SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SEVENTEENTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, January 24, 2024

The House was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Orwall presiding). The Clerk called the roll and a quorum was present.

The flags were escorted to the rostrum by the Washington National Guard Color Guard comprised of Master Sergeant Jacob Dille, Sergeant First Class Alex Lacayo, Airmen First Class Andrew Tillotson, and Staff Sergeant Gabriel Gomez. The Speaker (Representative Orwall presiding) led the Chamber in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was performed by Sergeant Tricia Scheer, vocalist with the 133rd Washington Army National Guard Band.

The prayer was offered by Representative Mari Leavitt, 28th Legislative District.

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4661, by Representatives Jinkins, Stokesbary, Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chambers, Chandler, Chapman, Cheney, Chopp, Christian, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Davis, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Entenman, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goehner, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Low, Macri, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Sandlin, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wilcox, Wylie, and Ybarra

WHEREAS, The Washington National Guard, with more than eight thousand serving members, continues to showcase their loyalty in service to their state and the country as guardians of American interests at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, These steadfast leaders imbue their historic duty by volunteering their time and putting aside their personal lives to support their country, their state, and those in need; and

WHEREAS, The Guard, through its diligent counsel, continues to respect the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion as Washington state seeks to move beyond the global Coronavirus pandemic without forgetting the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The Guard displays the value of selfless service by being ready to respond to floods, wildfires, and other natural disasters, as the Washington National Guard showcased in their relief efforts in Lewis County and Leavenworth, helping communities deal with rising water levels and record snow fall;

WHEREAS, The Guard continues to honor the sanctity of our democracy by providing additional security to guard against cyber threats to elections; and

WHEREAS, Integrity continues to float atop the Washington National Guard's principle concerns as evidenced by the wide range of educational services and youth and community activities the Guard has long committed to providing to enrich the quality and prosperity of life in the evergreen state; and

WHEREAS, Washington National Guard soldiers continue to personify the value of personal courage by providing critical support to missions both foreign and domestic and bravely putting their lives on the line to protect our freedoms, safeguard our lives, and ensure the continued prosperity of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, These citizen soldiers in the Washington National Guard, who reside in every legislative district, provide the leadership and value-driven service that protects Washington state and allows the economy to thrive, distributing much needed resources to the citizens and communities that inhabit this most prosperous and environmentally conscious state — a beacon for the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington state House of Representatives extend its sincerest appreciation to our soldiers in the Washington National Guard and to the passionate devotion of their families and dedicated employers, whose assistance ensures the Guard's missions are always completed with direct leadership and unremitted personal courage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives duly recognize the value of a strong Washington National Guard to the strength, stability, and economic vitality of this state, not only through its vital state emergency and disaster relief mission, but also through its value-driven community services that continue to benefit local communities, providing access to education, productive employment, and helping individuals live healthy, meaningful lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, the Governor of the state of Washington, and the Secretaries of the United States Army and Air Force.

Representative Bronoske moved adoption of HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4661.

Representatives Bronoske and error spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4661 was adopted.

SPEAKER'S PRIVILEGE

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) recognized Major General Bret Daugherty, the Adjutant General; Members of the National Guard seated in the galleries, and World War II Veteran Harvey J. Drahos, who was recognized by House Resolution No. 4657.

The Speaker (Orwall presiding) called upon Representative Bronoske to preside.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 1-2109

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 29A.72.230, and WAC 434-379-010, the Office of the Secretary of State has caused the signatures submitted in support of Initiative to the Legislature No. 2109 to be examined in the following manner:

- 1. It was determined that 436,747 signatures were submitted by the sponsors of the initiative. A random sample of 13,095 signatures was taken from those submitted;
- 2. Each sampled signature was examined to determine if the signer was a registered voter of the state, if the signature was reasonably similar to the one appearing on the record of that voter, and if the same signature appeared more than once in the sample. We found 10,752 valid signatures, 2,324 signatures that were invalid and 19 pairs of duplicated signatures in the sample;
- 3. We calculated an allowance for the chance error of sampling (72) by multiplying the square root of the number of invalid signatures by 1.5;
- 4. We estimated the upper limit of the number of signatures on the initiative petition which were invalid (79,872) by dividing the sum of the number of invalid signatures in the sample and allowance for the chance of error of sampling by the sampling ratio:
- 5. We determined the maximum allowable number of duplicate pairs of signatures on the petition (32,086) by subtracting the sum of the number of signatures required by Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution (324,516) and the estimate of the upper limit of the number of invalid signatures on the petition from the number of signatures submitted;
- 6. We determined the expected number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (29) by multiplying the square of the sampling ratio by the maximum allowable number of pairs of signatures on the initiative petition;
- 7. We determined the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (20) by subtracting 1.65 times the square root of the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample from the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample; and
- 8. The number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample is less than the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample.

Therefore, I hereby declare Initiative to the Legislature No. 2109 to contain sufficient signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Washington this 23rd day of January, 2024.

