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Bill Number	Title / Description	Status/ Chapter	Effective Date
Budget & Finance			
ESSB 6896	<p>State funding stabilization - The Pension Funding Stabilization Account is established for the purpose of making employer contributions to specified state-funded retirement systems, subject to legislative appropriation. Monies in the account will be invested by the State Investment Board, with the investment earnings retained in the account. New supplemental employer contribution rates are established for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liabilities of PERS/TERS Plan 1. For FY 2006, \$350m is appropriated for this purpose. For FY 2006, \$200m is appropriated from the state General Fund to the Health Services Account to provide fiscal stability. For FY 2006, \$275m is appropriated from the state General Fund to the Student Achievement Fund to provide fiscal stability. The state expenditure limit for FY 2006 is declared to be the expenditure limit as adopted at the November 2005 meeting of the Expenditure Limit Committee, and adjusted upward to include the appropriations to the Pension Funding Stabilization Account, the Health Services Account, and the Student Achievement Fund.</p>	C 56 L 06	6/7/2006
Courts			
SHB 2344	<p>Superior court judges - Authorizes an increased number of superior court judges in Clallam County from 2 to 3 and in Cowlitz County from 4 to 5. New positions are not final unless approved by Board of County Commissioners.</p>	C 20 L 06	6/7/2006
SHB 2538	<p>Warrants/chapter 49.17 RCW - Provides that L&I must obtain consent when entering a worksite under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act. Authorizes L&I to request a court to issue and authorizes a court to grant a search warrant for inspection under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act.</p>	C 31 L 06	6/7/2006
SHB 2576	<p>Sexual assault protection orders - Establishes procedures for obtaining a "sexual assault protection order."</p>		6/7/2006
SHB 2691	<p>Retirement for justices - Justices and Superior Court and Court of Appeals judges have the option of ceasing participation in the Judicial Retirement Account, and accruing service in PERS at higher benefit multipliers. District/municipal judges may participate, but there is to be no employer contribution and the judge must bear the full cost</p>		1/1/2007
SHB 3120	<p>Tort claims against government - The claim filing statutes that apply to tort claims against governments are amended to specifically provide that they apply to claims against officers, employees, or volunteers of state or local government when acting in that capacity. Provides that a tort claim against an officer, employee, or volunteer of government must be properly filed before a civil suit may be commenced.</p>		6/7/2006

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ESSB 5204	Chattel liens - When a lien has been placed on personal property, and the personal property owner feels the claim is frivolous, made without reasonable cause, or is excessive, the property owner may file an action in superior court requiring the lien claimant to appear before the court and answer the applicant's allegation. The court must determine if the lien is frivolous, reasonable, or excessive, and must remedy the claim accordingly by leaving the lien as it is, releasing the lien, or reducing it.		10/1/2006
SB 6412	Superior court judges - The number of superior court judge positions in Clallam county is increased to three; the number of superior court judge position in Cowlitz county is increased to five. The new judicial positions are only effective if the county documents approval of the positions and agrees to fund the county's share of expenses.		6/7/2006
SSB 6441	Distrain of personal property - If there is probable cause to believe there is personal property within the county subject to distraint for taxes owed, any superior or district court judge in the county may, upon the request of the sheriff, county treasurer, or agent of the county treasurer, issue a warrant commanding the search for and seizure of the property described in the request for the warrant at the place described in the request for the warrant.		6/7/2006
SSB 6670	Court filing fees - The bill contains a number of technical amendments to provide consistency with civil filing fee changes made by the Legislature in 2005.		6/7/2006
Economic Development			
2SHB 2498	Cluster-based economic development - The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) must work with industry and cluster associations, local communities, and others to develop industry cluster-based strategies for economic development. A competitive grant program is created to assist communities to fund activities designed to further regional cluster growth. Financial participation of the partner organizations is required. A grant award may be up to \$100,000 per applicant. A maximum of \$100,000 may go to King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties.		
SHB 2670	Hospital benefit zones - Creates a new public infrastructure financing tool for local governments to support the development of a new hospital. Authorizes a new state-shared tax for local governments to provide up to \$2 million annually for the purposes of public infrastructure financing in a hospital benefit zone. Local governments must opt in to allocate excess sales taxes within the hospital benefit zone to pay off bonds issued for public improvements within the zone.		

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Bill Number	Title / Description	Status/ Chapter	Effective Date
E2SHB 2673	<p>Local infrastructure - Creates a new competitive public infrastructure financing tool for local governments to invest in public improvements and infrastructure that will attract new businesses. Applications to create a revenue development area are made to the Community Economic Revitalization Board. Authorizes a new state-shared tax for local governments to provide a total of \$5 million annually (capped at \$500,000 to \$1 million per type of revenue development area) for the purposes of public infrastructure financing in a revenue development area. The Bellingham waterfront redevelopment project, Spokane river district project at Liberty Lake, and Vancouver riverwest project receive priority in funding. Local governments must opt in to allocate its excess sales taxes and property taxes generated within the revenue development area to pay off bonds issued for public improvements within the area. By December 31, 2006, OFM will develop a report on similar programs in other states and make recommendations on current program. JLARC will study the program and report to the Legislature in 2013 and every 3 years thereafter.</p>		
SHB 2726	<p>Small manufacturers - Washington Manufacturing Services (WMS) is organized in statute as a private, nonprofit corporation to operate a modernization extension system, coordinate modernization resources, and stimulate the competitiveness of small and midsize manufacturers. WMS believes that by having statutory authorization for its operations, as exists in other states, it will be easier to garner needed state and federal funds.</p>		
SHB 3150	<p>Wine industry - Allows domestic wineries and retail licensees to jointly produce brochures and material promoting tourism which contain information about domestic wineries, retailers, and their products. Allows domestic wineries and retail licensees to identify wineries on privately labeled wines.</p>		
ESB 5330	<p>Economic development grants - Directs the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (DCTED) to create and make available an inventory of grant opportunities for state agencies, local governments, and other community organizations engaged in economic development activities.</p>		
SSB 6168	<p>Business development - "Business Development Corporations" are established in statute, to promote economic development in Washington State. Minimum requirements for incorporation are set forth, along with specific, expanded corporate powers, and corporate governance standards.</p>		
2SSB 6823	<p>Distribution of beer & wine - An in-state or out-of-state winery, brewery, or microbrewery may act as a distributor of its production and may distribute their product directly to the retailer, use a distributor, or a retailer may hire a common carrier to pick up the product from the producer and deliver it to the retailer. Out-of-state wineries and breweries are responsible to pay the same taxes that in-state wineries and breweries currently pay. The Liquor Control Board must conduct a study of the current three tier and tied house systems and whether the system should be modified or updated. The LCB must work closely with stakeholders in conducting the study, and report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations by December 15, 2006.</p>		

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ESJM 8019	Federal-state international trade - The USTR is requested to create a Federal-State International Trade Policy Commission. The Commission is to serve as a resource for objective trade policy analysis and foster communication among federal and state trade policy officials.		
HB 2348	Aluminum smelters - The current tax incentives for aluminum smelters are extended through 2012. No local government fiscal impact.		
HB 2466	Tax relief for aerospace - Extends the current sales and use tax exemption for computers used in design, development and engineering of commercial airplanes and their components and B&O tax credit for aerospace design, development and engineering from only manufacturers to any person engaged in those activities. Adds leasehold excise tax to the credit available for property taxes paid on aerospace manufacturing facilities. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$300,000 loss each fiscal year.		
SHB 2640	Biotechnology product - State and local sales and use taxes are deferred for investments in construction or renovation of structure, or machinery and equipment, used for biotechnology product or medical device manufacturing. The deferred taxes need not be repaid unless the property is used for ineligible purposes. Such facilities would already qualify for a deferral in 34 counties. Effect of bill is to allow deferral for facility to locate in Snohomish county. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$450,000 each fiscal year.		
EHB 3159	Excise tax on food products - A B&O tax exemption is provided for dairy and seafood product manufacturing and for wholesale sales to purchasers who transport the goods outside the state in the ordinary course of business. The sales and use tax deferral/exemption program for investments in construction or renovation of structure, or machinery and equipment, used for fruit and vegetable processing is extended to include the manufacture of dairy or seafood products. The warehouse refund of the state's share of the sales tax is extended to dairy and seafood processors. These tax incentives expire on July 1, 2012. Exempts from sales and use taxes materials used in the packing of canned salmon. Lowers the B&O tax rate from 1.5% to .484% for persons inspecting, testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$12,000 to \$17,000 each fiscal year.		
SHB 3190	Semiconductor cluster - Tax incentives are provided for semiconductor materials manufacturing. A preferential B&O tax rate of .275% for businesses of manufacturing semiconductor materials is provided. A sales and use tax exemption for the sale of gases and chemicals used by a manufacturer in the manufacturing of semiconductor materials is provided. The tax incentives are contingent on a manufacturer making at least a \$350 million investment in an advanced semiconductor materials fabrication facility. No local government fiscal impact.		

