democratic Central Committee has submitted the names of constitutionally qualified candidates to fill the vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. Emily Alvarado is hereby appointed to the position of state Senator for the 34th Legislative District in the Washington state Senate and continue to serve until a successor is elected and the successor has qualified.

B. A copy of this motion shall be provided to the clerk of the Washington state Senate, the Governor of the state of Washington, and the chair of the Washington state Democratic Party.

Motion 16727 was introduced on 1/21/2025 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/21/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
/s/

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

#### MOTION

On motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate advanced to the fourth order of business.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

January 22, 2025

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Speaker has signed:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8401,  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8402,  
and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

#### MOTION

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

#### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

SB 5409 by Senator Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to a pilot program creating a healthier environment for correctional officers, department of corrections staff, and individuals within a correctional facility; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5410 by Senator Braun

AN ACT Relating to parking privileges for veterans; amending RCW 46.19.010, 46.19.040, and 41.04.007; and adding a new section to chapter 46.19 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5411 by Senators Nobles, and Riccelli

AN ACT Relating to the tax treatment of pilates studios and gymnastics facilities; reenacting and amending RCW 82.04.050; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5412 by Senator Robinson

AN ACT Relating to temporary interfund loans for school districts in binding conditions or under enhanced financial oversight; amending RCW 28A.505.130 and 28A.315.221; reenacting and amending RCW 28A.320.330; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

SB 5413 by Senator Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas; amending RCW 36.70A.696; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

SB 5414 by Senator Hasegawa

AN ACT Relating to requiring social equity impact analysis in performance audits and legislative public hearings thereon; and amending RCW 43.09.470.

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RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and creating a new section.

SB 5415 by Senator Gildon

AN ACT Relating to financial feasibility of collective bargaining agreements; and amending RCW 41.56.028, 41.56.029, 41.56.473, 41.56.500, 41.56.510, 41.56.515, 41.59.105, 41.80.010, 47.64.170, 74.39A.300, and 74.39A.530.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5422 by Senators Bateman, and Conway

AN ACT Relating to allowing bargaining over matters related to the use of artificial intelligence; amending RCW 41.56.021, 41.80.005, 41.80.040, and 41.80.430; adding a new section to chapter 41.56 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.80 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5416 by Senator Gildon

AN ACT Relating to increasing affordable child care options by reducing barriers for providers; amending RCW 43.216.660, 43.216.065, 43.216.250, 43.216.255, 43.216.085, 43.216.087, 43.216.089, 43.216.090, 43.216.110, 43.216.135, 43.216.515, 43.216.555, 43.216.578, 43.216.578, 43.216.742, 43.31.575, 26.44.272, 36.70A.450, and 43.216.015; reenacting and amending RCW 43.216.010; repealing RCW 43.216.395; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

SB 5423 by Senators Stanford, and Shewmake

AN ACT Relating to supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner to increase access and affordability for Washingtonians; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5417 by Senator Lovick

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of automated vehicle noise enforcement cameras in vehicle-racing camera enforcement zones; amending RCW 46.63.210, 46.63.220, 46.63.030, and 46.63.075; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16A.120; adding a new section to chapter 46.63 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5424 by Senator Braun

AN ACT Relating to establishing a health sciences campus of the University of Washington; adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

SB 5418 by Senator Wellman

AN ACT Relating to charter school contracts; and amending RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.710.160.

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

SB 5425 by Senator Boehnke

AN ACT Relating to modernizing the energy independence act to avoid regulatory duplication and overlap with other laws; amending RCW 19.285.010, 19.285.020, 19.285.040, 19.285.045, 19.285.050, 19.285.060, 19.285.070, 19.285.080, 19.29A.060, and 19.405.040; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5419 by Senators Lovick, and Muzzall

AN ACT Relating to reports of fire losses; and amending RCW 42.56.400, 48.05.320, and 48.50.040.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

SB 5426 by Senator Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to improving developmentally appropriate alternatives for youth outside the formal court process; amending RCW 13.40.020, 13.40.080, 13.06.010, 13.06.030, 13.06.040, and 2.56.032; adding a new section to chapter 13.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 13.06 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5420 by Senators Lovick, and Wagoner

AN ACT Relating to ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses; amending RCW 38.04.010, 38.42.010, 41.18.150, 41.20.050, 41.40.170, 43.24.130, 41.04.010, 41.44.120, 73.16.031, 73.16.010, 73.16.051, and 73.16.110; reenacting and amending RCW 41.44.030; and creating a new section.

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

SB 5427 by Senator Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to extending the program to address complex cases of children in crisis; amending RCW 43.06.535; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5421 by Senators Shewmake, and Wilson, J.

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

SB 5428 by Senator Harris

AN ACT Relating to improving community inclusion services for individuals with developmental disabilities;

amending RCW 71A.10.020, 71A.12.110, 71A.12.290, 71A.14.060, and 18.88B.041; and adding a new section to chapter 71A.12 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Human Services.

