

SIXTY SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, January 11, 2022

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

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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

January 10, 2022

Mme. SPEAKER:

The Senate has adopted:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4405,
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4406,

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

January 10, 2022

Mme. SPEAKER:

The Senate has adopted:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8404,

and the same is herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 1872 by Representatives Senn, Slatter, Berry, Leavitt, Santos, Sells, Simmons, Bronoske, Shewmake, Taylor, Chopp, Ramel, Callan, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Bateman, Macri, Harris-Talley, Valdez, Duerr and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to establishing the care worker center to promote caregiving professions; adding a new section to chapter 28C.18 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1873 by Representatives Klippert, Gilday, Jacobsen, Corry, Robertson and Young

AN ACT Relating to crimes involving catalytic converter theft; amending RCW 19.290.020, 19.290.030, 19.290.070, 9.94A.515, 9.94A.515, 36.28A.240, and 43.43.885; reenacting and amending RCW 9.94A.533; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; prescribing penalties; making an appropriation; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

HB 1874 by Representatives Vick, Dufault, Hoff, Jacobsen, Leavitt, Simmons, Corry, Senn, Peterson, Goodman, Riccelli, Davis, Macri and Young

AN ACT Relating to reducing barriers to professional licensure for individuals with previous arrests or criminal convictions; and amending RCW 18.400.020 and 18.400.030.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

HB 1875 by Representatives Stokesbary, Dufault, Jacobsen, Chase, Corry, MacEwen, Hoff, Graham and Young

AN ACT Relating to restoring funding to the budget stabilization account; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1876 by Representatives Gregerson, Valdez, Fitzgibbon, Simmons, Chopp, Ramel and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to public investment impact disclosures for certain ballot measures that repeal, levy, or modify any tax or fee and have a fiscal impact statement that shows that adoption of the measure would cause a net change in state revenue; amending RCW 29A.72.050 and 29A.72.290; adding a new section to chapter 29A.72 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1877 by Representatives Chambers, Gilday, Jacobsen, Simmons, Corry, Graham, Dolan, Riccelli, Eslick, Lekanoff and Wicks

AN ACT Relating to expired certifications for certain health professions; amending RCW 18.88A.130; and adding a new section to chapter 18.88B RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1878 by Representatives Riccelli, Berg, Bergquist, Berry, Leavitt, Maycumber, Santos, Stonier, Wicks, Peterson, Shewmake, Taylor, Gregerson, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Fitzgibbon, Orwall, Harris, Ramel, Thai and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to increasing public school participation in the community eligibility provision of the United States department of agriculture; amending RCW 28A.235.300; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1879 by Representatives Ryu, Berry, Riccelli, Frame and Macri

AN ACT Relating to providing Washington state convention economy grants; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1880 by Representatives Ryu, Pollet, Hackney and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to housing benefit districts; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1881 by Representatives Harris-Talley, Entenman, Berry, Johnson, J., Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Simmons, Stonier, Wicks, Senn, Peterson, Chopp, Ormsby, Goodman, Berg, Ramel, Chase, Taylor, Frame, Davis, Macri and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to creating a new health profession for birth doulas; amending RCW 18.130.040; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1882 by Representatives Boehnke, Dye, Dent and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to better Washington outdoor recreation leadership and development; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Community & Economic Development.

HB 1883 by Representatives Chopp, Ryu, Santos, Simmons, Slatter, Stonier, Wicks, Peterson, Goodman, Ormsby, Dolan, Ramel, Taylor, Callan, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Davis, Fey, Macri, Valdez and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to establishing a lifeline for youth and young adults who have experienced or are at risk of entering into public systems of care; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Children, Youth & Families.