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ESSB 6230	Public facilities districts - The 0.033% sales and use tax that is credited against the state tax for a regional center is extended to public facilities districts created before July 1, 2006, in a county or counties in which there are no other public facilities districts on the effective date of the bill and in which the total population in the public facilities district is greater than 90,000 that commences construction of a new regional center before February 1, 2007. Allows Chelan and Douglas counties to participate in this program.		
2SSB 6326	Customized work force - Creates the Washington Customized Employment Training Program to reduce the up-front costs of training for new and expanding firms. Gives preference to employers with fewer than fifty employees. Allows participating employers to receive a business and occupation tax credit for 50% of their customized training costs. No local government fiscal impact.		
ESB 6537	Shipment of wine - Any properly licensed wine manufacturer, whether licensed by Washington or another state, may ship its wine to a Washington resident who is 21 or older. Before the wine can be shipped, the winery must obtain a wine shipper's permit or be licensed as a domestic winery. Holders of a wine shipper's permit must pay the wine liter tax and collect and remit to DOR all applicable state and local taxes on all sales of wine delivered to buyers in this state. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$750,000 gain each fiscal year.		
2SSB 6558	Motion picture industry - Creates the Approved Motion Picture Competitiveness Program to provide funding assistance for film production related costs in order to improve the state's position in the film production industry. Authorizes a B&O tax for contributions to the program, up to \$1 million per taxpayer per year, subject to a state maximum of \$3.5 million in total credits. Motion picture production companies that receive funding assistance under the new program to complete an annual survey about the impacts on employment, wages, and benefits. JLARC will review the effectiveness of the program by December 1, 2010. No local government fiscal impact.		
SSB 6874	Timber tax incentives - The B&O tax rate is reduced for extracting or extracting for hire timber, or manufacturing or processing for hire logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, pulp, recycled paper products, paper and paper products, dimensional lumber, and engineered wood products, plywood, wood doors, and wood windows. The B&O tax rate reduced from .484% to .4235% until July 1, 2007 and then is further reduced to .2904% to July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2024. Starting July 1, 2007, a .052% surcharge is imposed on these taxpayers. The proceeds of the surcharge placed in a dedicated account and are used for implementation of the state's forests and fish report. The surcharge is suspended when the surcharge collections reach \$8 million in the biennium, or the federal budget contains at least \$2 million in appropriations to support tribal participation in forest and fish related activities. If the federal appropriation is less than \$2 million then the surcharge rate is reduced.		
Elections			

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3SHB 1226	<p>Campaign contribution limits - Campaign contribution limits are extended to apply to the following:</p> <p>1) candidates for county office in a county that has over 200,000 registered voters;</p> <p>2) candidates for a special purpose district office in districts authorized to provide freight and passenger transfer and terminal facilities and that have over 200,000 registered voters; and</p> <p>3) candidates for judicial office (Supreme, Appellate, Municipal, District and Superior courts).</p> <p>Contribution limits imposed for candidates for county office may not exceed an aggregate of \$700 per election from an individual, a union or business, or a political action committee. Limits imposed for candidates for special purpose district offices, the Washington Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, or Superior, District, and Municipal Courts may not exceed an aggregate of \$1,400 per election from an individual, a union or business, or a political action committee. Political party contribution limits also apply.</p>	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6323	<p>Campaign finance disclosure - Requires that a candidate in a political subdivision exempt from disclosure laws must comply with the reporting provisions of the public disclosure act if that candidate receives or expects to receive \$5,000 or more in contributions.</p>	To Gov	6/7/2006
Emergency Management			
HB 1305	<p>Emergency vehicles - Places in statute the current policy for background checks of applicants for authorized emergency vehicle permits through the systems of both the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation.</p>		6/7/2006
ESHB 1850	<p>Volunteer medical worker - Establishes a "retired volunteer medical worker" license for individuals assisting during an emergency or disaster, and provides immunity from civil liability for the volunteer and emergency management organizations.</p>		
SHB 2345	<p>Fire protection services - Provides for the creation and operation of a "Regional Fire Protection Service Authority. " An Authority can be created by the merger of two or more adjacent fire protection jurisdictions, including fire protection districts, cities, port districts, and Indian tribes.</p>		6/7/2006
HB 2366	<p>Privileged communication - Creates a testimonial privilege for communications made by a firefighter to a peer support group counselor while receiving counseling services.</p>		6/7/2006
SHB 2384	<p>State geological survey - Instructs the State Geological Survey to conduct and maintain an assessment of the volcanic, seismic, landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington.</p>		6/7/2006
SHB 2543	<p>911 advisory committee - Extends the expiration date for the Enhanced 911 Advisory Committee to 2011, and adds a seat on the committee for a representative of voice-over-internet services.</p>		6/7/2006

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HB 2606	Volunteer fire personnel - Clarifies that a volunteer firefighter working for a city, town, or fire district may also serve as an elected public official or hold an appointed public office.		6/7/2006
SHB 2715	Interoperability executive committee - Requires the State Interoperability Executive Committee to coordinate purchasing of all state wireless radio communications systems to ensure new equipment is Project-25 compliant.		6/7/2006
Environment, Land Use and Natural Resources			
ESHB 1020	Electrical transmission - Allows a person developing new transmission in excess of 115 kilovolts to seek site certification through the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council. Provides that, on or after July 1, 2007, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council must approve applications for siting of new transmission facilities or for expanding or reconstructing existing transmission facilities in corridors designated for these facilities by a county or city comprehensive land use plan when the county or city has taken certain steps.	To Gov	6/7/2006
HB 2330	Crab pot buoy tag program - The bill charges a buoy tag fee to holders of out-of-state crab fishing licenses who participate in Washington's coastal fishery. Out-of-state crab fishers must purchase and place Washington buoy tags on their crab pots when fishing in the federal waters off the Washington coast.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 2372	Hunter education - The Fish and Wildlife Commission is directed to develop nonmonetary incentives for hunter education instructors. The incentives offered for instructors may include additional hunting opportunities. Technical changes are made to the hunter education statute.	C 23 L 06	6/7/2006
SHB 2382	Bovine handling facilities - Partial immunity is provided to an owner, operator, or manager of a bovine handling facility, and the owner of bovine handled at a bovine handling facility, for personal injuries or death to a person who, knowingly and voluntarily, participates in bovine handling activities or enters the premises as a spectator of bovine handling activities. "Bovine handling facility" means an outdoor facility that is used for the normal and customary handling and husbandry of bovines, such as corrals. "Bovine handling activities" means normal and customary activities associated with the handling and husbandry of bovines.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 2384	State geological survey - The title of the supervisor of the state geological survey is changed from the Supervisor of Geology to State Geologist. Technical modifications are made to Chapter 43.92 RCW to update language. In addition to the current objectives of the state geological survey, the survey must conduct and maintain an assessment of seismic, landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington. This assessment must include the identification and mapping of volcanic, seismic, landslide, and tsunami hazards, an estimation of their potential consequences, and the likelihood of their occurrence. The maintenance of this assessment includes providing technical assistance to other agencies on the proper interpretation and application of the results of this assessment.		