Steve Hobbs Secretary of State

CERTIFICATION OF INITIATIVE TO THE LEGISLATURE 1-2111

Pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution, RCW 29A.72.230, and WAC 434-379-010, the Office of the Secretary of State has caused the signatures submitted in support of Initiative to the Legislature No. 2111 to be examined in the following manner:

- 1. It was determined that 448,158 signatures were submitted by the sponsors of the initiative. A random sample of 13,445 signatures was taken from those submitted;
- 2. Each sampled signature was examined to determine if the signer was a registered voter of the state, if the signature was reasonably similar to the one appearing on the record of that voter, and if the same signature appeared more than once in the sample. We found 10,868 valid signatures, 2,566 signatures that were invalid and 11 pairs of duplicated signatures in the sample;
- 3. We calculated an allowance for the chance error of sampling (76) by multiplying the square root of the number of invalid signatures by 1.5;

- 4. We estimated the upper limit of the number of signatures on the initiative petition which were invalid (88,064) by dividing the sum of the number of invalid signatures in the sample and allowance for the chance of error of sampling by the sampling ratio:
- 5. We determined the maximum allowable number of duplicate pairs of signatures on the petition (35,578) by subtracting the sum of the number of signatures required by Article II, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution (324,516) and the estimate of the upper limit of the number of invalid signatures on the petition from the number of signatures submitted;
- 6. We determined the expected number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (32) by multiplying the square of the sampling ratio by the maximum allowable number of pairs of signatures on the initiative petition;
- 7. We determined the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample (23) by subtracting 1.65 times the square root of the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample from the expected number of pairs of signatures in the sample; and
- 8. The number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample is less than the acceptable number of duplicate pairs of signatures in the sample.

Therefore, I hereby declare Initiative to the Legislature No. 2111 to contain sufficient signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State of Washington this 24th day of January, 2024.

Steve Hobbs Secretary of State

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HI 2109 by People of the State of Washington

Concerning taxes on long-term capital assets.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

<u>HB 2472</u> by Representatives Hutchins, Nance, Couture, Griffey, Simmons, Caldier, Chambers and Cheney

AN ACT Relating to providing state matching funds for programs supported by the county sales and use tax for chemical dependency, mental health treatment, and therapeutic courts; amending RCW 82.14.460; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

- <u>HB 2473</u> by Representatives Farivar, Fosse, Walen, Thai, Macri, Peterson, Pollet, Kloba, Nance, Ramel and Davis
 - AN ACT Relating to transparency, public safety, and independent oversight of the city, county, and regional jail system in Washington state; amending RCW 70.48.510; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on COMMUNITY SAFETY, JUSTICE, & REENTRY.

<u>HB 2474</u> by Representatives Peterson, Alvarado, Gregerson, Berry, Leavitt, Fosse, Macri, Nance, Chopp and Bateman

AN ACT Relating to compliance with siting requirements for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor

emergency shelters, and indoor emergency housing; and amending RCW 35.21.683 and 35A.21.430.

Referred to Committee on Housing.

HJR 4212 by Representatives Maycumber, Walsh and McClintock

Enshrining the right to hunt and fish in the state Constitution.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

MOTIONS

Representative Fitzgibbon moved that the measures printed on today's introductions sheet be considered first reading under the fourth order of business and be referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of House Bill No. 2472 which is referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Representative Steele moved to suspend the House Rules to allow a motion to refer HI 2109 to the Finance Committee with instructions to the committee to promptly hold a public hearing consistent with the public notice requirements in House Rule 26(A).

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An electronic roll call was requested on the motion to suspend the House Rules.

ROLL CALL

The Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding) stated the question before the House to be the adoption of the motion to suspend the House Rules to allow a motion to refer HI 2109 to the Finance Committee with instructions to hold a public hearing consistent with the public notice requirements in House Rule 26(A) and the motion to suspend the House Rules was not adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 38; Nays, 57; Absent, 0; Excused, 3

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Barkis, Barnard, Caldier, Chambers, Chandler, Cheney, Christian, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Eslick, Goehner, Graham, Griffey, Harris, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kretz, Low, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters, and Ybarra

Voting Nay: Representatives Alvarado, Bateman, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Chapman, Chopp, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, Ramos, Reed, Reeves, Riccelli, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Wylie, and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representatives Entenman, Sandlin, and Wilcox

Representative Fitzgibbon spoke in favor of the original motion to refer the measures listed on the day's introduction sheet, under the fourth order of business, to the committees so designated, except House Bill No. 2472 which is referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion to refer was adopted and the measures listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 2472 which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

January 19, 2024

HB 1685

Prime Sponsor, Representative Rule: Concerning resource and assessment centers. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: The second substitute bill be substituted therefor and the second substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 19, 2024

HB 1928

Prime Sponsor, Representative Ryu: Regulating service contracts and protection product guarantees. Reported by Committee on Consumer Protection & Business

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Walen, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Robertson, Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Donaghy; Hackney; Ryu; Sandlin and Santos.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives; Connors; and Volz.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 19, 2024

