

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

TWENTY FIFTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Thursday, February 1, 2024

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Orwall presiding).

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4656, by Representative Thai

WHEREAS, More than 877,500 Americans die of heart disease, stroke, or other cardiovascular diseases every year. Heart disease and stroke are the first and fifth leading causes of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The centers for disease control and prevention (CDC) estimates that someone in the United States has a heart attack every 40 seconds, but 80 percent of heart attacks are preventable; and

WHEREAS, The CDC's Million Hearts Program is a national initiative to prevent 1,000,000 heart attacks and strokes between 2022 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, The CDC views high cholesterol as a modifiable risk factor for cardiovascular disease, including heart attack and stroke; and

WHEREAS, The American heart association explains that cardiovascular disease can refer to a number of conditions, including heart disease, atherosclerosis, heart attack, stroke, heart failure, arrhythmia, and heart valve problems; and

WHEREAS, Among Washington's 35 years of age and older population, men are hospitalized for heart attacks at nearly twice the rate of women; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease is the second leading cause of death in Washington; and

WHEREAS, One in five women die of heart disease in Washington; and

WHEREAS, One in four men die of heart disease in Washington; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution is one of many factors that impacts heart health. Exposure to fine particle pollution contributes to cardiovascular disease and death. People who breathe in higher levels of fine particle pollution over a long time have more heart problems, like heart attacks, than people who breathe in less of this kind of pollution; and

WHEREAS, Researchers with the family heart foundation found that despite the availability of effective treatments for high cholesterol, 71 percent of hypercholesterolemia patients at high risk for heart attack and stroke never achieve low-density lipoprotein levels below recommended thresholds; and

WHEREAS, The LDL-C action summit, a consortium of the nation's leading cardiovascular stakeholder groups, seeks to cut cardiovascular events in half by 2030; and

WHEREAS, February was first proclaimed national heart health month by United States president Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 to focus on cardiovascular health, raise awareness about the risks of heart disease, and highlight the possible steps that can be adopted to save the lives of those countless people and address the unequal burden of heart disease in overburdened communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington House of Representatives urge health care providers to educate the public and treat all cardiovascular disease patients in accordance with American college of cardiology treatment guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of this chamber recognize February as heart health month in Washington state.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4656 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4663, by Representative McClintock

WHEREAS, Colleen O'Neal, a dedicated and retired educator with over thirty years of experience as a teacher, principal, and education advocate, has made significant contributions to the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement in 2015, Colleen O'Neal assumed the role of President of the Battle Ground Education Foundation, demonstrating her commitment to rebuilding the foundation to better serve the students at Battle Ground Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure at Battle Ground Public Schools, she served for 28 years as both a teacher and principal, leaving a lasting impact on the community and its educational system; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, significant strides were made toward eliminating student lunch debt, and ensuring all students have equal access to meals; and

WHEREAS, Colleen O'Neal has been instrumental in efforts to routinely pay off thousands of dollars in student lunch debt each year, focusing primarily on students with reduced lunch plans, and aiding children in need; and

WHEREAS, Colleen O'Neal's efforts in the Battle Ground Public School district helped support the community, with the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), ensuring that each school is equipped with these life-saving devices; and

WHEREAS, The provision of AEDs, which are crucial for responding to medical emergencies, highlights Colleen O'Neal's foresight in recognizing and addressing the health and safety needs of the school community; and

WHEREAS, The impactful contributions of Colleen extend beyond health and safety measures to include support for literacy programs, the Family and Community Resource Center, and unified sports, all testament to Colleen O'Neal's comprehensive approach to supporting education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize and honor Colleen O'Neal for her exemplary service, her deep commitment to the Battle Ground Public Schools, and her significant contributions to the community of Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Colleen O'Neal.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4663 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4664, by Representative Maycumber

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in women, claiming more lives than all forms of cancer

combined and yet only 44% of women recognize that cardiovascular disease is their greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, Among females 20 years and older, nearly 45% are living with some form of cardiovascular disease and less than half of women entering pregnancy in the United States have optimal cardiovascular health; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of maternal death in the United States, or more simply put, heart disease is the number 1 killer of new moms; and

WHEREAS, Overall, 10% to 20% of women will have a health issue during pregnancy, and high blood pressure, preeclampsia, and gestational diabetes during pregnancy greatly increase a women's risk for developing cardiovascular disease later in life; and

WHEREAS, Most cardiac and stroke events can be prevented through education and lifestyle changes, such as moving more, eating smart, and managing blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, stroke caused the deaths of 90,627 females, approximately 56.5% of total stroke deaths; and

WHEREAS, Women are often less likely to receive bystander CPR because rescuers often fear accusations of inappropriate touching, sexual assault, or injuring the victim; and

WHEREAS, There are significant biological differences between men and women, and clinical trials have not always adequately enrolled women or analyzed sex-specific differences in the data; and, as of 2020, only 38% of cardiovascular clinical research trial participants are women; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, increased efforts have been made by researchers, organizations, and policymakers to raise awareness of clinical care gaps of women's greatest health threat, cardiovascular disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the plight and courage of women with cardiovascular disease during this month of February, first proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 as National Heart Health month.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4664 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4665, by Representatives Walen, Gregerson, Berry, Ramel, Ryu, Leavitt, Robertson, Orwall, Santos, Klicker, Duerr, Senn, Christian, Barnard, Mosbrucker, Cory, Rude, Barkis, Nance, Goehner, Callan, Macri, Bronoske, Thai, and Stokesbary

WHEREAS, The people of Washington state share a rich cultural history and a strong bond with our global neighbors in Taiwan and the more than 100,000 Taiwanese Americans from Taiwan living and working in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Taiwanese Americans living in Washington have profoundly impacted our state and continue to further the democratic values that define us as a beacon of opportunity and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Washingtonians recognize the generations of resilience, sacrifice, and hope demonstrated by Taiwanese immigrants living in Washington and their descendants in their innumerable contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, The people of Washington state enjoy a more vibrant heritage and economy from the bilateral cultivation of these deep ties with the people of Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has ranked among the top three importers of Washington sweet cherries, potatoes, and beef; and

WHEREAS, The people of Washington state value the investment of Taiwanese companies in Washington state's workforce, helping to create more than 15,000 skilled labor jobs in industries ranging from semiconductor technology, airlines, and harbor shipping to the development and manufacture of high-quality fiber optic components and video microscopes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the importance of a strong and enduring partnership between the people of Washington state and the people of Taiwan.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4665 was adopted.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

SENATE BILL NO. 5647
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5785
 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5790
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5794
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5801
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5808
 SENATE BILL NO. 5842
 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 5856
 SENATE BILL NO. 5883
 SENATE BILL NO. 5913
 SENATE BILL NO. 5921
 ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5974
 SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5998
 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8414

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 2491 by Representative Fey

AN ACT Relating to modifying allowable terms for the lease of unused highway land; and amending RCW 47.12.120.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 2492 by Representatives Nance, Ramel, Berry, Couture, Shavers, Eslick, Pollet, Street, Alvarado, McEntire, Simmons, Mena, Chapman, Reed, Griffey, Senn, Slatter, Ramos and Walsh

AN ACT Relating to the creation of the Washington state ferries 75 commission; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

There being no objection, the bills 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 eighth order of business.

MOTION

There being no objection, the Committee on Appropriations was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 1915, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2024, the 26th Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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