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HB 2386	Commercial geoduck harvest - Commercial geoduck harvest would remain prohibited from areas shallower than 18 feet below mean lower low water. Although vessels conducting harvest operations would be required to remain seaward of a line 200 yards seaward from and parallel to the line of ordinary high tide, harvest shoreward of that line would not be prohibited.		
SHB 2416	State park fees - The Commission is prohibited from charging fees for general park access or parking.	To Gov	4/9/2006
SHB 2723	Real estate disclosure - The disclosure, required to be made by sellers of real property in regards to farm proximity and farm practices, is modified. It is no longer specified that the real property to be purchased lie within one mile of a farm, rather it is stated that the property "may lie within close proximity to a farm." The disclosure provides that "the operation of a farm involves usual and customary agricultural practices," protected by the Right to Farm Act, in place of stating that the farm may generate usual and ordinary noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions.		
SHB 2759	Transfer of real property - Without further monetary consideration, public bodies may transfer real property and facilities acquired, constructed, or improved using Referendum 29 or 37 bonds to nonprofit social service providers, in exchange for the promise to continually operate services benefiting the public on the site, subject to certain conditions. The nonprofit corporation is authorized to sell the property transferred to it, if certain conditions are satisfied.		
E2SHB 2860	Columbia river basin - Creates a new chapter to guide the appropriation of Columbia River mainstem waters. Creates the Columbia River Basin Water Supply Development Account. Requires studies, data collection, and inventories on water issues in the Columbia River basin.	C 6 L 06	7/1/2006
ESHB 2884	Reclaimed water - Requires the Department of Ecology to adopt new standards for reclaimed water use by the end of 2010.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 2917	Agricultural lands - Accessory agricultural-related activities and nonagricultural-related activities are allowable, as long as they are compatible in size, scale, and intensity of the existing agricultural use and will not interfere with the agricultural use of the property and neighboring properties. In addition, nonagricultural related activities, including building, parking or supportive services may not be located outside the area already developed and shall not convert more than one acre of agricultural land to nonagricultural use.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 3085	Public lands statutes - Chapter 381, Laws of 2003, is repealed and policy changes from the act are incorporated into the current statute. Changes include increasing the direct sales cap from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and exempting sales up to \$250,000 in value from the pamphlet publication requirements.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 3282	Hood Canal account - Creates the Hood Canal Aquatic Rehabilitation Account for programs and projects to protect and restore Hood Canal. No specific appropriation made to account.		6/7/2006
HJM 4031	Marine mammal protection act - Joint Memorial to Congress and the President requesting to preserve Section 5 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act to continue protecting Puget Sound by limiting tanker traffic.	Filed with Sec. of State	

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ESB 5179	Forest health study - The Forest Health Strategy Work Group (Work Group) was created by the Legislature in 2004 and directed to submit their findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 30, 2004. The expired Work Group is reconstituted with its original membership roster and goals. The Work Group is directed to hold a minimum of five meetings throughout the state so that public input can be gathered. The final recommendations of the Work Group are due to the Legislature by no later than December 30, 2006.	To Gov	6/7/2006
ESB 5232	Turkey tags - Requires a \$14 turkey tag for residents and a \$40 turkey tag for nonresidents to hunt for turkey. Provides that one-third of the moneys received from turkey tags is dedicated to turkey management and an additional one-third is dedicated to upland game bird management.	C 15 L 06	6/7/2006
ESSB 5385	Creating the Washington invasive species council - The Washington Invasive Species Council (Council) is created within the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation until the end of 2011 to provide policy level direction, planning, and coordination for combating harmful invasive species. For the purposes of the Council's scope, invasive species include non-native organisms that cause economic or environmental harm and are capable of spreading to new areas of the state.	To Gov	6/7/2006
ESSB 6151	Aquifer levels - Establishes a mechanism to allow the non-use of a groundwater right from the Odessa aquifer to avoid relinquishment if certain conditions are satisfied.	To Gov	Upon Signature
SB 6159	Fishing for albacore tuna - A recreational fishing license will be required to fish for albacore.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6161	Group fishing permits - In addition to current authority, the Director of DFW may set conditions and issue a group fishing permit to groups working in partnership with and participating in DFW outdoor education programs. At the discretion of the Director, a processing fee may be applied. The adoption of rules that set conditions under which group fishing permits are issued by DFW is made discretionary.	C 16 L 06	6/7/2006
ESSB 6244	Oil spill prevention - DOE is given additional direction regarding its current rulemaking covering transfers of oil associated with the risk posed to people and the environment. DOE may also require a person or facility to provide notice of the time, location, and volume of future intended oil transfers in situations DOE defines as posing a higher risk. Prior notice of an oil transfer is not required for a marine fuel outlet transferring less than three thousand of oil in a single transaction to a ship that is not a covered vessel when scheduled less than four hours in advance. DOE's authority over ship refueling and bunkering or lightering of petroleum products is expanded to include motor vehicles conducting those activities. DOE's standards for deployment of containment equipment during oil transfers may require, in addition to alternative measures, additional measures as deemed necessary to enhance safety. These additional measures must be scaled to the risk posed by the oil transfer. DOE is authorized to conduct inspections of regulated oil transfer operations that occur over state waters.		

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SSB 6369	Small water systems - Exempts water-sewer, irrigation, and public utility districts that provide water services to small customer bases from the public utility tax and business and occupation tax. Provides goals for the exemption. Requires districts that receive the exemption to file an annual report to the Department of Revenue regarding the use of the tax savings.	To Gov	Immediate
SB 6371	Dead animal disposal - Provides the Department of Agriculture with rule-making authority to prescribe the time frame and approved methods for disposing of livestock that die because of disease.	To Gov	6/7/2006
ESB 6376	Livestock inspection fees - Modifies certain livestock inspection fees and provisions administered by the Department of Agriculture.	To Gov	6/1/2006
SSB 6377	Milk sales - Declares it unlawful for any person to operate as a milk producer or milk processing plant without obtaining a license, or to sell raw milk from a dairy farm that is not so licensed. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Agriculture (Department) to take specified enforcement actions under certain conditions, and the person served to contest such actions through adjudicative proceedings. Directs the Department to convene a work group to identify barriers, solutions, best management practices, and other actions to assist small-scale dairies to become licensed.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6382	Equine industry - Authorizes the Washington horse racing commission to expend a statutorily limited amount of its operating funds for the development of the equine industry, improvement of racing facilities, and equine health research.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6401	Charter licenses - Establishes that charter boats include all vessels that charge a fee to fish, whether or not any fish are caught, or whether they are caught and then released. Clarifies that charter licenses are required on Lake Washington and in the area of the Columbia River below the Longview Bridge. Clarifies that Oregon charter vessels need a Washington charter license if they take on passengers in Washington.	To Gov	6/7/2006
ESSB 6427	Comprehensive plans - Counties with updates due in 2005, 2006, or 2007 that have a population of no more than 50,000 and a population increase of no more than 17 percent in the previous 10 years have 3 additional years to complete the update, including requirements to protect critical areas. Any cities with updates due in 2005, 2006, or 2007 that have a population of no more than 5,000 and a population increase of the greater of either 100 persons or no more than 17 percent in the previous 10 years, likewise have 3 additional years. A comprehensive plan can be amended more often than once a year for a planned action, as long as all public participation and notice requirements are observed.		
ESSB 6428	Electronic product recycling - Providing for Electronic product recycling. Requires manufacturers of covered electronic products offered for sale in Washington to register with DOE and to implement and finance the collection, transportation, and recycling of covered electronic products by January 1, 2009.		7/1/2006