HB 2007

Prime Sponsor, Representative Peterson: Expanding time limit exemptions applicable to cash assistance programs. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Callan; Goodman; Ortiz-Self and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dent; and Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 19, 2024

HB 2014

Prime Sponsor, Representative Volz: Concerning the definition of veteran and restoring honor to veterans. Reported by Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Ryu, Chair; Donaghy, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Volz, Ranking Minority Member; Barnard, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Caldier; Chambers; Cortes; Paul; Senn; Shavers; Street; Waters and Wilcox.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

January 19, 2024

HB 2118

Prime Sponsor, Representative Walen: Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers. Reported by Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Taylor, Chair; Farivar, Vice Chair; Entenman; Goodman; Peterson; Thai and Walen.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Walsh, Ranking Minority Member; Graham, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; and Abbarno.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representative Cheney.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 19, 2024

HB 2156

Prime Sponsor, Representative Reeves: Providing solar consumer protections. Reported by Committee on Consumer Protection & Business

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Walen, Chair; Reeves, Vice Chair; Robertson, Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; ; Connors; Donaghy; Hackney; Ryu; Sandlin; Santos and Volz.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

January 19, 2024

<u>HB 2256</u>

Prime Sponsor, Representative Callan: Addressing the children and youth behavioral health work group. Reported by Committee on Early Learning & Human Services

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Senn, Chair; Cortes, Vice Chair; Rule, Vice Chair; Couture, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Callan; Dent; Goodman; Ortiz-Self and Taylor.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representative Walsh.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

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

SECOND READING

HOUSE BILL NO. 1226, by Representatives Chapman and Fitzgibbon

Providing for recreational licensing of smelt, crawfish, and carp.

The bill was read the second time.

Representative Orcutt moved the adoption of amendment (787):

On page 1, beginning on line 16, after "A" strike all material through "a))" on line 18 and insert "recreational fishing ((or shellfish)) license is not required for $((carp_T))$ freshwater smelt, $((and crawfish_T))$ and a"

Representatives Orcutt, Dent and Walsh spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative error spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (787) was not adopted.

Representative Dent moved the adoption of amendment (788):

On page 1, beginning on line 16, after "A" strike all material through "a))" on line 18 and insert "recreational fishing or shellfish license is not required for carp(($\frac{1}{1}$ freshwater smelt,)) and crawfish, and a"

Representatives Dent and Orcutt spoke in favor of the adoption of the amendment.

Representative Springer spoke against the adoption of the amendment.

Amendment (788) was not adopted.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representative error spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representatives Dent and Orcutt spoke against the passage of the bill.

The Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of House Bill No. 1226

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of House Bill No. 1226, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 56; Nays, 39; Absent, 0; Excused, 3

Voting Yea: Representatives Alvarado, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, error, Chopp, Cortes, Davis, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, Kloba, Leavitt, Lekanoff, Macri, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Ryu, Santos, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Wylie and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Barkis, Barnard, Caldier, Chambers, Chandler, Cheney, error, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, Eslick, error, Graham, Griffey, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kretz, Low, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters and Ybarra

Excused: Representatives Entenman, Sandlin and Wilcox

HOUSE BILL NO. 1226, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1637, by Representatives Orwall, Pollet and Fitzgibbon

Prohibiting excessive fees or other charges for locating or recovering foreclosure surplus funds and other unclaimed property.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, Substitute House Bill No. 1637 was substituted for House Bill No. 1637 and the substitute bill was placed on the second reading calendar.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1637 was read the second time.

Representative Orwall moved the adoption of the striking amendment (792):

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 63.30 RCW to read as follows:

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to seek or receive from any person or contract with any person for any fee or compensation for or purporting to locating locate anv which he or she knows property been reported or paid or delivered to department of revenue pursuant to t.he this chapter, or funds held by a court or county, that are proceeds from a foreclosure for delinquent property taxes, assessments, or other liens, or, funds that are otherwise held by a county because of a person's failure to claim funds held as reimbursement for unowed taxes, fees, or other government charges, in excess of five percent of the value thereof returned to such owner.
- The legislature finds (2) that the practices covered by this section are public affecting matters vitally the interest for the purpose of applying consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. violation of this section reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and an unfair method of competition for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW. Remedies provided by chapter 19.86 RCW are cumulative and not exclusive.
- (3)(a) This section applies retroactively to January 1, 2023, and prospectively beginning with the effective date of this section.
- (b) This section applies to all civil actions and proceedings commenced prior to January 1, 2023, in which a claim or cause of action was asserted pursuant to RCW 63.29.350, repealed in section 1505, chapter 225, Laws of 2022 and in which the requested remedies are limited to civil remedies. Any such action or proceeding that may have been dismissed as a result of the repeal of former RCW 63.29.350 is saved. Upon the motion of a plaintiff in any such action, the court shall reinstate the action and allow the plaintiff to proceed with the action under this section.
- (c) This section applies to all claims and causes of action based on conduct that occurred prior to January 1, 2023, and that violated former RCW 63.29.350. Any such

claim or cause of action that could have been commenced under former RCW 63.29.350 and that has been extinguished by the repeal of RCW 63.29.350 may proceed under this section, provided that it is not barred by any applicable statute of limitations.

