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SHB 1154 f 5450	Requiring that insurance coverage for mental health services be at parity with medical and surgical services.  Requires group health insurance plans to provide the same amounts and terms of coverage for mental health services as is provided for medical and surgical services, allows the mental health parity requirements to be phased-in between January 1, 2006 and July 1, 2010, exempts certain types of mental health services from mandatory coverage provisions, exempts groups with 50 or fewer employees from mandatory coverage, and requires insurers to offer optional mental health coverage to those groups.	C 6 L 05 3/9/2005		Schual-Berke		FAVOR HIGH	Jean Wessman 753-1886
HB 1155 # 5882	Modifying county and city sales and use tax provisions.  Makes technical improvements to 5659 including removing supplanting restrictions, removing 30% earmark and increasing potential election dates	HRules R 2/10/2005		Upthegrove		FAVOR HIGH	Paul Parker 753-1886
SHB 1189 a 5393	Providing relief for indigent veterans and their families.  Streamlines statutes requiring county assistance to indigent veterans and their families. Allows payment for either burial or cremation. Establishes veterans' advisory committees to assist counties.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Moeller		FAVOR MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
SHB 1226	Adjusting application of campaign contribution limits.  WSAC opposed original bill establishing campaign contributions for various offices including county and other local offices. Neutral after amended to eliminate county officials.	HRules 3C 4/24/2005		Schual-Berke		NEUTRAL LOW	Paul Parker 753-1886
E2SHB 1290 a f #	Modifying community mental health services provisions.	Del to Gov 4/22/2005		Cody		FAVOR HIGH	Jean Wessman 753-1886

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	DSHS shall use a request for qualification and request for proposal process to establish Regional Support Networks to administer the community mental health system. Existing RSNs shall continue if they substantially meet listed criteria or other entities may bid for contract. Services shall focus on recovery, resilience, and evidence-based practices. DSHS shall reinstate/facilitate medicaid eligibility for people with mental illness who are released from jail or prison.						
2SHB 1346	Improving the efficiency and predictability of the hydraulic project approval program.  Recodifies, clarifies and simplifies provisions of hydraulics code without significant substantive changes. Engineers and PWDs favored.	C 146 L 05 4/22/2005		Buck		FAVOR LOW	Paul Parker 753-1886
HB 1352 \$ 5331	Establishing the historic county courthouse grant program.  Bill did not pass, but Capital Budget includes \$5 million.	HCap Budget 1/20/2005		Kessler		FAVOR HIGH	Paul Parker 753-1886
E2SHB 1458 f # 5431	Concerning the management of on-site sewage disposal systems in marine areas.  Extensive work throughout session to mitigate concerns of counties and local public health on the requirements of this bill. Final bill language addressed public health concerns. Bill died on Senate Second Reading Calendar. May be back next year.	HRules 3C 4/24/2005		Hunt		NEUTRAL MEDIUM	Vicki Kirkpatrick 753-1886
2SHB 1542 5531	Providing indigent defense services.  Sets precedent for state role in funding criminal indigent defense. No funding in this bill, so substantive provisions of the bill are void. But there is \$1M for pilot project included in E2SSB 5454.	C 157 L 05 4/22/2005		Lantz		FAVOR HIGH	Sophia Byrd 753-1886
ESHB 1631 a f #	Using revenues under the county conservation futures levy.  Authorizes up to 15% of conservation futures revenue to be used for operation and maintenance of properties acquired with such funding. Allows Ferry County to seek voter approval to use conservation futures funds for general county purposes.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Clibborn		FAVOR HIGH	Paul Parker 753-1886