HB 1884 by Representatives Klippert, Chase and Young

AN ACT Relating to independent forensic election audits at the direction of the legislature; amending RCW 29A.60.090, 29A.60.095, 29A.60.110, and 29A.60.125; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.60 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1885 by Representatives Cody, Bateman, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Sells, Simmons, Stonier, Wicks, Chopp, Ormsby, Ramel, Tharinger, Kloba, Frame, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Macri and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations A and C from the 2021 dental therapy task force final report to establish the profession of dental therapy statewide; amending RCW 18.32.030, 18.120.020, 18.130.040, 18.260.010, 18.260.040, 18.260.070, 18.260.080, 69.41.010, 69.41.030, 69.41.030, 70.350.020, 18.29.021, 18.29.120, 18.29.150, 18.29.160, 18.29.170, 18.29.210, 18.260.100, 18.260.140, and 43.70.650; reenacting and amending RCW 43.70.442; adding a new chapter to Title 18 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 18.29.110; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1886 by Representatives Klippert, Chase, Dent and Young

AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the teaching of critical race theory and related curricula in public schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.710 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1887 by Representatives Klippert and Chase

AN ACT Relating to removing barriers to children participating in sport practices and competitions;

amending RCW 43.06.220; adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1888 by Representatives Thai, Berry, Ortiz-Self, Ryu, Peterson, Shewmake, Goodman, Ormsby, Johnson, J., Bronoske, Tharinger, Senn, Ramel, Taylor, Stokesbary, Frame, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Fey, Davis, Bateman, Macri, Harris-Talley and Young

AN ACT Relating to allowing the department of revenue to adjust the rates of remittance reductions in the working families' tax credit in order to align with federal maximum qualifying income levels; and amending RCW 82.08.0206.

Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 1889 by Representatives Cody, Schmick, Tharinger, Riccelli and Macri

AN ACT Relating to network access; amending RCW 48.49.150; adding new sections to chapter 48.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1890 by Representatives Callan, Dent, Berry, Leavitt, Ramos, Slatter, Stonier, Wicks, Rule, Chopp, Goodman, Paul, Orwall, Taylor, Riccelli, Frame, Lekanoff, Davis, Macri, Harris-Talley and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to the children and youth behavioral health work group; and amending RCW 74.09.4951.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1891 by Representatives Dent, Griffey, Graham, Corry, Hoff, Callan and Dufault

AN ACT Relating to a rangeland fire protection association pilot project; adding new sections to chapter 76.04 RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1892 by Representatives Rule, Shewmake and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide database for tracking diversions offered by law enforcement to individuals using or possessing controlled substances, counterfeit substances, and legend drugs; amending RCW 10.31.115; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1893 by Representatives Donaghy, Riccelli, Leavitt, Simmons, Slatter, Tharinger, Berg, Taylor, Frame, Macri, Harris-Talley and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to allowing emergency medical technicians to provide medical evaluation, testing, and vaccines outside of an emergency in response to a public health agency request; and amending RCW 18.73.030.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1894 by Representatives Harris-Talley, Frame, Leavitt, Simmons, Johnson, J., Goodman, Walen, Dolan, Ryu, Taylor, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Davis, Bateman, Macri, Valdez and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to expanding the period for juvenile diversion agreements; and amending RCW 13.40.080.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

HB 1895 by Representatives Harris-Talley, Maycumber, Leavitt, Ramos, Simmons, Steele, Stonier, Peterson, Shewmake, Graham, Berg, Kloba, Callan, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Macri, Valdez and Duerr

AN ACT Relating to developing a plan for conservation, reforestation, and restoration of forests in Washington state; adding a new section to chapter 76.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1896 by Representatives Harris-Talley, Berry, Ryu, Simmons, Slatter, Peterson, Gregerson, Goodman, Ormsby, Ramel, Kloba, Frame, Bateman, Macri, Valdez, Duerr and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to providing for responsible environmental management of batteries; reenacting and amending RCW 43.21B.110 and 43.21B.300; adding a new section to chapter 70A.500 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 70A RCW; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1897 by Representatives Harris-Talley, Goodman, Morgan, Simmons, Peterson, Ormsby, Dolan, Fitzgibbon, Shewmake, Walen, Ramel, Kloba, Taylor, Frame, Riccelli, Fey, Davis, Bateman, Macri, Valdez and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to repealing requirements for parent payment of the cost of their child's support, treatment, and confinement in juvenile rehabilitation residential facilities; amending RCW 43.20B.095; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 13.40.220.