 $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION.}}$ Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 63.30 RCW to read as follows:

Any person who violates section 1(1) of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than the amount of the fee or charge he or she has sought or received or contracted for, and not more than 10 times such amount, or imprisoned for not more than 30 days, or both.

Sec. 3. RCW 63.30.790 and 2022 c 225 s 1302 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, an agreement under RCW 63.30.780 is void if it is entered into during the period beginning on the date the property was paid or delivered by a holder to the administrator and ending 24 months after the payment or delivery.

(2) If a provision in an agreement described in subsection (1) of this section applies to mineral proceeds for which compensation is to be paid to the other person based in whole or in part on a part of the underlying minerals or mineral proceeds not then presumed abandoned, the provision is void regardless of when the agreement was entered into.

- (3) An agreement under subsection (1) of this section which provides for compensation ((is an amount that unconscionable)) exceeds five percent of the value of the property reasonably expected to be recovered is unenforceable ((except by the apparent owner. An apparent owner that believes the compensation the apparent owner has agreed to pay is unconscionable or the administrator, acting on behalf of an apparent owner, or both, may file an action in superior court to reduce the compensation to the maximum amount that unconscionable)).
- (4) An apparent owner or the administrator may assert that an agreement described in this section is void on a ground other than it provides for payment of ((unconscionable)) compensation in an amount that exceeds five percent of the value of the property reasonably expected to be recovered.
- (5) This section does not apply to an apparent owner's agreement with an attorney for pursue а claim recovery of specifically identified property held by the administrator or to contest the administrator's denial of claim for а recovery of the property."

Correct the title.

Representatives error and Walsh spoke in favor of the adoption of the striking amendment.

MOTION

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The striking amendment (792) was adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representatives error and Walsh spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

MOTIONS

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The Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1637.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1637, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 91; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; Excused, 7

Voting Yea: Representatives Abbarno, Alvarado, Barkis, Barnard, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Caldier, Callan, Chandler, error, Cheney, Chopp, error, Connors, Corry, Cortes, Couture, Dent, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Dye, Eslick, Farivar, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, error, Goodman, Graham, Gregerson, Griffey, Hackney, error, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kloba, Kretz, Leavitt, Low, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mena, Morgan, Mosbrucker, Nance, Orcutt, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Robertson, Rude, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Schmick, Schmidt, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Steele, Stokesbary, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Volz, Walen, Walsh, Waters, Wylie, Ybarra and Mme. Speaker

Excused: Representatives Chambers, Davis, Entenman, Lekanoff, Macri, Sandlin and Wilcox

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1637, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1272, by Representatives Bergquist, Volz, Reeves, Gregerson, Christian, Riccelli and Schmidt

Concerning publishing, formatting, and distribution of the state and local voters' pamphlets.

The bill was read the second time.

There being no objection, Second Substitute House Bill No. 1272 was substituted for House Bill No. 1272 and the second substitute bill was placed on the second reading calendar.

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1272 was read the second time.

Representative Bergquist moved the adoption of the striking amendment (790):

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Sec. 1. RCW 29A.32.010 and 2003 c 111 s 801 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state shall, whenever at least one statewide measure or office is scheduled to appear on the general election

ballot, print and distribute a voters' pamphlet.

The secretary of state shall distribute the voters' pamphlet to each household in the state, to public libraries, and to any other locations ((he or she))the secretary appropriate. The secretary deems of state produce ((taped)) recorded shall also Braille transcripts of the voters' pamphlet, publicize their availability, and mail without charge a copy to any person requests one.

secretary of state may make material required to be distributed by public available to the chapter electronic form. The secretary of state may provide the material in electronic form to bulletin ((computer boards))<u>web</u> print_ and broadcast news media((, community $computer networks_r$)) and similar services at the cost of reproduction or transmission of the data.

Sec. 2. RCW 29A.32.020 and 2003 c 111 s 802 are each amended to read as follows:

person or entity may publish distribute any campaign material that deceptively similar in design or appearance to a voters' pamphlet that was published by the secretary of state during the ((ten))10period before the publication distribution of the campaign material by the person or entity. The secretary of state shall take reasonable measures to prevent or violations of this section. to stop measures may include, among others, petitioning the superior court for restraining order temporary appropriate injunctive relief. In addition, the secretary may request the superior court to impose a civil fine on a violator of this section. The court is authorized to levy on and recover from each violator a civil fine to exceed the greater of: (1) ((Two $\frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{dollars}}$) § 5 for each copy of the deceptive material distributed, or (2) ((one thousand $\frac{\text{dollars}}{\text{dollars}}))\frac{\$10,000}{\text{.}}$ In addition, the violator is liable for the state's legal expenses and other costs resulting from the violation. Any funds recovered under this section must be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund.