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SHB 1657 f # 5437	Concerning the construction of bridges and trestles.  Eliminates payment to DNR for right-of-way at crossings over aquatic lands and allows only the charge of reasonable administrative fees.	C 58 L 05 4/14/2005		Takko		FAVOR MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
HB 1721 f #	Simplifying the concurrent taxing jurisdictions of the tribal municipalities and the state.  Allows a tribal "city" to collect and keep municipal share of sales and use tax.	HRules 3C 4/24/2005		Hunter		AGAINST MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
2SHB 1758 a f # 5735	Revising public disclosure law.  Prohibits denying public records requests because they are overly broad; allows requests on an installment basis. Requires AG to adopt a model rule. Allows for a deposit per installment for public records requests. Allows to cease fulfilling a request if an installment is not picked up. Changes venue for certain public records-related suits against counties. Imposes a 1 yr. statute of limitations for certain public records-related suits.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Kessler	ATTY	FAVOR HIGH	Bill Vogler 753-1886
SHB 1791 a f	Creating a developmental disabilities community trust account.  Creates the Dan Thompson Developmental Disabilities Community Trust Account. All income from the lease of land, conservation easements, sale of timber, or other activities short of the sale of property identified by the 2002 JLARC study of Rainier and Lakeland Village must be deposited in the account. Retains investment income and interest in the account. Provides that investment income from the account must be used solely for family support and employment and day programs in the community.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Dunshee		FAVOR HIGH	Jean Wessman 753-1886
ESHB 1903 a f	Providing funds to stimulate community and economic development.  Creates the Job Development Fund to assist in the financing of public infrastructure projects that create jobs, stimulate community development, and stimulate economic development.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Ericks		WATCH MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
HB 1989 f # 6016	Providing local transportation funding options.	HTrans 2/14/2005		Upthegrove		FAVOR HIGH	Mike Shaw 206-595-6108

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	The package of 4 local option taxes were included in early versions of both House and Senate transportation revenue packages but were cut.						
E2SHB 2015 a f #	Revising the special drug offender sentencing alternative.  Creates a new residential chemical dependency treatment-based alternative Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative (DOSA) program in addition to the original prison-based DOSA, where a nonviolent offender with a substance abuse addiction can be sentenced to community custody along with supervised residential treatment. A county may choose to use the criminal justice treatment account for assessment and treatment plans.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Kagi		FAVOR MEDIUM	Sophia Byrd 753-1886
SHB 2085 a \$ f #	Regarding the cleanup of waste tires.  A \$1 fee is imposed on the sale of new tires. Revenue from the fee may only be spent to cleanup unauthorized waste tire piles and on measures to prevent future accumulation of unauthorized waste tire piles.  The Department of Ecology is required to conduct a detailed study of waste tire piles and prepare a plan for their removal. It also is directed to begin a pilot project for the clean-up of a tire pile in Goldendale, Washington.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Simpson		FAVOR MEDIUM	Vicki Kirkpatrick 753-1886
E2SHB 2163 a f #	Establishing a homeless housing program.  The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (DCTED) and local governments which choose to participate shall create and implement a program to reduce homelessness by 50% within 10 years. Establishes a \$10 additional surcharge on document recording, state competitive grant program, statewide homeless census and amends current statute to allow the county instead of the auditor to retain a 5% administrative fee from the existing \$10 document surcharge for low-income housing.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Ormsby		FAVOR MEDIUM	Jean Wessman 753-1886
SHB 2169 a	Creating a pilot project authorizing small counties to regulate day care.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Walsh		FAVOR LOW	Jean Wessman 753-1886

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	Allows counties of less than 3000 (Garfield) to license family daycare providers as a 12-month pilot project.						
ESHB 2171 a	Allowing counties and cities one additional year to comply with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Allowing counties and cities one additional year to comply with certain specified requirements of RCW 36.70A.130.) Allows certain counties and cities to satisfy GMA review and revision requirements for development regulations that protect critical areas one year after the applicable date provided in statute for the current update cycle. Establishes two sets of eligibility criteria whereby counties and cities demonstrating substantial progress toward compliance with certain review and revision requirements may receive financial assistance from public works assistance and water quality accounts.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Springer		FAVOR MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
SHB 2196 f #	Authorizing an expansion of local real estate excise taxes in lieu of impact fees.  Legislature will return next session to this alternative to 'conventional' impact fees for funding infrastructure.	HRules C 3/16/2005		Clibborn		FAVOR HIGH	Paul Parker 753-1886
EHB 2241	Authorizing limited recreational activities, playing fields, and supporting facilities existing before July 1, 2004, on designated recreational lands in jurisdictions planning under RCW 36.70A.040.  Counties meeting specified criteria and with playing fields and supporting facilities existing before July 1, 2004 on agricultural land not in use for commercial agricultural production may, until June 30, 2006, designate qualifying agricultural lands as recreational lands.	Del to Gov 4/19/2005		Dunshee		NEUTRAL LOW	Paul Parker 753-1886
EHCR 4410	Establishing the joint public health financing committee. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing the joint select committee on public health financing.) Provides for a joint legislative committee to review public health funding and make recommendations for increased funding and funding sources.	HFiled Sec/St 4/23/2005		Schual-Berke		FAVOR HIGH	Vicki Kirkpatrick 753-1886
SB 5325 f # 1907	Promoting economic development and community revitalization.  Expanding Washington's existing tax increment financing statute.	SRules 3 4/24/2005		Zarelli		AGAINST MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886

