

SIXTY EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

THIRTY EIGHTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

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

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4668, by Representative Ramos

WHEREAS, The students of the Tahoma High School enrolled in the "We the People: The Citizen and Constitution" program have consistently showcased their superior knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the lessons instilled by our Founding Fathers; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, January 6, 2024, the team from Tahoma High School won the state We the People competition, the school's 15th consecutive state championship and its 28th state championship in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, These students will represent The Evergreen State this spring at the 37th annual We the People finals in Washington, D.C., where they hope to go beyond their highly commendable top seven finish from the national competition in 2023; and

WHEREAS, The Tahoma High School We the People team is coached by Gretchen Wulfing, a distinguished educator whom was honored in 2011 with Washington's Civic Educator of the Year award and honored again in 2016 as one of Washington's Civic Educators of the Year, adding to the honors of her 16th year academic coaching career, where she has diligently expanded her students' knowledge of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, ensuring important principles and foundational ideas are passed on with both fervor and intellectual poise to the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Studies continue to show that students that participate in the We the People program imbue ideals of democracy and civic engagement, registering to vote at a higher rate than their high school counterparts and testing higher in examinations on civic knowledge and civic dispositions, including community involvement, tolerant political engagement, and respect for the due process of law; and

WHEREAS, The Tahoma High School We the People team, led with inspiring passion by their coach, continues to reflect the ideals of a holistic education, of which their distinguished record at the national level, having placed, in 2023, in the top 10 for the sixth consecutive year, is a sure sign of their commitment and success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor Sophie Artemidze, Andrew Baker, Connor Baker, Harika Bavisetty, Rohan Boinpally, Yash Buddhdeo, Slayton Cooper, Kira Corona, Iris Guo, Cannon Harmer, Bill Hernandez, UJ Jeon, Norah Jose, Talal Kheiry, Olivia Kizer, Sydney Kortenkamp, Hannah McDunnah, Sadie McMillan, Tanner Pham, Aditya Rana, Tamar Rasmussen, Dillon Roper, Ivah Rude, Logan Sancewich, Himanjali Tavva, Sean Uy, and Nandini Yogi as "Warriors of the Constitution"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the members of Tahoma High School's We the People team, team advisor Gretchen Wulfing, and Tahoma High School Principal Judy Beliveau to convey the respect of this body for a phenomenal job and continued success in their future endeavors.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4668 was adopted.

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

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

E2SSB 5213 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Kuderer, Short, Cleveland, Conway, Dhingra, Rolfes, Wellman and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to pharmacy benefit managers; amending RCW 48.200.020, 48.200.210, and 48.200.280; adding a new chapter to Title 48 RCW; recodifying RCW 48.200.210, 48.200.220, 48.200.230, 48.200.240, 48.200.250, 48.200.260, 48.200.270, 48.200.280, and 48.200.290; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

2ESSB 5284 by Senate Committee on State Government & Elections (originally sponsored by Nguyen, Billig, Frame, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Shewmake and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to improving transparency in campaign finance disclosure; amending RCW 42.17A.005, 42.17A.205, 42.17A.207, 42.17A.235, 42.17A.240, 42.17A.250, 42.17A.255, 42.17A.260, 42.17A.265, 42.17A.305, and 42.17A.345; adding a new section to chapter 42.17A RCW; and repealing RCW 42.17A.418.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

2SSB 5591 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Nobles, Mullet, Frame, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nguyen, Randall, Trudeau, Valdez and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to providing dependent youth with financial education and support; adding a new section to chapter 74.13 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, YOUTH, & EARLY LEARNING.

SSB 5667 by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Muzzall, Van De Wege, Short, Wagoner and Wellman)

AN ACT Relating to eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program; and amending RCW 76.13.120 and 76.13.140.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

SSB 5803 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Conway, Boehnke, Dozier, Frame, Holy, Hunt, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, MacEwen, Mullet, Nobles, Padden, Stanford, Wagoner, Warnick and Wellman)

AN ACT Relating to the recruitment and retention of Washington National Guard members; and adding a new section to chapter 38.24 RCW.

Referred to Committee on INNOVATION, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS.