Sec. 3. RCW 29A.32.031 and 2023 c 109 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:

The voters' pamphlet published or distributed under RCW 29A.32.010 must contain:

(1) Information about each ballot measure initiated by or referred to the voters for their approval or rejection as required by RCW 29A.32.070;

(2) In even-numbered years, statements, submitted, from candidates for the office president and vice president of United States, United States senator, United States representative, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of treasurer, state auditor, attorney general, commissioner of public lands, superintendent of public instruction, insurance commissioner, state senator, representative, justice of the court, judge of the court of appeals, judge of the superior court. Candidates may also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more than five years old in a format that the secretary of state determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;

- (3) In odd-numbered years, ((if)) statements, if submitted, from candidates for any office ((voted upon statewide)) listed in subsection (2) of this section that appears on the ballot due to a vacancy((, then statements and photographs for candidates for any vacant office listed in subsection (2) of this section must appear)). Candidates may also submit campaign contact information and a photograph not more than five years old in a format that the secretary of state determines to be suitable for reproduction in the voters' pamphlet;
- (4) Contact information for the public disclosure commission established under RCW 42.17A.100, including the following statement: "For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit www.pdc.wa.gov." The statement must be placed in a prominent position, such as ((on the cover or on)) the first two pages of the voters' pamphlet. The secretary of state may substitute such language as is necessary for accuracy and clarity and consistent with the intent of this section;
- (5) Contact information for major political parties;
- (6) A brief statement explaining the deletion and addition of language for proposed measures under RCW 29A.32.080;
- (7) A list of all student engagement hubs as designated under RCW 29A.40.180;
- (8) A page providing information about how to access the internet presentation of the information created in RCW 44.48.160 about the state budgets, including a uniform resource locator, a quick response code, and a phone number for the legislative information center. The uniform resource locator and quick response codes will lead the voter to the internet information required in RCW 44.48.160; and
- (9) Any additional information pertaining to elections as may be required by law or in the judgment of the secretary of state is deemed informative to the voters.

Sec. 4. RCW 29A.32.060 and 2015 c 171 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

Committees shall write and submit arguments advocating the approval or rejection of each statewide ballot issue and rebuttals of those arguments. The secretary of state, the presiding officer of the senate, and the presiding officer of the house of representatives shall appoint the initial two members of each committee. In making these committee appointments the secretary of state and presiding officers of the senate and house of representatives shall consider legislators, sponsors of initiatives and referendums, and other interested groups known to advocate or oppose the ballot measure. Committees must have the explanatory and fiscal impact statements available before preparing their arguments.

The initial two members may select up to four additional members, and the committee shall elect a chairperson. The remaining committee member or members may fill vacancies through appointment.

After the committee submits its initial argument statements to the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall transmit the statements to the opposite committee. The opposite committee may then prepare rebuttal arguments. Rebuttals may not interject new points.

The voters' pamphlet may contain only text argument statements prepared according to this section. ((Arguments may contain graphs and charts supported by factual statistical data and pictures or other illustrations. Cartoons)) Graphs, charts, photographs, cartoons, or caricatures are not permitted.

Sec. 5. RCW 29A.32.070 and 2023 c 109 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of state shall determine the format and layout of the voters' pamphlet published under RCW 29A.32.010. The secretary of state shall print the pamphlet in clear, readable type on a size, quality, and weight of paper that in the judgment of the secretary of state best serves the voters. The pamphlet must contain a table of contents. Measures and arguments must be printed in the order specified by RCW 29A.72.290.

The secretary of state's name may not appear in the voters' pamphlet in (($\frac{his}{or}$ $\frac{her}{her}$)) $\frac{an}{an}$ official capacity if the secretary is a candidate for office during the same year. (($\frac{His}{or}$ $\frac{her}{her}$)) $\frac{The}{and}$ $\frac{secretary's}{her}$ name may only be included as part of the information normally included for candidates.

The voters' pamphlet must provide the following information for each statewide issue on the ballot:

- (1) The legal identification of the measure by serial designation or number;
- (2) The official ballot title of the measure;
- (3) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the law as it presently exists:
- (4) A statement prepared by the attorney general explaining the effect of the proposed measure if it becomes law;
- (5) The fiscal impact statement prepared under RCW 29A.72.025;
- (6) The total number of votes cast for and against the measure in the senate and house of representatives, if the measure has been passed by the legislature;
- (7) An argument advocating the voters' approval of the measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing argument;
- (8) An argument advocating the voters' rejection of the measure together with any statement in rebuttal of the opposing argument;
- (9) Each argument or rebuttal statement must be followed by the names of the committee members who submitted them, and may be followed by a telephone number that citizens may call to obtain information on the ballot measure;
 - (10) The full text of the measure.