SB 5429 by Senators Short, and Bateman

AN ACT Relating to membership in the state building code council; and amending RCW 19.27.070.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

SB 5430 by Senators Chapman, Short, Boehnke, and Lias

AN ACT Relating to approval of electric utility wildfire mitigation plans; amending RCW 80.24.010; adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 80.28.440.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5431 by Senators Schoesler, and Robinson

AN ACT Relating to modifying tax and revenue laws in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections; amending RCW 36.21.015, 82.08.050, 82.08.986, and 43.06.400; amending 2022 c 172 s 3 (uncodified); amending 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 401 (uncodified); and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5432 by Senators Lias, Wilson, J., Conway, Chapman, Wilson, C., Shewmake, Goehner, and MacEwen

AN ACT Relating to addressing license plate production issues; amending RCW 46.16A.305; and adding a new section to chapter 72.60 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5433 by Senators Ramos, Holy, Bateman, Krishnadasan, Valdez, and Frame

AN ACT Relating to exempting exclusive bargaining representatives for department of corrections employees from certain provisions related to coalition bargaining; and amending RCW 41.80.010.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5434 by Senators Wagoner, Wilson, J., Chapman, Wellman, Christian, Short, Boehnke, Dozier, Muzzall, Dhingra, Braun, Warnick, King, and Goehner

AN ACT Relating to establishing balanced legislative oversight of gubernatorial powers during a declared emergency; and amending RCW 43.06.210 and 43.06.220.

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

SB 5435 by Senators Ramos, and King

AN ACT Relating to reorganizing and adding subchapter headings to public employees' collective bargaining statutes; adding new sections to chapter 41.56; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 41.56.010, 41.56.030, 41.56.035, 41.56.037, 41.56.040, 41.56.090, 41.56.110, 41.56.113, 41.56.120, 41.56.140, 41.56.150, 41.56.160, 41.56.165, 41.56.210, 41.56.220, 41.56.230, 41.56.520, 41.56.914,

41.56.020, 41.56.025, 41.56.0251, 41.56.026, 41.56.027, 41.56.028, 41.56.029, 41.56.500, 41.56.510, 41.56.515, 41.56.050, 41.56.060, 41.56.070, 41.56.080, 41.56.095, 41.56.100, 41.56.122, 41.56.123, 41.56.125, 41.56.950, 41.56.021, 41.56.0215, 41.56.022, 41.56.024, 41.56.513, 41.56.203, 41.56.205, 41.56.430, 41.56.440, 41.56.450, 41.56.452, 41.56.465, 41.56.470, 41.56.473, 41.56.475, 41.56.480, 41.56.490, 41.56.492, 41.56.496, 41.56.516, 41.56.900, 41.56.905, 41.56.906, 41.56.907, and 41.56.913; and repealing RCW 41.56.130 and 41.56.915.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5436 by Senators Salomon, Valdez, and Wellman

AN ACT Relating to interfering with access to a place of religious worship; adding a new chapter to Title 9A RCW; prescribing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

SB 5437 by Senators Stanford, Dhingra, Saldaña, Valdez, Riccelli, and Conway

AN ACT Relating to encouraging competition and economic growth by prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements; amending RCW 49.62.005, 49.62.010, 49.62.020, 49.62.080, 49.62.090, and 49.62.100; and repealing RCW 49.62.030, 49.62.040, and 49.44.190.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Commerce.

SB 5438 by Senators Lovelett, Bateman, Saldaña, Trudeau, Shewmake, and Cleveland

AN ACT Relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons by transitioning to environmentally and economically sustainable alternatives and promoting use of reclaimed hydrofluorocarbons; amending RCW 70A.60.010; reenacting and amending RCW 39.26.310; adding new sections to chapter 70A.60 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology.

SB 5439 by Senators Frame, and Lovelett

AN ACT Relating to the divestment of funds under management by the state investment board from thermal coal; adding a new section to chapter 43.21A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.33A RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5440 by Senators MacEwen, and Chapman

AN ACT Relating to single license plates for certain vehicles; amending RCW 46.16A.200 and 46.17.200; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SB 5441 by Senator Stanford

AN ACT Relating to accounts; amending RCW 19.285.060, 43.07.370, 43.330.400, 48.160.020, and 69.51A.230; amending 1931 c 97 s 2 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040, 43.79A.040, 43.84.092, and 43.84.092; creating a new section; repealing RCW

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13.40.560, 19.385.030, 28B.50.286, 43.07.388, 43.19.035, 43.63A.766, 43.79A.041, 43.83.360, 43.135.045, 47.76.450, 48.160.005, and 82.32.800; providing effective dates; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 5442 by Senators Riccelli, Christian, and Holy

AN ACT Relating to establishing a college promise pilot program; adding new sections to chapter 28B.92 RCW; making an appropriation; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

MOTION

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

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

President Heck: “The President appoints Senator Emily Alvarado, whom he welcomes to the state Senate today, to the following Senate committees. I think that is worthy of applause. Senator Alvarado.”

[Senator Alvarado rose to applause]

The President appointed Senator Alvarado to the Committee on Housing, Committee on Labor & Commerce, and the Committee on Transportation.

MOTIONS

On motion of Senator Riccelli, the proposed committee assignments were adopted.

At 1:05 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

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