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SSB 6439	Coastal crab fisheries - A coastal crab fishery license holder may not change designation to a vessel that exceeds the vessel length designated on the license on the date this provision takes effect by more than 10 feet. However, if a designation is the result of an emergency transfer, the applicable vessel length would be the most recent permanent vessel designation on the license prior to the effective date of this provision. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) must, by December 31, 2010, in cooperation with the coastal crab fishing industry, evaluate the effectiveness of this provision.	To Gov	6/7/2006
E2SSB 6581	Columbia river basin - \$250,000 of the state building construction account-state appropriation for fiscal year 2007 is provided solely to the Department of Ecology to work with interested parties in order to study instream flows in the Hanford Reach and the impact of flows on the ecological condition of the Hanford Reach especially as it relates to the needs of salmon and steelhead in that reach. The Department must report its findings to the Office of the Governor and to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature by July 1, 2007.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6617	Farms plans - Exempts farm plans (plans) developed by conservation districts from public disclosure requirements unless permission to release the plan has been granted by the landowner or operator requesting the plan, or the plan is used for applications or permit issuances. Specifies that plans developed under certain state water pollution control provisions that are not subject to the federal Clean Water Act are subject to specific dairy and animal feedlot disclosure requirements. Obligates conservation districts, before developing a plan, to inform the applicable landowner or operator of the types of information that are subject to public disclosure requirements.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SSB 6686	Local sales and use tax - Authorizes cities with a population of less than 400,000 in a county with a population of more than 600,000 to impose up to a 0.2 percent sales and use tax credited against the state tax to fund services to newly annexed areas. Annexed areas must have a population of at least 10,000.		
ESSB 6802	Air pollution control boards - Boards governing a single-county authority, with a population of 400,000 or more people, are comprised of: (1) three appointees of cities, one each from the two cities with the most population in the county and one appointee of the city selection committee representing the other cities; and (2) one representative designated by the board of county commissioners. These members then elect an additional citizen member who is a county resident and who has significant professional experience in the field of public health, air quality protection, or meteorology. The membership of the city selection committee, for a single county, consists of the mayor of each incorporated city and town within the county, except for the mayors of the cities with the most population who have already designated appointees to the board.	To Gov	6/7/2006

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SB 6861	Domestic water users - Requires the Department of Ecology to study and report on ways that stakeholders can better understand the competing interests of surface water users in basins currently involved in a water rights adjudication when water supplies are limited by a court order that curtails domestic water right use.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SCR 8423	Homeowners' assoc committee - The Homeowners' Association Act committee is created for the purpose of reviewing existing statutes and current issues affecting homeowners' associations. In particular, the committee will review the process for amending association governing documents, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, the budget ratification process, potential conflicts between existing statutes, and the process in which liens are placed on property for unpaid dues, among other concerns. A report on the committee's recommendations must be developed and submitted to the Legislature by September 1, 2007.	Filed with Secretary of State	
General Government			
HB 2617	Off-road vehicles - Cities with a population of less than 3000 persons may allow the use of off-road vehicles on streets and highways within its boundaries even if the regulations are less stringent than state statute. within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles. The legislative body of a county may, by ordinance, designate a road or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles if the road or highway is a direct connection between a city with a population of less than three thousand persons and an off-road vehicle recreation facility. ORVs operating on such streets or highways are exempt from the licensing and equipment standards that apply to vehicles operating on highway roads. For the purposes of liability, the bill states the following is not a fee: A daily charge not to exceed twenty dollars per person, per day, for access to a publicly owned ORV sports park, as defined in RCW 46.09.020, or other public facility accessed by a highway, street, or nonhighway road for the purposes of off-road vehicle use.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SHB 2908	Island county boundaries - The statutory boundary provisions for Island County are revised to include Strawberry, Baby, Minor, and Kalamut Islands.		
HB 3019	Charter counties - The parallel duties of county auditors and financial officers as ex officio deputy state auditors are clarified. The term "financial officer" applies to the holder of that office as designated in a charter county.	To Gov	6/7/2006
HB 3056	Payment of claims - Allows second-class cities or towns to pay claims out of solvent funds by check or warrant.		6/7/2006
SHB 3120	Tort claims against government - The claim filing statutes that apply to tort claims against governments are amended to specifically provide that they apply to claims against officers, employees, or volunteers of state or local government when acting in that capacity. Provides that a tort claim against an officer, employee, or volunteer of government must be properly filed before a civil suit may be commenced.		6/7/2006

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SSB 6225	Domestic water pumping system - A system is created within L&I to coordinate the registration of both the plumbing and electrical aspects of a person who installs, maintains, and repairs the pressurization and filtration equipment that acquires, treats, stores, and moves water for domestic use, including irrigation, to one or more residences, or certain owner-operated farms.	To Gov	6/7/2006
SB 6541	Tobacco master settlement - Regarding appeal bond requirements against signatories of the tobacco master settlement agreement. Limits to \$100 million the amount of a supersedeas bond that a tobacco manufacturer participating in the Master Settlement Agreement must post to stay execution of a civil judgment.		6/7/2006
SSB 6555	Special purpose districts - Authorizes the Municipal Research Council to contract for the provision of consulting and research services to special purpose districts. Provides a funding mechanism for the provision of consulting and research services to special purpose districts. Requires the Municipal Research Council to provide a report to the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Committee by June 30, 2010.	To Gov	6/7/2006
Health Insurance, Human Services, Housing & Juvenile Justice			
ESHB 1080	Dependent persons - Expands categories of caretakers who can be found guilty of criminal mistreatment		6/7/2006
SHB 1107	Children with disabilities - Requires school districts to participate with counties in 0 - 3 programs for children with developmental disabilities.		Excluding Sec. 3 -- Eff. 9/1/09
EHB 1383	Health savings account - Requires Public Employees Benefit Board to develop health savings accounts w/ high deductible health plans as option		6/7/2006
4SHB 1483	Investing in youth program - Codifies the recent pilots and establishes research-based early intervention grant programs for juvenile justice involved youth.		7/1/2006
ESHB 1672	Safe patient handling - Establishes a Safe Patient Handling Cmte and Program including acquisition of lifting equipment requirement for all hospitals incl state mental hospitals.		6/7/2006
2SHB 2002	Foster care support services - Establishes a pilot foster care program for youth up to age 21 who remain in school.		6/7/2006
2SHB 2292	Health care liability reform - Includes: (1) Patient Safety through no fault apology statements ; immunity from damages for reporting unprofessional conduct, requires prescription legibility, DOH notification of adverse events; (2) Insurance industry reform - medical malpractice reports to Insurance Commissioner; (3) Health liability reform - 8 year statute of limitations except for minors, filing of certificate of merit, voluntary arbitration systems, arbitration award cap, and limited appeal of arbitration.	C 8 L 06	6/7/2006
HB 2328	Insanity defense - Authorizes defendant's privilege to refuse to answer questions mental exam but if used, defendant forfeits use of their own expert at trial.		6/7/2006
SHB 2333	Home care agency workers - Authorizes health care benefit parity for agency home care workers.	C 9 L 06	7/1/2006

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2SHB 2342	Health care declarations - Establishes an automated registry for advance directives including primary health care and mental health.		6/7/2006
E2SHB 2353	Family child care providers - Established collective bargaining for family child care providers.		6/7/2006 except Sec. 1 - 5 effective immediately
SHB 2370	Low-income home energy assistance - Funds the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.	C 3 L 06	Emergency Clause
SHB 2376	Cost-sharing/medical program - Prohibits DSHS from imposing premiums on children in households at or below 200% FPL	C 24 L 06	6/7/2006
HB 2380	Transfers to minors act - Raises age of cont. custodianship to 25 and age at which minor can exercise certain rights to 18.		7/1/2007
SHB 2394	Financial literacy - Requires a financial literacy component be added to the Workfirst Program		1/1/2007
HB 2406	Insurance statutes - Deletes duplicate health carrier compensation report to Insurance Commissioner & adds Tri-Care to list of those excluded from definition of health plan	C 25 L 06	6/7/2006
E2SHB 2418	Affordable Housing - Up to \$25 million authorized for affordable housing and placed in Housing Trust Fund, only specified recipient is \$4 million to Homeless Families Services Fund, CTED to implement Homeless Management Information System, counties required to develop capacity for continuous case management for all homeless, CTED required to study waiting list database, CTED required to create affordable housing database, allows dissolution of joint housing authorities.		6/7/2006
SHB 2471	Veteran homeownership - Requires Hsg Finance Comm to create Veterans Downpayment Homeownership Assistance Program.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2475	Collective bargaining regarding hours - Requires collective bargaining be instituted for hours of work by independent providers.		Emergency Clause
SHB 2500	Health carrier information - Requires annual financial & enrollment data report to Insurance Commissioner		6/7/2006
HB 2501	Mental health services - Technical fix clarifying the exemption of small group plans from mental health parity bill from 2005.		Emergency Clause
HB 2562	Flavored malt beverage - Clarifies flavored malt beverages are included in definition of beer		6/7/2006
HB 2567	Methamphetamine precursors - Adds iodine, iodine matrix or methysulfonylmethane methamphetamine precursor drugs to criminal penalties' sections.		6/7/2006