Sec. 6. RCW 29A.32.090 and 2009 c 222 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) ((If)) All statements, arguments, and photographs submitted are subject to review and approval, and must conform to the criteria in this section. A statement or photograph may be rejected if in the opinion of the secretary of state any argument or statement offered for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet in support of or opposition to a measure or candidate <u>does not comply</u> with the standards contained in this section or administrative rules or contains obscene matter or matter that is otherwise prohibited by law from distribution through the mail((r)). A person or committee that has submitted a statement or photograph rejected by the secretary may edit their statement or petition the superior court of Thurston county for a judicial determination that the photograph_ argument_ or statement ((may be rejected)) complies with the standards and is acceptable for publication ((or edited to delete the matter)). The court shall not enter such an order unless it concludes that the matter is compliant, not obscene

 or not otherwise prohibited for distribution through the mail. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to a person or committee who receives such <u>an order.</u>
 - (2) <u>Candidate statements may not:</u>
 - (a) Ask for contributions; or
 - (b) Make commercial solicitations.
- (3) Statements and arguments submitted in support of or opposition to a measure, or in reply to the opposing statement, may not:
 - (a) Ask for contributions; or
 - (b) Make commercial solicitations. (4) A ((candidate's)) statement submitted
- for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet shall not contain false or misleading statements ((about the candidate's opponent)) that constitute libel or defamation per se. A misleading statement shall false or considered "libel or defamation per se" if statement tends to expose the ((candidate))opposition to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or to deprive him or her of the benefit of public confidence or social intercourse, or to injure him or her in his or her business or occupation. If a candidate believes his or her opponent has libeled or defamed him or her, the candidate may commence an action under subsection $((\frac{3}{3}))$ of this section.
- $((\frac{3}{3}))(\frac{5}{3})(a)$ A person who believes that he or she may be defamed by an argument or statement offered for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet in support of or opposition to a measure or candidate may petition the superior court of Thurston county for a judicial determination that the argument or statement may be rejected for publication or edited to delete the defamatory statement.
- (b) The court shall not enter such an order unless it concludes that the statement is untrue and that the petitioner has a very substantial likelihood of prevailing in a defamation action.
- (c) An action under this subsection $((\frac{3}{3}))$ must be filed and served no later than the tenth day after the deadline for the submission of the argument or statement to the secretary of state.

(d) If the secretary of state notifies a person named or identified in an argument or statement of the contents of the argument or statement within three days after the deadline for submission to the secretary, then neither the state nor the secretary is liable for damages resulting from publication of the argument or statement unless the secretary publishes the argument or statement in violation of an order entered under this section. Nothing in this section creates a duty on the part of the secretary of state to identify, locate, or notify the person.

 $((\stackrel{(++)}{(++)})\stackrel{(-6)}{(-6)}$ Parties to a dispute under this section may agree to resolve the dispute by rephrasing the argument or statement, even if the deadline for submission to the secretary has elapsed, unless the secretary determines that the process of publication is too far advanced to permit the change. The secretary shall promptly provide any such revision to any committee entitled to submit a rebuttal argument. If that committee has not yet submitted its rebuttal, its deadline to submit a rebuttal is extended by five days. If it has submitted a rebuttal, it may revise it to address the change within five days of the filing of the revised argument with the secretary. $((\frac{(5)}{(5)}))\frac{(7)}{(7)}$ In an action under this

section the committee or candidate must be named as a defendant, and may be served with process by certified mail directed to the address contained in the secretary's records for that party. The secretary of state shall be a nominal party to an action brought under subsection $((\frac{3}{2}))(5)$ of this section, solely for the purpose of determining the content of the voters' pamphlet. The superior court shall give such an action priority on its calendar.

Sec. 7. RCW 29A.32.121 and 2004 c 271 s 168 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) The maximum number of words for statements submitted by candidates is as follows: State representative, ((one hundred))100 words; state senator, judge of the superior court, judge of the court of appeals, justice of the supreme court, and all state offices voted upon throughout the state, except that of governor, ((two hundred)) 200 words; president and vice president, United States senator, United States representative, and governor, ((three hundred))300 words.
- (2) Arguments written by committees under RCW 29A.32.060 may not exceed ((two hundred fifty))250 words in length.
- (3) Rebuttal arguments written by committees may not exceed ((seventy-five)) 75 words in length.
- (4) The secretary of state <u>or county</u> <u>auditor</u> shall allocate space in the pamphlet based on the number of candidates or nominees for each office.

Sec. 8. RCW 29A.32.210 and 2020 c 337 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

Before any primary or general election, or any special election held under RCW 29A.04.321 or 29A.04.330, each county auditor shall print and distribute a local

voters' pamphlet. The pamphlet shall provide information on all measures and candidates appearing on ballots within that ((jurisdiction)) county. The format of any local voters' pamphlet shall, whenever applicable, comply with the provisions of this chapter regarding the publication of the state candidates' and voters' pamphlets.

Sec. 9. RCW 29A.32.220 and 2003 c 111 s 814 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Not later than ((ninety)) 90 days before the publication and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet by a county, the county auditor shall notify each city, town, or special taxing district ((located wholly)) with issues or offices appearing on ballots within that county that a pamphlet will be produced.