Referred to Committee on Children, Youth & Families.

HB 1898 by Representatives Orcutt, Caldier, Dufault, Jacobsen, Corry, Graham and Young

AN ACT Relating to providing property tax relief by reducing both parts of the state school levies based on an amount that approximates the fiscal impact of extraordinary growth in property values that exceeded the valuation growth assumptions of budget writers when part two of the state school levy was enacted; amending RCW 84.52.065 and 84.55.010; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1899 by Representatives Kirby, Vick, Graham and Young

AN ACT Relating to confidentiality of certain data shared with the department of financial institutions; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.400; and adding a new section to chapter 43.320 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade.

HB 1900 by Representatives Senn, Thai, Berry, Johnson, J., Slatter, Goodman, Orwall, Lekanoff, Davis, Macri and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to improving school districts' responses to complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.642 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1901 by Representatives Goodman, Davis, Taylor and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to updating laws concerning civil protection orders to further enhance and improve their efficacy and accessibility; amending RCW 7.105.010, 7.105.050, 7.105.070, 7.105.075, 7.105.100, 7.105.105, 7.105.115, 7.105.120, 7.105.150, 7.105.155, 7.105.165, 7.105.200, 7.105.205, 7.105.255, 7.105.305, 7.105.310, 7.105.320, 7.105.340, 7.105.400, 7.105.450, 7.105.460, 7.105.500, 7.105.510, 7.105.902, 9.41.040, 9.41.801, 4.08.050, 12.04.140, 12.04.150, and 26.28.015; amending 2021 c 215 s 87 (uncodified); reenacting RCW 50.20.050; repealing RCW 7.105.055, 7.105.060, 7.105.170, and 7.105.901; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1902 by Representatives Schmick and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to providing an exception to the process for reopening a workers' compensation claim when the claimant submits a reopening application in a timely manner; and amending RCW 51.28.040.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1903 by Representatives Davis, Orwall, Simmons, Ormsby, Harris-Talley and Duerr

AN ACT Relating to holding onto hope and preventing family trauma by nurturing relationships between biological parents and their children; amending RCW 13.34.020, 13.34.190, 13.34.210, 26.11.020, 26.11.030, 26.33.295, 71.12.680, 71.12.682, 71.12.684, and 71.12.686; reenacting and amending RCW 26.44.020 and 26.44.020; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Children, Youth & Families.

HB 1904 by Representatives Peterson, Morgan, Simmons, Chopp, Ormsby, Johnson, J., Ramel, Hackney, Frame, Riccelli, Lekanoff, Taylor, Bateman, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Harris-Talley and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to protecting tenants from excessive rent and related fees by providing at least six months' notice for rent increases over a certain amount, allowing tenants the right to terminate a tenancy, and limiting late fees; amending RCW 59.18.140, 59.18.650, and 59.18.170; reenacting and amending RCW 59.18.230; and adding a new section to chapter 59.18 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Housing, Human Services & Veterans.

HB 1905 by Representatives Senn, Macri, Berry, Leavitt, Taylor, Ryu, Santos, Simmons, Peterson, Chopp, Goodman, Ormsby, Johnson, J., Dolan, Eslick, Ramel, Kloba, Callan, Frame, Davis, Bateman, Harris-Talley, Valdez and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to reducing homelessness for youth and young adults discharging from a publicly funded system of care; adding a new section to chapter 43.216 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1906 by Representatives Steele, Eslick and Young

AN ACT Relating to expanding eligibility for property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations; amending RCW 84.36.020, 84.36.037, 84.36.805, and 84.36.810; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1907 by Representatives Steele and Jacobsen

AN ACT Relating to scholarship displacement in postsecondary institutions' gift equity packaging policies; adding a new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

HB 1908 by Representatives Steele, Santos, Eslick, Graham and Macri

AN ACT Relating to surplus public property for affordable housing; and amending RCW 39.33.015.