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E2SHB 2572	Small employer health insurance - Allows small employers to receive subsidized health insurance through the Basic Health Plan for their employees with incomes less than 200% FPL & requires DSHS to request federal authority to shift excess Children's Insurance Program funds to the BHP.		6/7/2006
SHB 2573	Health information technology - Requires promotion of use of health technology systems incl electronic medical records and pilot in city, county and DOC facility with recs for statewide implementation.		6/7/2006
E2SHB 2575	Establishing a health technology assessment program - Establishes a health technology clinical committee. Requires the administrator, in consultation with participating agencies and the committee, to select the health technologies to be reviewed by the committee under this act. Up to six may be selected for review in the first year after the effective date of this act, and up to eight may be selected in the second year after the effective date of this act. In making the selection, priority shall be given to any technology for which: (1) There are concerns about its safety, efficacy, or cost-effectiveness, especially relative to existing alternatives, or significant variations in its use; (2) Actual or expected state expenditures are high, due to demand for the technology, its cost, or both; and (3) There is adequate evidence available to conduct the complete review.		6/7/2006
EHB 2716	Nursing facility payment - Recalculates the nursing home funding formula		7/1/2006
2SHB 2754	Veterans Innovations Program - The bill creates the veterans innovations program account, and repeals the account, effective June 30, 2017. Earnings from investments will be credited to the general fund.		6/7/2006
SHB 2759	Transfer of real property - Authorizes the continuation of providing real property and facilities purchased with Referendum 29 or 37 funds to non-profits for less than fair market value under specific conditions.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2848	Domestic violence information - Communications between domestic violence advocates and victims privileged and may not be disclosed without consent of victim.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2925	Assisted living facility - Requires DSHS to establish capital add-on rate for assisted living facilities w/ medicaid occupancy of 60% or greater.		7/1/2006
2SHB 2964	Department of early learning - Creates the Department of Early Learning which includes ECAP from CTED and child care from DSHS		7/1/2006
HB 2972	Community rates/health plans - Requires use of adjusted community rates when individual insured is member of a purchasing pool & Insurance Commissioner to seek federal opinion on legality of certain pools before impl.		6/7/2006.
ESHB 2984	Affordable housing incentive - Authorizes cities, towns and counties to implement affordable housing incentive programs.		6/7/2006
SHB 2985	Foster care health unit - Requires the Children's Administration, DSHS to established foster care health unit to ensure medical dental and mental health care for children in foster care. (Expected veto request from DSHS).		6/7/2006
HB 3048	Family support act - Uniform Interstate Family Support Act 2002 amendments adopted effective 1-01-07.		6/7/2006

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2SHB 3070	Nonprofit housing - Increases bond limit for Housing Finance Commission to \$4.5billion.		6/7/2006
ESHB 3079	Health care services - Annual report required on employment status of those on BHP and Medicaid. Reporting requirements to Legislature on the number of Basic Health Plan enrollees and medical assistance recipients who report being employed or report being the dependent of someone who was employed and the total cost to the state for these enrollees. Information to be reported by employer for employees having more than 50 employees as enrollees or recipients, or with dependents as enrollees or recipients.		6/7/2006
2SHB 3115	Foster care critical support - Authorizes short-term therapeutic and educational services for certain high-risk categories of foster care children, & report and recs from DSHS on Child Abuse and Neglect policies and procedures including destruction of unfounded reports, & share information on behavioral, emotional and sexually reactive children with caregivers (Partial veto from DSHS expected).		6/7/2006
HB 3122	Child protective services - Adds CPS, CWS, APS workers to those against whom stalking is a class c felony & creates worker reimbursement programs for some of the costs of an assault.		6/7/2006
HB 3139	Kinship caregivers - Clarifies authority of kinship caregivers to authorize mental health treatment excluding parent-initiated commitment alternative..		6/7/2006
HB 3156	Low-income persons - Creates pilots for building economic self-sufficiency through asset building for community action agencies.		6/7/2006
SHB 3182	Tribal foster care licensing - Expands licensing authority to include homes on or near federally recognized Indian reservation and provides for immunity from claims against these homes.		6/7/2006
HB 3205	Conditional release - Authorizes sexually violent predators to be detained by local law enforcement while on conditional release and to be returned either to secure community treatment facility or to local jail.		6/7/2006
ESSB 5305	Mercury-containing vaccines - Restricts vaccines containing mercury believed to contribute to developmental disabilities and other disabilities.		6/7/2006
2ESB 5714	Breast & cervical cancer - DOH authorized to administer an early detection program for breast and cervical cancer for women ages 40 - 64 with income at or below 250% FPL.		6/7/2006
2SSB 5717	K-12 skill centers - Expands skill centers which provide services for youth with learning/behavioral disorders.		6/7/2006
SSB 5838	Hepatitis C treatments - Under the state's prescription drug program, the requirement that a pharmacist exchange a preferred drug for any non-preferred drug does not apply to a refill of an immunomodulator/antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C for which an established, fixed duration of therapy is prescribed for at least 24 weeks, but not more than 48 weeks.		6/7/2006

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SSB 6185	Family & medical leave act - Portions of the state Family Leave Law are amended to conform in part to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. The act applies to all employers in the state, including local governments which employ 50 or more employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year. An employee is entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of leave in a 12 month period for certain conditions.		6/7/2006
SSB 6188	Prostate cancer screening - After December 31, 2006, health plans are required to cover prostate cancer screening, provided that the screening is delivered upon the recommendation of a patient's physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.		6/7/2006
SB 6231	Private air ambulances - Private air ambulance services that solicit and accept membership subscriptions, charge fees and provide services are not considered to be insurers under Washington State statutes, if they meet licensure and aeromedical transport services criteria, have been in operation in Washington for a minimum of 2 years, and submit evidence of compliance to the OIC.		6/7/2006
E2SSB 6239	Controlled substances - AG's meth bill including funding for review of local meth action teams, state incentive for enacting 1/10th cent sales tax authorized in 2005 for MH/SA treatment, local narcotics task forces, expanding contaminated property authority, and enhanced sentencing for meth-related crimes. (Debbie and Sophia may add or change)		6/7/2006 excluding sec. 108 effective 1- 1-07
SSB 6287	Parking for legally blind - Expands disabled parking privileges to legally blind if also have limited mobility.		6/7/2006
SB 6368	Nursing facility bed tax - Repeals nursing home bed tax.		7/1/2007
SB 6373	Boarding homes - Current bed hold policy of 20 days continued.		6/7/2006
ESSB 6391	Long-term care settings - Allows supportive services to be provided to non-residents of continuing care retirement communities living in the independent senior housing setting.		6/7/2006
E2SSB 6459	Community-based health care - Codifies and funds community-based health care programs which connect low-income to treatment through the Community Health Care Collaborative Grant Program.		6/7/2006
SSB 6533	Syrup taxes - Authorizes B&O tax credit against pop syrup tax authorized in Ref. 43 for substance abuse treatment		7/1/2006
SSB 6572	Landlord-tenant act - Changes unlawful detainer processes.		6/7/2006
ESSB 6580	Sex & kidnapping offenders - Requires OSPI to convene work group to develop model policy for schools to follow when notified a juvenile sex offender is enrolled.		6/7/2006
SSB 6613	Internet gambling - Prohibits internet gambling.		6/7/2006
E2SSB 6630	Threatening individuals - Codified DSHS policies and procedures regarding the Community Protection Program for persons with developmental disabilities.		Emergency Clause
ESSB 6635	Adoption - DSHS required to create standardized training for employees about multi-ethnic and inter-ethnic adoptions, DOH to set up data base, AG may bring consumer protection action for unauthorized advertising.		6/7/2006