 $((\frac{\text{If}}{a}))\underline{\text{All}}$ voters' ((pamphlet is))pamphlets published by the county ((for a primary or general election, the pamphlet shall be published for))pursuant to RCW 29A.32.210 must include the elective offices and ballot measures of the county and ((for)) the elective offices and ballot measures of each unit of local government ((located entirely)) within the county which will appear on the ballot at that primary or election. ((However, the offices and measures of a first-class or code city shall not be included in the pamphlet if the city publishes and distributes its own voters! pamphlet for the primary or election for its offices and measures. The offices and measures of any other town or city are not required to appear in the county's pamphlet if the town or city is obligated by ordinance or charter to publish and distribute a voters' pamphlet for the primary or election for its offices and measures and it does so.))

If the required appearance in a county's voters' pamphlet of the offices or measures of a unit of local government would create undue financial hardship for the unit of government, the legislative authority of the unit may petition the legislative authority of the county to waive this requirement. The legislative authority of the county may provide such a waiver if it does so not later than ((sixty))60 days before the publication of the pamphlet and it finds that the requirement would create such hardship.

(3) If a city, town, or district is located within more than one county, ((the respective county auditors may enter into an interlocal agreement to permit the distribution of each county's local voters' pamphlet into those parts of the city, town, or district located outside of that county))all appropriate information for that <u>jurisdiction must appear in the local</u> voters' pamphlet for each of the counties containing the jurisdiction. Arguments, candidate statements, and photographs must be submitted to the county auditor of the county that accepted any resolutions or candidate filings for that jurisdiction. The auditor that receives this information shall provide it to the other county auditors after reviewing and accepting the <u>submissions</u>.

((4) If a first-class or code city authorizes the production and distribution of a local voters' pamphlet, the city clerk of that city shall notify any special taxing district located wholly within that city that a pamphlet will be produced. Notification shall be provided in the manner required or provided for in subsection (1) of this section.

(5) A unit of local government located within a county and the county may enter into an interlocal agreement for the publication of a voters' pamphlet for offices or measures not required by subsection (2) of this section to appear in a county's pamphlet.)

Sec. 10. RCW 29A.32.230 and 2023 c 394 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:

((The))(1) The secretary of state, in consultation with county ((auditor or, if applicable, the city clerk of a first-class or code city)) auditors, shall((, in consultation with the participating jurisdictions,)) adopt and publish administrative rules necessary to facilitate ((the provisions of any ordinance authorizing)) production of a local voters' pamphlet. ((Any amendment to such a rule shall also be adopted and published. Copies of the rules shall identify the date they were adopted or last amended and shall be made available to any person upon request. One copy of the rules adopted by a county auditor and one copy of any amended rules shall be submitted to the county legislative authority. One copy of the rules adopted by a city clerk and one copy of any amended rules shall be submitted to the city legislative authority.)) These rules shall include but not be limited to the following:

(((1) Deadlines for decisions by cities, towns, or special taxing districts on being included in the pamphlet;

(2)))(a) Limits on the length and deadlines for submission of arguments for and against each measure;

((\(\frac{(3)}{)}\)) (b) The basis for rejection of any explanatory or candidates' statement or argument deemed to be ((\(\frac{1ibelous}{0}\)) or otherwise inappropriate. Any statements by a candidate shall be limited to those about the candidate himself or herself))noncompliant with this section or administrative rules adopted in accordance with this section;

 $\overline{((4+))(c)}$ Limits on the length of candidates' statements;

 $((\frac{5}{0}))(\frac{d}{0})$ Deadlines for submission of candidates' statements not sooner than 11 days following the deadline for filing declarations of candidacy under RCW 29A.24.050;

(((6)))<u>(e) Standards related to acceptable candidate photographs;</u>

(f) Standards related to statements for and against any measure; and

(g) An appeal process in the case of the rejection of any statement or argument.

(2) Candidate statements may not:

(a) Ask for contributions; or

(b) Make commercial solicitations.

(3) Statements and arguments submitted in support of or opposition to a measure, or in reply to the opposing statement, may not:

(a) Ask for contributions; or

(b) Make commercial solicitations.

(4) The county auditor shall adopt and publish local administrative rules necessary to facilitate production of a local voters! pamphlet. Copies of the rules must identify the date they were adopted or last amended and must be made available to any person upon request.

Sec. 11. RCW 29A.32.241 and 2020 c 208 s 12 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The local voters' pamphlet shall include but not be limited to the following:

(a) Appearing on the cover, the words "official local voters' pamphlet," the name of the jurisdiction producing the pamphlet, and the date of the election or primary;

(b) A list of jurisdictions that have measures or candidates in the pamphlet;

(c) Information on how a person may register to vote and obtain a ballot;

(d) Candidate statements and photographs;

(e) The text of each measure accompanied by an explanatory statement prepared by the prosecuting attorney for any county measure or by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure if other than a county measure. All explanatory statements for city, town, or district measures not approved by the attorney for the jurisdiction submitting the measure shall be reviewed and approved by the county prosecuting attorney or city attorney, when applicable, before inclusion in the pamphlet;

(((++))) (f) The arguments for and against each measure submitted by committees selected pursuant to RCW 29A.32.280; and

 $((\frac{++}{+}))(g)$ A list of all student engagement hubs in the county as designated under RCW 29A.40.180(($\frac{++}{+}$ and

(g) For partisan primary elections, information on how to vote the applicable ballot format and an explanation that minor political party candidates and independent candidates will appear only on the general election ballot)).