Referred to Committee on Housing, Human Services & Veterans.

HB 1909 by Representatives Dent, Pollet, Graham, Callan and Young

AN ACT Relating to the misbranding of meat and poultry products; amending RCW 15.130.110; adding a new section to chapter 15.130 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 15.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1910 by Representatives Gregerson, Pollet, Simmons, Fitzgibbon, Peterson, Goodman and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to conservation district elections; amending RCW 89.08.190, 89.08.110, 89.08.120, 89.08.130, 89.08.140, 89.08.160, 89.08.200, 89.08.350, and 42.17A.010; creating a new section; repealing 2002 c 43 s 1 (uncodified); and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1911 by Representatives Bronoske, Bergquist, Leavitt, Santos, Goodman, Johnson, J., Riccelli and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to participating in insurance plans and contracts by separated plan 2 members of certain retirement systems; amending RCW 41.05.011; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1912 by Representatives Dufault, Orcutt, Robertson, Caldier, Dye, Gilday, Hoff, Jacobsen, Chase, MacEwen, McEntire, Walsh, Corry, Boehnke, Eslick, Barkis, Graham, Stokesbary, Dent and Young

AN ACT Relating to repealing the capital gains income tax; creating a new section; repealing RCW 82.87.010, 82.87.020, 82.87.030, 82.87.040, 82.87.050, 82.87.060, 82.87.070, 82.87.080, 82.87.090, 82.87.100, 82.87.110, 82.87.120, 82.87.130, 82.87.140, 82.04.4497, and 82.87.150; and repealing 2021 c 196 ss 18 and 20 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1913 by Representatives Stokesbary, Chambers, Caldier, Gilday, Hoff, Jacobsen, Schmick, Steele, Corry, Graham, Eslick, Barkis, Dent and Volz

AN ACT Relating to replacing the long-term services and supports trust program with affordable and optional long-term care insurance coverage; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.400; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW; repealing RCW 50B.04.010, 50B.04.020, 50B.04.030, 50B.04.040, 50B.04.050, 50B.04.060, 50B.04.070, 50B.04.080, 50B.04.085, 50B.04.090, 50B.04.095, 50B.04.100, 50B.04.110, 50B.04.120, 50B.04.130, 50B.04.140, 50B.04.150, 50B.04.160, and 50B.04.900; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1914 by Representatives Riccelli, Orcutt, Berry, Leavitt, McEntire, Ryu, Santos, Walen, Wicks, Ortiz-Self, Stonier, Robertson, Peterson, Rule, Vick, Goodman, Dolan, Orwall, Eslick, Barkis, Graham, Berg, Dent, Bateman and Macri

AN ACT Relating to updating and expanding the motion picture competitiveness program; amending RCW 43.365.005, 43.365.030, 43.365.020, 82.04.4489, 43.365.040, and 43.365.050; and repealing 2017 3rd sp.s. c 37 s 1101 (uncodified).

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1915 by Representatives Riccelli, Ormsby and Macri

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras in hospital and city park speed zones; amending RCW 46.63.170 and 46.63.170; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1916 by Representatives Orwall, Mosbrucker, Santos, Simmons, Ortiz-Self, Walen, Johnson, J., Taylor, Wylie, Rule, Steele, Goodman, Griffey, Wicks, Senn, Graham, Bronoske, Riccelli, Davis, Macri and Valdez

AN ACT Relating to supporting crime victims and witnesses by promoting victim-centered, trauma-informed responses in the legal system; amending RCW 7.68.170, 7.69.030, 43.101.272, 43.101.276, and

43.101.278; adding a new section to chapter 43.10 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.02 RCW; repealing RCW 43.101.270; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1917 by Representatives Dye, Mosbrucker, Graham and Dent

AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington state men's commission; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1918 by Representatives Macri, Valdez, Berry, Ryu, Simmons, Peterson, Goodman, Ramel, Kloba, Bateman, Harris-Talley and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment; amending RCW 82.08.020; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.19A RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1919 by Representatives Valdez, Thai, Ramel and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to recommendations by the public disclosure commission; amending RCW 42.17A.005, 42.17A.105, 42.17A.120, 42.17A.205, 42.17A.207, 42.17A.225, 42.17A.235, 42.17A.255, 42.17A.260, 42.17A.265, 42.17A.345, 42.17A.405, 42.17A.420, 42.17A.700, 42.17A.705, 42.17A.710, and 42.17A.785; adding a new section to chapter 42.17A RCW; providing effective dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1920 by Representatives Wicks and Lekanoff

AN ACT Relating to investigations of child abuse or neglect at residential facilities; amending RCW 26.44.210; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation.

HB 1921 by Representatives Ramel, Boehnke, Fitzgibbon, Shewmake, Kloba and Young

AN ACT Relating to the valuation of property related to renewable energy for the purposes of property tax

and providing for a payment in lieu of taxes for renewable energy facilities; adding a new section to chapter 84.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1922 by Representative Rule

AN ACT Relating to criminal penalties for possession of fentanyl; amending RCW 69.50.4013, 69.50.4013, 9.94A.518, 10.31.115, and 13.40.0357; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Public Safety.

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, with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 1892 which was referred to the committee on Public Safety.

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

MOTION

There being no objection, the Committee on Public Safety was relieved of HOUSE BILL NO. 1818, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Housing, Human Services & Veterans.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4405
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4406

JOINT SESSION

The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck to his seat on the Rostrum.

The Speaker called upon President Heck to preside.

STATE OF THE STATE

The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Heck, called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of House members. The Clerk called the roll of Senate members. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

President Heck: "The purpose of the Joint Session is to receive the state of the state message from His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee."

His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee was introduced.

“Good afternoon and welcome Washingtonians to a critical year in the state of Washington. For our state, we know that every day of this legislative session is going to be an opportunity to make good on our commitments and to change the course of our future for the better. We have begun a short session with a long list of things to get done. And I can encapsulate the state of our state very simply. We need action. We can wake up every morning the next sixty days, understanding that we need action this day. Which was Churchill’s first order at the beginning of World War Two. And I think it can serve to focus us on the tasks before us.

I’d like to start today by thanking our frontline workers. Our educators. Our child-care providers. And our state employees for all they’ve done the last two years. I want to thank those who administer emergency services and plough the roads to keep Washington moving. Unprecedented weather events have demanded much of you already this year. Including the National guard and we are all grateful. And a special thank you to the health care workers who have worked tirelessly for two years with little time for rest. You are heroes. And we are grateful for your service.

I’m very happy to welcome our new members in the Senate, Yasmin Trudeau and John Lovick. And Brandy Donaghy to the House. And my thoughts are also with the family of former supreme court Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, who we lost in December. And I know we’d all like to reiterate our condolences to the family of Senator Doug Ericksen. Who we lost after a struggle with COVID in December. He was one of the more than ten thousand Washingtonians lost to this virus. Each of whom, whose lives matter. And while we mourn our losses, let us also realize that because of our joint actions, we have saved thousands of lives.

Now, we still need to contribute to the fight against COVID. And that’s why attendance here today is limited and everyone is socially distanced. We are doing everything possible today to keep people safe statewide. We’re increasing access to testing. We’re masking. We’re helping educators find new ways of doing business. The legislature has been a strong partner in this pandemic. Last session they extended 26 emergency orders through the end of the pandemic. And made laudable investments in our recovery efforts. This has been a long effort. But we are undaunted.