SB 5837 by Senators Valdez, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Hunt, Nobles and Trudeau

AN ACT Relating to codifying the state election database to publish, evaluate, and analyze certain election data; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.04 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

SSB 5873 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Wellman, Wilson, C., Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Nguyen, Nobles, Trudeau and Valdez)

AN ACT Relating to providing adequate and predictable student transportation; amending RCW 28A.160.170 and 28A.160.140; and adding new sections to chapter 28A.160 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SB 5889 by Senators Kauffman, Frame, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Nguyen, Nobles, Shewmake, Stanford and Wilson, C.

AN ACT Relating to enhancing poverty reduction, equity, and access efforts by establishing the customer voice council and strengthening community partnerships; and amending RCW 74.08A.280.

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES, YOUTH, & EARLY LEARNING.

SSB 5934 by Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Padden, Van De Wege, Dhingra, Liias, Salomon and Warnick)

AN ACT Relating to pollinator habitat; amending RCW 64.38.057 and 64.90.512; adding a new section to chapter 35.63 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 35A.63 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Local Government.

ESSB 6039 by Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology (originally sponsored by Lovelett, Shewmake, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Keiser, Liias, Nguyen, Nobles and Saldaña)

AN ACT Relating to promoting the development of geothermal energy resources; amending RCW 79.13.530; adding a new section to chapter 43.92 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

SSB 6099 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Braun, Kauffman and Mullet)

AN ACT Relating to creating the tribal opioid prevention and treatment account; amending RCW 43.79.483; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW; creating a new section; providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 6106 by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Conway, Keiser, Robinson, Hunt, Dhingra, Frame, Holy, Kuderer, Lovick, Nobles, Valdez and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to including in the public safety employees' retirement system specified workers at department of social and health services institutional and residential sites that serve civilly committed residents or serve patients under not guilty by reason of insanity findings; amending RCW 41.37.010; adding a new section to chapter 41.37 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 6115 by Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by King, Liias, Lovick, Nobles, Saldaña, Shewmake and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to speed safety camera systems; amending RCW 46.16A.120, 46.20.270, 46.63.110, and 46.63.200; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

SSB 6146 by Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Dhingra, Kauffman, Robinson, Stanford, Hasegawa, Randall, Wellman, Kuderer, Lovelett, Nobles, Saldaña, Shewmake, Valdez and Wilson, C.)

AN ACT Relating to tribal warrants; and adding a new chapter to Title 10 RCW.

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

SSB 6163 by Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology (originally sponsored by Wilson, J., Lovelett, Hasegawa, Nobles and Saldaña)

AN ACT Relating to biosolids; amending RCW 70A.226.005, 70A.226.007, 70A.226.010, 70A.226.020, and 70A.226.030; and adding a new section to chapter 70A.226 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

ESSB 6179 by Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by MacEwen, Keiser and Nguyen)

AN ACT Relating to the use of biometric age verification by liquor licensees; amending RCW 66.20.170; and adding a new section to chapter 66.20 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Regulated Substances & Gaming.

SSB 6192 by Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce (originally sponsored by King, Stanford, Mullet and Nobles)

AN ACT Relating to additional work and change orders on public and private construction projects; and amending RCW 39.04.360.

Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

SB 6238 by Senators Dozier, Conway, Fortunato, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Lovick, Torres, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, C. and Wilson, J.

AN ACT Relating to updating thresholds for the property tax exemption for widows and widowers of honorably discharged veterans; amending RCW 84.39.010; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

SB 6263 by Senators Wilson, L., Boehnke, Cleveland, Conway, Keiser, Lovelett, Lovick, Rivers, Schoesler, Torres and Wellman

AN ACT Relating to death benefits provided by the 1955 act for firefighters' relief and pensions; and amending RCW 41.18.140.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

SSB 6269 by Senate Committee on State Government & Elections (originally sponsored by Valdez, Hunt, Kuderer, Nobles and Saldaña)

AN ACT Relating to establishing an alternative voter verification options pilot project; reenacting and amending RCW 29A.40.110; adding a new section to chapter 29A.40 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024, the 39th Day of the 2024 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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