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SB 6637	Adult family home providers - Requires 48 hr training before being granted license for adult family home.		6/7/2006
SB 6658	Mental health counselors - Authorizes supervised experience by an equally qualified mental health practitioner to qualify for requirements to be a mental health counselor.		6/7/2006
ESB 6741	Services to children - Extends the life of the Administration and Delivery of Services to Children Task Force additional year to 12-1-06 and adds representatives from OSPI and Public Defenders.		6/7/2006
2SSB 6793	Persons with mental disorder - Amends Request for Proposals process for Regional Support Networks who failed 2005 Request for Qualifications; adds prohibitions against lawsuits against DSHS by local government; and changes responsibilities for short and long-term commitments to the state mental hospitals.		7-01-06 except sections 101- 103, 107, 202,301 effective immediately
SSB 6806	Domestic violence - Creates Domestic Violence Hope Card Study Committee.		6/7/2006
SSB 6851	Mobile/manufactured homes - Park owners must incl list of tenants when they report to CTED regarding conversion or closure, must include information regarding closure in all leases w/ tenants.		6/7/2006
Law & Justice			
SHB 1650	Citations and infractions - Removes the requirement that a person cited for a traffic infraction sign the notice of infraction or citation.		
HB 1966	Identity Theft - Adds identity theft in the 1st and 2nd degree to the list of designated "crimes against persons," a conviction of which allows for additional restrictions at sentencing.		
HB 2328	Insanity defense - Removes a defendant's statutory privilege against self-incrimination during an insanity defense mental examination. Prevents a defendant's mental condition expert from testifying at trial if the defendant fails to cooperate during an insanity defense mental examination.		6/7/2006
HB 2367	Tribal police officers - Authorizes the Criminal Justice Training Commission to grant, deny or revoke the certification of tribal officers employed by a tribal government that has requested certification for its police officers.	C 22 L 06	1/1/2007

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HB 2409	Sex/kidnapping offenders - Requires sex and kidnapping offenders to provide "complete " addresses when registering with the sheriff. Decreases time within which offenders from out of state must register from 30 days to 72 hours. Requires homeless offenders to list where they stayed during the previous week, and where they plan to stay during the forthcoming week, when they report to the county sheriff. The bill also amends SSB 6775.		Effective Immediately, except for Section 2, which because of prior double amendment, takes effect 9/1/06.
HB 2454	Sexual assault advocates - Amends current law to clarify that communications "made between" a sexual assault victim and sexual assault advocate are privileged.		6/7/2006
SHB 2481	Insuring victims of crimes - Prohibits insurers from taking adverse underwriting actions in response to claims stemming from the crime of arson or malicious mischief.		6/7/2006
E2SHB 2575	Health technology assessment - Hospitals, integrated delivery systems, and providers to adopt health information technologies (including medical records) by 2012. The DOC, in consultation with the sheriffs and		6/7/2006
HB 2612	Failure to secure a load - Expands eligibility for Crime Victims Compensation funds to include persons who are victims of the crime of "failure to secure a load."		6/7/2006
SHB 2654	Sex offender treatment - A sex offender treatment provider may not provide treatment to any convicted sex offender if the provider has been convicted of a sex offense. The DOH may not issue a certificate or affiliate certificate to any sex offender treatment provider that has been convicted of a sex offense.		6/7/2006
HB 2704	Organized retail theft - Three new theft-related crimes are established: theft with the intent to resell, organized retail theft, and retail theft with extenuating circumstances. These are intended to target organized groups that steal very large quantities from retailers.		6/7/2007
2SHB 2805	Missing persons - Requires investigators to file a missing person report and collect DNA samples when a person reported missing has not been found within 30 days of the report or at any time the investigator suspects criminal activity to be the basis of the victim being missing. Requires the State Patrol to store descriptive information and dental records collected from a missing person in the agency's missing persons database. WASPC will create a website with relevant information about missing persons. WACO will develop protocols to improve reporting and investigation of missing persons.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2848	Domestic violence info - Makes communications between a domestic violence victim and a DV advocate privileged. Prohibits a DV program from disclosing information about a recipient of services unless the recipient consents or unless required by statute or court order.		6/7/2006

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SHB 2876	Sound & video recordings by law enforcement - Amends current law to limit the requirement for simultaneous operation of audio and video equipment in a law enforcement vehicle to only "when the operating system has been activated for an event." Once an event has been recorded, the audio equipment may be turned off.		6/7/2006
HB 2932	LEOFFRS disability allowance - LEOFF 2 members totally disabled in the line of duty are entitled to a disability allowance equal to 70 percent of final average salary, except that the total disability benefit is reduced to the extent that in combination with Workers' Compensation payments and Social Security disability benefits, the disabled member would not receive more than 100 percent of final average salary.		Immediately
SHB 2933	LEOFFRS death benefit - Extends the LEOFF 2 line-of-duty death benefit to survivors of members who die as a result of certain occupational diseases arising from employment.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2951	Firearms training for retired law enforcement - To satisfy requirements contained in the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004, a process is created for issuing firearms certificates to Washington residents who are qualified retired law enforcement officers.		6/7/2006
HB 2991	Metropolitan park districts - Metropolitan park districts must adopt requirements for criminal record checks, through the Washington State Patrol, for job applicants, volunteers, and independent contractors who have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults or who handle money or credit card payments. Current permanent employees are exempt from this requirement.		
HB 3205	Conditional release - A law enforcement officer responding to a request from DSHS may apprehend a sexually violent predator who is living at a Secure Community Transition Facility (SCTF) if the officer believes the offender is not complying with the terms of his or her conditional release. The person may be detained in the county jail or may be returned to the SCTF.		6/7/2006
HB 3252	Sex offenders - In order to be eligible for a Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative (SSOSA), an offender must admit he or she committed the underlying offense. A SSOSA is not available to an offender who enters an Alford plea.		6/7/2006
EHB 3261	Sentence review board - Adds more members to the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB). Requires the ISRB to provide opportunities for input from victims when reviewing a "determinate-plus" offender for possible release.		Immediately

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HB 3277	Sex offense/special verdict - Authorizes special verdicts that would result in harsher punishment for certain sex offenses against children and vulnerable adults by increasing the minimum sentences to 25 years or the maximum of the standard sentence range, whichever is greater, when a special allegation is made and proven beyond a reasonable doubt.		Effective Immediately, except for sections 5 and 7, which, because of prior double amendments, take effect on 7/1/06.
HB 3317	DUI penalties - Makes drunk driving a felony, ranked as a seriousness level V if the offender: (a) has four or more prior offenses within 10 years; or (b) has ever been convicted of vehicular assault or vehicular homicide while under the influence. Presumptive sentence range is 22 - 29 months in state prison.		7/1/2007
SSB 5042	Statute of limits/felonies - For all felony sex offense cases, the time period for the statute of limitations begins to run on the date the crime was committed or 1 year from the date on which the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by DNA testing, whichever is later.		6/7/2006
SSB 5654	Criminal justice officials - Prohibits publication of information that poses a serious and imminent threat to criminal-justice-system personnel or their families. Provides exceptions for information published in good faith by auditors and assessors. Creates a civil cause of action against a person who publishes personal information about criminal-justice personnel or their families on the internet.		6/7/2006
SSB 6144	Sex offender registration - Released sex offenders coming to Washington from out of state, including those who are returning Washington residents, and who are required to register with law enforcement, must complete that registration within 3 days of establishing or re-establishing Washington residency.		9/1/2006
2SSB 6172	Sex offenders - Possession of depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct is raised from a class C to a class B felony. It is defined as a "sex offense" and ranked at a seriousness level VI for sentencing purposes. Voyeurism is ranked at a seriousness level II for sentencing purposes. Communication with a minor for immoral purposes includes electronic communications.		6/7/2006