Look at all we’ve done together. If you compare our success to other states, we’ve saved more than 17,000 Washington lives. These people are still with us because of what all Washingtonians have contributed to stay safe and healthy. It is not an accident that our state continues to be named one of the best places anywhere to live, to work, to do business. Since I’ve had the honor of being Governor, we’ve implemented one of the best paid family leave programs in the country. We’ve provided significant new funds to schools under McClery. We’ve passed the best environmental justice legislation in the nation. And passed a Fair Start For Kids Act to protect child-care options. We’ve successfully created more ways to connect people to careers beyond just college path. We’ve come back from multiple disasters, to Skagit bridge collapse, the Oso landslide, historic wild fires, heat waves, drought and now

unprecedented flooding. So you as legislators have a lot to be proud of.

But now we are going to be called upon to do more. Because we face a variety, and a dimension of demands greater than ever as we enter 2022. We must take action this day to keep and strengthen our commitments to those in need right now, and in the future. We must take action this day to fight the homelessness crisis. To reverse social and economic disparities. To educate our children and serve those in foster care. To fund our transportation system. To protect our salmon and orca. And we must take action this day to fight the threat of climate change that is now hitting us so hard across our state.

Last year, I’ve met people experiencing homelessness across our state. In Tacoma, Moses Lake, Walla Walla, Seattle and Spokane. And we have seen what works to improve people’s lives. A private place to live. With a sense of dignity. That’s why my supplemental budget includes an unprecedented 815-million-dollar investment in safe housing for those experiencing homelessness. And to create more options for those struggling with housing availability. This budget also increases behavioral health services. Continuing my administration’s successful investments in these life changing programs. All of us know that wrap around services are critical to helping people out of long-term homelessness. And it is fundamental that people not only get a roof over their heads, but get access to these necessary services.

We simply have to provide rapid supportive, supported housing as soon as possible this year. We also, I think, realize we need more opportunities for everyone when it comes to housing itself. We can’t get more people housed if there is nowhere to build housing. So we must pass legislation that removes antiquated barriers to middle housing options in our cities. Such as duplexes and town homes. And provide more housing supply to make sure it’s available to all income levels. Look, we just can’t tell our constituents we’re fighting homelessness. And yet not provide ways to actually build more housing. So this means we need to allow housing that meets the realities of our tremendous population growth and economic growth this century. I think this is also a generational issue, when you think about it. If our children and grandchildren are ever going to be able to afford rent or a mortgage, we simply need more affordable housing.

And my budget also reflects the need to take direct action to reduce poverty. I created a poverty reduction workgroup made up of people who had lived experiences in poverty so they can inform us. And using their recommendations, my budget would create a 125-million-dollar reinvestment fund to address economic and social disparities across decades that are the legacy of federal policies that have hurt communities of color. And our communities are suffering in other ways as well.

Like in our classrooms. We know students have lost opportunities during remote learning. Despite the incredible efforts of our educators. Now to keeps schools open, we have to invest more to deal with COVID and address learning opportunity loss. We are committed to having our schools open this year. But the impacts of necessary closures linger. And to help make sure educators and students have what they need, I proposed reinvesting 900

million dollars to help schools address student's critical needs. This proposal further empowers educators so that they can innovate to address what kids have suffered because of COVID. Just as they have done throughout the pandemic. Educators when empowered, can develop solutions to overcome opportunity gaps. We also propose increasing the number of school counselors, nurses, psychologists, and social workers available to serve K-12 students. Anyone who works with kids will tell you these services are needed now. More than ever.

Young people in foster care and their families also have been uniquely impacted by the pandemic.

So we offer 80 million dollars to pay providers more for housing and support foster youth with complex needs. To help young people transition out of foster care or juvenile justice to a successful future.