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SSB 5331 \$ f # 1352	Establishing the historic county courthouse grant program.  See note for HB 1352.	SWays & Means 2/23/2005		Doumit		FAVOR HIGH	Paul Parker 753-1886
ESSB 5396 a f # 1413	Expanding the criteria for habitat conservation programs.  Adds riparian protection and farmland preservation funds in Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Improves coordination of WWRP purchases with county and city planning processes. Requires additional PILT payments.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Fraser		FAVOR MEDIUM	Paul Parker 753-1886
E2SSB 5454 a \$ f #	Revising trial court funding provisions.  Increases civil court filing fees, of which 54% is retained in county general fund and 46% remitted to state PSEA. Directs 25% of the state's share of new fee revenue to district & muni judge salaries, increasing to 50% of state's fee revenue in '07-'09. Requires locals to establish court improvement account funded in amount equal to that saved on judge salaries. Directs rest of new state revenue to: pilot project for public defense; expanding parent representation in dependencies; civil legal services.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Hargrove		FAVOR HIGH	Sophia Byrd 753-1886
SSB 5471 f 1219	Authorizing a prescription drug purchasing consortium.  The state Health Care Authority will establish a prescription drug purchasing consortium, whose activities must be based on the state's existing evidence-based prescription drug purchasing program. In addition to the state, the consortium may include local government, private entities, labor organizations, and individuals without insurance, or who are underinsured for prescription drug coverage. A fee may be imposed on participants to cover the administrative expense.	C 129 L 05 4/21/2005		Thibaudeau		FAVOR MEDIUM	Jean Wessman 753-1886
SB 5531 f # 1542	Providing indigent defense services.	SWays & Means 2/21/2005		Kline		FAVOR HIGH	Sophia Byrd 753-1886
E2SSB 5763 a f #	Creating the omnibus treatment of mental and substance abuse disorders act of 2005.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Hargrove		FAVOR HIGH	Jean Wessman 753-1886

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	Establishes secure detox/case mgmt pilots; substance treatment for adults & children; evidence-based practices; vendor rate incr; evaluations; CD professionals in Children's Admin offices; integrated screening/assessment; enhanced services facility; incr preg/parenting women treatment; info sharing w/DOC, jails, MH/CD; indep MH ombuds; adds county councilmanic 1/10th sales tax option						
SB 5831 f # 1939	Concerning well construction.	C 84 L 05 4/18/2005		Morton		FAVOR MEDIUM	Vicki Kirkpatrick 753-1886
	IEcology (DOE) water well regulatory program is revised to include regulation of additional types of wells, raise well construction fees, modify DOE delegation of authority to local jurisdictions, and change elements of the well operator licensing program. Fees that local health departments receive for accepting responsibility for well inspection from Ecology are increased.						
SSB 5856	Revising admissibility in a civil action of failing to wear safety belt assemblies and failing to use child restraint systems.	SRules X 4/1/2005		Brandland		FAVOR HIGH	Sophia Byrd 753-1886
ESSB 6050 f #	Providing financial assistance to cities, towns, and counties.  Provides permanent funding for low tax-base counties and cities from a permanent diversion of the state imposed REET of at least \$5 million per year. Distributions begin in October 2005.	Del to Gov 4/23/2005		Parlette		FAVOR HIGH	Bill Vogler 753-1886
ESSB 6090 a \$ 2297	Making 2005-07 operating appropriations. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Making 2003-05 and 2005-07 operating appropriations.)	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Prentice		*UNASSIGNED *UNASSIGNED	
ESSB 6091 a \$ 2301	Making 2005-07 and 2003-05 transportation appropriations.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Haugen		*UNASSIGNED *UNASSIGNED	
ESSB 6094 a \$ 2298	Making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements.	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Fraser		*UNASSIGNED *UNASSIGNED	
ESSB 6103 \$ f #	Providing funding and funding options for transportation projects. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Funding transportation projects.)	Del to Gov 4/24/2005		Haugen		FAVOR HIGH	Mike Shaw 206-595-6108

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	Provides a 9-1/2 cent gas tax increase phased in over four years and increased weight fees. Counties will receive a total of 1/2 cent increase, which will generate about \$16 M per year.						