(2) The county auditor's name may not appear in the local voters' pamphlet in ((his or her))an official capacity if the county auditor is a candidate for office during the same year. ((His or her))The auditor's name may only be included as part of the information normally included for candidates.

Sec. 12. RCW 29A.32.250 and 2003 c 111 s 817 are each amended to read as follows:

((If the legislative authority of a county or first-class or code city provides for the inclusion of candidates in the local voters' pamphlet, the pamphlet)) \underline{Local} voters' pamphlets shall include $\underline{((the))}\underline{candidate}$ statements $\underline{((from eandidates))}\underline{accepted}$ by the county auditor and may also include $\underline{((those))}$ candidates' photographs $\underline{accepted}$ by the county auditor.

Sec. 13. RCW 29A.32.260 and 2022 c 193 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

As soon as practicable before the primary, special election, or general election, the county auditor((, or if

applicable, the city clerk of a first-class or code city, as appropriate,)) shall mail the local voters' pamphlet to every residence in each jurisdiction ((that has included information))within the county that is participating in the associated primary <u>or election and for which election</u> information is included in the pamphlet. The county auditor ((or city clerk, appropriater()) may choose to mail the
pamphlet to each registered voter in each jurisdiction ((that has included information in the pamphlet)) within the county that is participating in the associated primary or election and for which election information is included in the pamphlet, if in ((his or her)) the auditor's judgment, a more economical and effective distribution of the pamphlet would result. The county auditor shall either mail or send a printable electronic version of the state and local voters' pamphlets to any service or overseas voter registered in the jurisdiction who has requested them.

Sec. 14. RCW 29A.32.280 and 2015 c 146 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) For each measure from a unit of local government ((that is)) included in a local voters' pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall, not later than the resolution deadline, formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

(2) The authority shall appoint persons that reside within the jurisdictional boundaries and are known to favor the measure to serve on the committee advocating approval and shall, whenever possible, appoint persons that reside within the jurisdictional boundaries and are known to oppose the measure to serve on the committee advocating rejection.

(3) Each committee shall have not more than three members, however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons.

(4) If the legislative authority of a unit of local government fails to make such appointments by the prescribed deadline, the county auditor shall ((whenever possible make the appointments)) issue a media release and publish information on the auditor's election website announcing the opportunity to form committees and provide statements. If the legislative authority is unable to make appointments, the auditor shall make appointments on a first-come, first-served basis if qualified committee members contact the auditor by the appropriate deadline.

(5) If no statement is produced, the auditor shall include a statement in the pamphlet stating that no person in the jurisdiction contacted the auditor to provide a statement, and there are no statements for that measure.

 $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION.}}$ Sec. 15. This act takes effect January 1, 2025."

Correct the title.

Representatives Bergquist and Abbarno spoke in favor of the adoption of the striking amendment.

The striking amendment (790) was adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, the second reading considered the third and the bill was placed on final passage.

Representative Bergquist spoke in favor of the passage of the bill.

Representative Abbarno spoke against the passage of the bill.

MOTION

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The Speaker (Representative Bronoske presiding) stated the question before the House to be the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1272.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll on the final passage of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No. 1272, and the bill passed the House by the following vote: Yeas, 57; Nays, 33; Absent, 0; Excused, 8

Voting Yea: Representatives Alvarado, error, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Bronoske, Callan, Chandler, error, Chopp, Cortes, Doglio, Donaghy, Duerr, Eslick, Farivar, Fitzgibbon, Fosse, Goodman, Gregerson, Hackney, error, Kloba, Leavitt, Low, Mena, Morgan, Nance, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, error, Paul, Peterson, Pollet, Ramel, error, Reed, Reeves, error, Rule, Ryu, Santos, Senn, Shavers, Simmons, Slatter, Springer, Stearns, Stonier, Street, Taylor, Thai, Tharinger, Timmons, Walen, Wylie and Mme. Speaker

Voting Nay: Representatives Abbarno, Barkis, Barnard, Caldier, Cheney, error, Connors, Corry, Couture, Dent, Dye, error, Graham, Griffey, Hutchins, Jacobsen, Klicker, Kretz, Maycumber, McClintock, McEntire, Mosbrucker, Orcutt, Robertson, Rude, Schmick, Schmidt, Steele, Stokesbary, Volz, Walsh, Waters and

Excused: Representatives Chambers, Davis, Entenman, Fey, Lekanoff, Macri, Sandlin and Wilcox

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1272, having received the necessary constitutional majority, was declared passed.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2024, the 18th Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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