Now while we put the pieces together to address these current needs that confront our communities, we also have to take action this day to address the long-term existential threats to this state. In December, I spoke with astronaut Kayla Baron. She's a Richland high school graduate. I was in my home. Kayla was aboard the International Space Station. She's a long way from home right now. She's traveling 17,500 miles per hour above us. And she's orbiting the earth once every ninety minutes. So I was pretty honored that she took my call. And I asked her what perspective this experience gave her about our collective home, this planet. And she said something that really has stuck with me. She told me she was amazed by how thin our atmosphere is. How at night there is a burnt orange glow at its edge. Revealing just how paper thin the layer is between a livable world and the nothingness of space. She said the most important thing we need to survive is the ability to breathe clean air. Our planet's fragile state is pretty clear from right here on the ground as well. Climate change is not merely a graph on a slide deck, with an arrow pointed at calamity. It is found in the eyes of the people who saw floods go through their windows in Everson last month. In the evacuees who returned to see the charred ruins of their homes in Malden. Or the people of the Colville tribes who lost 600,000 acres of commercial timber to wildfires. And when I look into the eyes of people who have lost their home, and I see the pain they have, that's the pain of climate change. And we have to do everything we can to fight it. Every corner of our state faces climate related disasters today. Not tomorrow. Right now. This is the fight for the future of our state. And we need to take action this day.

My budget bills and the work we've done previously and put 626 million dollars toward this noble effort. Legislators can be proud of the policies they've put to work here in our state already. And it's good to know we're not alone in this work. The world looks to our state as leaders in climate innovation. This was reaffirmed in November at the COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland. Where I led a coalition of 68 state and local governments to commit to drastically reduce emissions. Together we're charting a path to fight climate change by cutting greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. And to get to net zero by 2050. It is our state's legal obligation as well to reduce emissions. But it's also a practical and most importantly, a moral obligation. Legislators can be proud that their work have already created policies that will remove 43.5 million metric tons of

pollution annually. But to meet our statutory commitment that we have made to the people of this state, we have to reduce emissions by six million more metric tons per year to reach our 2030 emission limits. That's the equivalent to the annual emissions of one point three million vehicles on the road.

So through legislation, we can rev up this future. And make new and existing buildings perform better.

We can modernize regulations and incentivize industry to ensure clean energy projects are built here in Washington. With living wage jobs. And make electric vehicles more affordable by giving families thousands of dollars in rebates. Now buildings are our state's second largest source of emissions. And many of them are energy inefficient. Wasting resources and costing consumers thousands over the years. With buildings lasting anywhere from 50 to 100 years, we must act now to give Washingtonians more efficiencies. And to decarbonize our homes, apartments, offices, retail spaces, and more. So to accomplish this, we have to require gas utilities to chart a path to decarbonize under the Climate Commitment Act. We can improve conditions for developers to grow clean energy resources here in our state.

Look, there is a lot of good news in our state here. We see the future's promise already burgeoning in Washington at companies like Eviation in Arlington, where they're making the world's first all-electric commuter airplane. And Vicinity Motor Corporation in Ferndale, where they're manufacturing electric buses. At the new solar farms popping up like dandelions in eastern Washington. And net zero buildings like the Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle and the Catalyst Building in Spokane. We see clean energy projects built with strong labor standards. Creating a broad range of union jobs and apprenticeship opportunities in their local communities. Like at the Rattlesnake Flats wind farm in Adams County.

Now, with all of the multiple challenges we face right now, why do I believe this legislature is up to the job of fighting carbon pollution this year? It's because this is the legislature that has in its hands the most beautiful place on the planet. And the health of more than seven million people in their hands. And I know you won't let the people down.

The same goes for salmon. As the future of salmon goes, so goes the future of our state. Our region's salmon are threatened by climate change, pollution and habitat loss. So we would invest 187 million dollars towards salmon recovery. And we also need to restore the green corridors along rivers and streams known as repairing habitat which keeps the water clean and cool. So our legislation sets a unique ecological blueprint for each river and stream habitat. To conserve and restore these critical lands. This plan includes the Lorraine Lumas Act. It's named for the Swinomish leader and tribal salmon manager, who we lost in August. I'll tell you, Lorraine was such an inspiration to us, young and old. She brought us together in favor of salmon. Our salmon cannot wait. They need action this day. And to realize this future, we must do it together with our partners. Fewer is critical in this effort is Washington state's tribal communities. So I'm introducing legislation that provides a stronger, clear consultation process for projects that get funding through the Climate Commitment Act. We know we make progress when we work together.