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E2SSB 6239	<p>Controlled substances - Counties who impose the sales tax authorized in SB 5763 (passed 2005) may seek up to \$100,000 from the Legislature for additional mental health or substance abuse treatment. Pilot projects are established to provide drug task forces to three rural parts of the state. Local health officers (LHOs) in consultation with law enforcement are granted authority to seek a warrant to conduct inspections of property. LHOs are granted the authority to issue emergency, 72-hour orders when they determine the order is necessary to protect public health. In addition to condemning or demolishing contaminated property, city or county officials may take additional actions such as prohibiting use, occupancy, or removal of property, or order its decontamination. DOE, in consultation with local health jurisdictions and their corresponding city or county governments, will conduct a pilot program to demonstrate application of existing MTCA and other available resources to cleanup methamphetamine contaminated property for public purpose. Sentence enhancements for ranked drug offenses are to be served consecutively.</p>		6/7/2006
SSB 6308	<p>Committee on offender programs - A joint task force is created to review offender programs, sentencing, and supervision upon re-entry into the community, with the stated goal of increasing public safety, maximizing rehabilitation, and lowering recidivism. A report must be presented to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature by 11/15/06. WSAC has a seat on the task force.</p>		6/7/2006
2SSB 6319	<p>Sex offender registration - Clarifies that any knowing non-compliance with the sex offender registration statute constitutes the crime of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Second and subsequent convictions for the offense are ranked at seriousness level II, which results in a mandatory prison term.</p>		6/7/06, except for section 2, which, because of prior double amendments , takes effect 9/1/06
SSB 6320	<p>Sex offender information - WASPC must convene a sex-offender model policy work group to conduct community meetings around state to identify best practices on registration, community notification, and strategies for sex-offender management. The work group's final draft model policy will be presented to WASPC for adoption. If adopted, WASPC must train law enforcement on the new policy across the state. Subject to future funding, WASPC is authorized to continue to conduct workshops</p>		6/7/2006
SSB 6325	<p>Sex offender residences - Removes the expiration date for provisions that prohibit certain sex offenders from living in close proximity to schools. Pre-empts local ordinances on the same subject. Requires the Association of Washington Cities in consultation with other stakeholders (including WSAC) to adopt consensus standards regarding residency restrictions for sex offenders and make recommendations to the Legislature by 12/31/07. If AWC fails to submit consensus standards, the statewide pre-emption remains permanently in effect.</p>		6/7/2006

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SSB 6406	Assault of child/second degree - Assault of a child in the 2nd degree with sexual motivation is added to the list of two-strikes crimes and to the list of crimes subject to determinate-plus sentencing.		6/7/2006
SSB 6417	Sexual conduct with animal - Animal cruelty in the first degree is committed when a person knowingly engages in or aids another person to engage in sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal. A person who knowingly permits such conduct on premises under his or her control or who knowingly participates as an observer, organizer, promoter, or advertiser is also guilty of animal cruelty in the first degree. Animal cruelty in the first degree is a class C felony ranked at seriousness level III.		6/7/2006
2SSB 6460	Crime with sexual motivation - A statutory sexual motivation enhancement is created for sentencing purposes. Additional time in total confinement, consecutive to all other sentencing, must be served if a conviction includes a special verdict or judicial finding that the crime underlying the conviction was committed with sexual motivation. If a previous sentence has included a sexual motivation enhancement, the time that must be served in total confinement for subsequent sexual motivation enhancements doubles.		7/1/2006
SSB 6519	Sex offender registration - A level II or III sex offender with a fixed residence must report to the county sheriff in person every 90 days. .		6/7/06, except for section 2, which, because of prior double amendments , takes effect on September 1, 2006.
SB 6568	Animal fighting - Clarifies that the offense of "animal fighting" requires knowing promotion, organization, participation in, advertisement, or performance of any service in the furtherance of animal fighting. Also clarifies that the offense includes being a spectator, as well as that the prohibited wagering activity may occur at any place.		6/7/2006
SB 6576	Sex offender information - The information relevant to a particular registered sex offender that a county sheriff must forward to the Washington State Patrol, for inclusion in the state's central registry of sex and kidnapping offenders, must include the sex offender's risk level classification.		6/7/2006
ESSB 6580	Sex & kidnapping offenders - The OSPI is required to convene a workgroup to develop a model policy for schools to follow when receiving notification from the sheriff's office that a sex offender is enrolled.		6/7/2006

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SSB 6613	Internet gambling - The internet and telecommunications systems are added to the list of means over which a person is prohibited from knowingly transmitting or receiving wagers or other gambling information. The penalty is increased from a gross misdemeanor to a Class C felony. The Lottery Commission is prohibited from offering any game where the internet can be used to buy tickets or chances.		6/7/2006
SB 6731	Sellers of travel - Creates a new crime of "promoting travel for prostitution." is created. A person commits the offense if he/she knowingly sells or offers to sell travel services that include or facilitate travel for the purpose of patronizing a prostitute or promoting prostitution. Violation of this provision is an unranked class C felony,		6/7/2006
SSB 6806	Domestic violence - Establishes the "domestic violence hope card study committee" to review the advisability of providing wallet-size cards to victims of domestic violence that document the existence of a protection order and provide identifying information regarding the respondent, including a photograph, and contents of a protection order in addition to contact information for the victim to utilize the court system, gain access to domestic violence services, and contact law enforcement;		6/7/2006
SHB 2407	Monitoring sex offenders - Authorizes state DOC to electronically monitor certain sex offenders as a condition of community custody using the most appropriate monitoring technology given the individual circumstances of the offender. Provides immunity from civil liability for state and local governments and employees.		6/7/2006
SHB 2415	Victim of uninsured motorist - An insurer is required to provide coverage whether or not an incident was intentional unless the insurer can demonstrate that the covered person intended to cause the damage for which the covered person is seeking coverage. If the covered person was the intended victim of a tortfeasor, the incident must be reported to law enforcement and the covered person must cooperate with any related investigation.		6/7/2006
SSB 6775	Criminal trespass/children - Allows facilities that provide services to children to exclude certain sex offenders from the premises of the facilities. Provides immunity from civil liability to these facilities for ejecting an offender or failing to eject an offender. Imposes criminal liability on an offender who remains within, or returns to, a facility that has excluded him or her.		Immediately
Pensions & Labor			
SHB 2538	Warrants/chapter 49.17 RCW - Provides that L&I must obtain consent when entering a worksite under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act. Authorizes L&I to request a court to issue and authorizes a court to grant a search warrant for inspection under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act.		6/7/2006
SHB 2537	Workers' comp applications - Creates an L & I pilot project allowing participating employers to assist workers in filing industrial insurance claims.		6/7/2006

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SHB 2608	VFF&RO's relief & pension - Adds performance of other officially assigned secondary duties, including maintenance, public education, inspections and being on standby under the orders of the chief to the definition of "performance of duty" for members of the Volunteer Fire Fighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension System.	C 26 L 06	6/7/2006
HB 2681	Retirement contribution rate - Sets minimum contribution rates beginning in 2009 for amortizing the unfunded liability in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) Plan 1 of 2.68 percent of compensation. Sets a process for determining the minimum employer/employee contribution rates beginning in 2009 for PERS, TRS, and SERS Plans 2 & 3.		7/1/2009
SHB 2684	Vesting after 5 years - The vesting requirement in Plans 3 of PERS, TERS, and SERS is reduced to 5 years of service for those members who complete at least 1 year of service after age 44.		6/7/2006
ESHB 2685	Public safety employees' retirement system - Replaces the list of job classes that are eligible for participation in the Public Safety Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) with a set of membership criteria. Sets specific criteria for eligible positions.		Immediately
SHB 2688	LEOFFRS plan 1 - Removes the 60 percent of final average salary cap on retirement allowances paid by LEOFF 1, which had been applied to some plan members but not all. Establishes a joint executive task force to determine how local government can fund post-retirement medical benefits LEOFF 1 members.		Part 6/7/06; part 7/1/06
HB 2690	Additional service credit - Permits members of the PERS, TERS & SERS Plans 1, 2 and 3, the PSERS Plan 2, LEOFF Plan 1, and the Washington State Patrol Retirement System to purchase up to five years of service credit at full actuarial value. Allows a member purchasing service to pay for all or part of the cost with a transfer from an eligible retirement account.		7/1/2006
HB 3134	Compensation for disability - Requires L&I to calculate the reduction in industrial insurance benefits per federal Social Security benefits using a formula in federal law and guidelines in state law.		6/7/2006
SHB 3185	Wage payment requirements - For violations of wage payment requirements, authorizes L&I to order payment of wages owed, including interest and, for willful violations of wage payment requirements, civil penalties. Establishes procedures for administrative review of citations and notices of assessment, and for collection of unpaid wages, interest, and civil penalties.		6/7/2006
EHB 3278	Unemployment insurance - Re-enacts sections of a 2003 law defining "good cause" for leaving a job, and applies retroactively to unemployment claims effective on or after 1/4/04.	C 12 L 06	6/7/2006
SSB 6185	Family & medical leave act - The state Family Leave Law is amended to conform to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, which has been the applicable law.		6/7/2006
SB 6264	Disability pension options - Workers' compensation total permanent disability pensioners will receive their full monthly benefit if their designated beneficiary dies, or in the case of a designated spouse, they become divorced. Currently, workers may not have the ability to restore their full allowable benefit in the event their designated beneficiary dies or they are divorced.		6/7/2006
SB 6411	Collective bargaining - The length of collective bargaining agreements between local government and an exclusive bargaining representative is changed from three years to six years.		6/7/2006

