

SEVENTY NINTH DAY, APRIL 1, 2025

2025 REGULAR SESSION

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Senate Chamber, Olympia
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The Senate was called to order at 12:31 p.m. by the President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Heck presiding. No roll call was taken.

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

March 31, 2025

SHB 1171 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. Reported by Committee on Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Wilson, C., Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Orwall and Warnick.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

March 31, 2025

E2SHB 1232 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning private detention facilities. Reported by Committee on Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wilson, C., Chair; Frame, Vice Chair and Orwall.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senators Christian, Ranking Member and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

March 31, 2025

SHB 1390 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Early Learning & Human Services: Repealing the community protection program. Reported by Committee on Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended. Signed by Senators Wilson, C., Chair; Frame, Vice Chair and Orwall.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Senator Christian, Ranking Member.

MINORITY recommendation: That it be referred without

recommendation. Signed by Senator Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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SHB 1509 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Concerning family reconciliation services. Reported by Committee on Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Senators Wilson, C., Chair; Frame, Vice Chair; Christian, Ranking Member; Orwall and Warnick.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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2SHB 1515 Prime Sponsor, Committee on Appropriations: Modernizing the regulation of alcohol service in public spaces. Reported by Committee on Labor & Commerce

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

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

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

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

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EHB 1602 Prime Sponsor, Representative Waters: Addressing food service options for liquor licensees. 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; Schoesler and Stanford.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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HB 1722 Prime Sponsor, Representative Connors: Reviewing state restrictions affecting students participating in secondary career and technical education programs and other state-approved career pathways. 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 Schoesler.

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

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading.

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 fourth order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

March 31, 2025

MR. PRESIDENT:

The House has passed:

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5106,
SENATE BILL NO. 5141,
SENATE BILL NO. 5209,

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5316,
and the same are herewith transmitted.

MELISSA PALMER, Deputy Chief Clerk

MOTIONS

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

Senator Shewmake moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8643

By Senator Shewmake

WHEREAS, The Washington State commercial fishing fleet will set off for the Pacific in May of 2025; and

WHEREAS, The blessing of the fleet will take place in Blaine Harbor on May 4th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The commercial and tribal fishing industries are a long-standing tradition and are vital to the prosperity of our state and to the economic well-being of many Washington families; and

WHEREAS, The fishers encounter great adversity on the seas that demands immense bravery and determination, and they deserve our admiration and respect; and

WHEREAS, The treacherous waters too often take the lives of the courageous souls who take on great risk for our benefit, and the grief of this loss is felt not only in their families and communities, but across our entire state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate extend its condolences to the families and friends of all our fishers who have lost their lives at sea, wish the entire commercial fishing fleet a safe and prosperous season, and express its hope that all our fishers will return home safely to their families, friends, and communities.

Senators Shewmake and Wilson, J. spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8643.

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

MOTION

Senator Wilson, J. moved adoption of the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 8628

By Senator J. Wilson

WHEREAS, In 2024, China became the state of Washington's largest export market, with goods exports to China totaling a robust \$12 billion; and

WHEREAS, The state of Washington's agricultural exports to China reached \$857 million in 2023, including beef, fish, seafood, and wheat, playing a critical role in supporting Washington's agricultural environment; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2020 Census, there were 185,877 people of Chinese descent living in the state of Washington, making them the largest Asian American ethnic group in the state, and contributing significantly to the cultural and economic diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS, Between 2010 and 2020, the Asian American and Pacific Islander population in the state of Washington grew by 56 percent, making it the fastest-growing minority group, with Chinese Americans playing a key role in this growth; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State China Relations Council, founded in 1979, is the oldest nongovernmental organization dedicated to fostering trade, cultural, and educational exchanges between the state of Washington and the People's Republic of China, with a membership of over 100 entities from business, higher education, and cultural sectors; and

WHEREAS, The United States and the People's Republic of China established formal diplomatic relations on January 1, 1979, a milestone that has contributed to decades of collaboration between the two nations in trade, commerce, and education; and

WHEREAS, In 2024, the total trade volume between the United States and China reached approximately \$626 billion, with the state of Washington benefiting significantly from these bilateral trade relations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of Washington recognize the significant contributions of China to the economic growth and cultural diversity of the state of Washington, with the Senate of the state of Washington honoring this relationship.

Senators Wilson, J. and Riccelli spoke in favor of adoption of the resolution.

The President declared the question before the Senate to be the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 8628.

The motion by Senator Wilson, J. carried and the resolution was adopted by voice vote.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 32 of the State Constitution and Senate Rule 1(5), the President announced the signing of and thereupon did sign in open session:

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5106

SENATE BILL NO. 5141,

SENATE BILL NO. 5209,

and SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5316.

MOTION

At 12:38 p.m., on motion of Senator Riccelli, the Senate adjourned until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

DENNY HECK, President of the Senate

SARAH BANNISTER, Secretary of the Senate

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