We also need to invest in our aging transportation system. In a way that meets the demands of the future. While aggressively decreasing the impacts of climate change from the same system. We need more transportation. And less pollution at the same time. That's why my 2022 transportation budget is no ordinary supplemental proposal. We have a unique opportunity with one time and new federal funds, along with state money to provide nearly one billion dollars to fund transportation and clean transportation programs. And activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector that preserve the infrastructure we have. And it needs help. And support critical investments to improve ferry service reliability. This includes 324 million dollars to support ferry electrification. But we desperately need boats. Cleaner boats. To give Washingtonians reliable ferry service.

Now, to legislators. If you have bigger ambitions or boulder ideas in transportation, and I'm encouraged that some of you do, I am really ready to engage and discuss and support your further efforts. My budget also imports increased diversity inclusion in the transportation sector. By addressing disparities in hiring and recruiting a diverse workforce at these entities. The broader transportation system remains our number one emitter of greenhouse gases. That pollute our air and water and drive climate change. Last session, this legislature passed historic laws to reduce emissions, including the Climate Commitment Act. And we must not hesitate to take action, this day, to implement these laws. And we need a clean fuel standard as well. These laws have to go in effect in concert with our transportation budget. And I look forward to working with legislators to do this. We've proposed necessary and prudent investments this session. But we also have to invest in our financial stability. To assure financial stability, our plan would build the reserve back to pre-pandemic levels in just four years from now. So my budget puts 2.5 billion toward our financial resilience this biennium. Putting this money in our rainy-day fund and reserve funds will place our state on better footing for the next emergency.

Now, we just marked the one-year anniversary of the insurrection at our nation's capital. That insurrection continues to this day, under the banner of the big lie. A lie that our election was somehow not fair in the last election. The right to representative government today is under attack in this country. And unfortunately, I must say also in our own state. I'm pro democracy. And I think all elected officials and others who care about our state & nation should be pro-democracy too. Former Secretary of State Kim Wyman, republican, deserves our respect for the exemplary and non-partisan way she carried out her duties in the face of these same threats. And that's why I am happy to welcome former Senator Steve Hobbs as our new Secretary of State. Like Kim Wyman, he will help keep our state and local elections safe and secure.

It is time that we stand up to those who challenge the integrity of our elections. Who undermine the basic democratic principles. And who would do away with the rule of law. And I am calling on all legislators, democrat and republican, to acknowledge forcefully and vocally that the 2020 elections were won fair and square under our constitution. And to denounce those officials who spread deception that strikes at the very foundation of our

democracy. I believe we should outlaw efforts by politicians to knowingly spread lies about elections, when those lies result in violence. Violence we have already seen in our state capitals. Our state capital and a year ago in our nation's capital.

As we close today, I want to reiterate that this may be a short session, but it is unlike any perhaps in our state's history. And we must act according to what this moment demands. We must be big. We must be bold. We must act at a scale commensurate to our challenges because of the multiple urgent crises facing our state. Too much is at stake to do otherwise. And I am confident we can do this. Because I have seen the legislature rise to the moment before. But we must take action, this day. We will continue to build our resiliency against COVID. We will meet the challenge of climate change while building the clean energy future with good jobs here in Washington. We will restore our children's opportunities. We will make necessary revisions to our long-term care bill and our police accountability measures. We will protect salmon and bring back our orca. And we will house those impacted by homelessness and behavior health conditions and provide more housing, affordable housing options for everyone. This is our charge. We can do this, if we act together. There is no time to lose. We can start now by taking action, this day.

Thank you."

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

With the consent of the body, the President dissolved the Joint Session.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms of the House and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate escorted the President of the Senate from the House Chamber.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., January 12, 2022, the 3rd Legislative Day of the Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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