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SB 6453	Minimum monthly benefit - The \$1,000 alternative minimum benefit in PERS 1 and TRS 1 is extended to members who have at least 20 years of service and who have been retired for at least 25 years. A 3 percent annual increase is added to the \$1,000 minimum benefit.		7/1/2006
SB 6723	LEOFFRS killed at work - The retirement allowance paid to survivors of LEOFF 2 members killed in the line of duty includes reimbursement for the cost of participating in a PEBB health insurance plan.		6/7/2006
ESSB 6885	Unemployment insurance - Retains the weekly benefit using "two quarter averaging." Modifies the voluntary quit provisions applicable to mandatory military transfers. Requires the Employment Security Department to study and report to the Legislature by 12/1/06, on: (1) repeat episodes of unemployment; (2) rate class 40 employers; (3) employer turnover; and (4) fraud prevention methods.	C 13 L 06	6/7/2006
ESSB 6896	State funding stabilization - The Pension Funding Stabilization Account is established for the purpose of making employer contributions to specified state-funded retirement systems, subject to legislative appropriation. Monies in the account will be invested by the State Investment Board, with the investment earnings retained in the account. New supplemental employer contribution rates are established for the purpose of reducing the unfunded actuarial liabilities of plan 1 of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System. Beginning January 1, 2007, a 1.77 percent contribution is established as part of the basic state and employer contribution rate for all plans in PERS and PSERS.		Immediately
SHB 2691	Retirement for justices - Justices and Superior Court and Court of Appeals judges have the option of ceasing participation in the Judicial Retirement Account, and accruing service in PERS at higher benefit multipliers. District/municipal judges may participate, but there is to be no employer contribution and the judge must bear the full cost		1/1/2007
HB 2932	LEOFFRS disability allowance - LEOFF 2 members totally disabled in the line of duty are entitled to a disability allowance equal to 70 percent of final average salary, except that the total disability benefit is reduced to the extent that in combination with Workers' Compensation payments and Social Security disability benefits, the disabled member would not receive more than 100 percent of final average salary.		Immediately
SHB 2933	LEOFFRS death benefit - Extends the LEOFF 2 line-of-duty death benefit to survivors of members who die as a result of certain occupational diseases arising from employment.		6/7/2006
Public Health			
3SHB 1458	On-site sewage/marine areas - Requires on site management plans to be in place for all Puget Sound Counties. Requires inventory of all known and unknown systems.	C 18 L 06	6/7/2006
ESHB 1850	Volunteer medical worker - Establishes a retired volunteer medical worker license for an applicant who, among other things, submits proof of registration as a volunteer with a local organization for emergency services or management. Licensed holders must be supervised and may practice only those duties that correspond to the scope of their emergency worker assignment not to exceed their scope of practice prior to retirement. Provides immunity to local government or any other agency utilizing a covered volunteer for any act or omission while engaged in a covered activity and meeting certain criteria.		6/7/2006

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SHB 2573	Health info technology - Establishes state health technology assessment programs - required to meet federal requirements.		6/7/2006
2SHB 2964	Department of early learning - Establishes a new cabinet agency to implement early learning policy, to coordinate, consolidate and integrate child care and early learning to promote and efficient use of funds and to collaborate with K-12 school system to improve transitions from Pre-K environments to kindergarten. Takes programs from DSHS, OSPI, & CTED: Child Care Licensing and Quality; child care tiered reimbursement system; child-care career & wage ladder; child-care Partnership Employer Liaison; Child Care Resource & Referral Network; Early Childhood Education Assistance Program, Head Start Collaboration; Early Learning Reading Initiative; and Working Connections.		6/7/2006
ESB 5048	Tobacco product sampling - Prohibits Tobacco Sampling in Washington	C 14 L 06	6/7/2006
ESSB 5305	Mercury-containing vaccines - Beginning 7/1/07 a person who is pregnant or under age 3 may not be vaccinated with a vaccine or injected with a product that contains more than 0.5 micrograms of mercury per 0.5 milliliter dose, except for flu vaccine which may contain up to 1.0 micrograms per 0.5 milliliter dose. Secretary of Health may suspend these requirements in an emergency.		6/7/2006
2ESB 5714	Breast & cervical cancer - Authorizes DOH to establish an early detection breast and cervical cancer screening program for women 40 - 64 with income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level as funds are available.		6/7/2006
SSB 6185	Family & medical leave act - Portions of the state Family Leave Law are amended to conform in part to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. The act applies to all employers in the state, including local governments which employ 50 or more employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year. An employee is entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of leave in a 12 month period for certain conditions.		6/7/2006
SSB 6188	Prostate cancer screening - After December 31, 2006, health plans are required to cover prostate cancer screening, provided that the screening is delivered upon the recommendation of a patient's physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.		6/7/2006
2SSB 6193	Health profession work force - Every two years the DOH, in collaboration with the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board, must distribute a voluntary survey to licensed health care providers. At a minimum the survey collects data related to age, gender, race, ethnicity, areas of practice, zip code of practice location, years in practice, and type of facility where a provider practices. DOH required to report on the effectiveness of the survey program by 7/1/2009. The act expires on 1/1/2012.		6/7/2006
ESB 6194	Multicultural educational/health - The DOH is required to establish an ongoing multi-cultural health awareness and education program. Multi-cultural health is defined. Disciplining authorities that offer continuing education may provide multi-cultural health training. Education programs for health care professions are required to integrate instruction in multi-cultural health into basic education preparation curriculum no later than July 1, 2008.		6/7/2006
SSB 6196	State board of health - The policy creates a requirement that one of the existing ten members of the State Board of Health is a member of a federally recognized tribe.		6/7/2006

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2SSB 6197	Health disparities council - Establishes the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities. The Council is required to hold public hearings. The State Board of Health is required to conduct health impact reviews in collaboration with the Governor's Interagency Coordinating Council on Health Disparities. Health impact reviews are defined as a review of a legislative or budgetary proposal that determines the extent to which the proposal improves or exacerbates health disparities.		6/7/2006
SB 6231	Private air ambulances - Private air ambulance services that solicit and accept membership subscriptions, charge fees and provide services are not considered to be insurers under Washington State statutes, if they meet licensure and aeromedical transport services criteria, have been in operation in Washington for a minimum of 2 years, and submit evidence of compliance to the OIC.		6/7/2006
E2SSB 6239	Controlled substances - Amends methamphetamine clean up statutes. Provides clarity of health officer authority and tools for local public health to use in clean up efforts.		6/7/2006
ESSB 6366	Pandemic influenza - Pandemic flu preparedness and response plans are to be developed and implemented by local public health jurisdictions statewide in order to limit the number of illnesses and deaths, preserve the continuity of essential government and other community services, and minimize social disruption and economic loss in the event of an influenza pandemic. Subject to availability of funds - federal and state.		6/7/2006
SB 6371	Dead animal disposal - Dead animal disposal provisions are narrowed to apply only to "livestock," including horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, bison, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, ratites, poultry, waterfowl, and game birds. WSDA is granted rulemaking authority to prescribe the time frame and methods of disposal of livestock that die from disease. Only livestock found dead from an unknown cause are presumed to have died from disease		6/7/2006
SSB 6377	Milk sales - The state milk quality laws apply to raw milk and arrangements know as "cow shares". It is not the intent to prohibit either the sale of raw milk or cow share arrangements. Licensure required.		6/7/2006
E2SSB 6459	Community-based health care - Supporting community-based health care solutions. Establishes the community health care collaborative grant program to furthe the efforts of community-based organizations to increase access to health care for state residents, particularly those who are employed, but uninsured or underinsured.		6/7/2006
SSB 6533	Syrup taxes - A buyer of carbonated beverage syrup to be used by the buyer in making carbonated beverages that are sold by the buyer may claim a credit against business and occupation tax for carbonated beverage syrup taxes paid after July 1, 2006, in respect to the syrup.		7/1/2006
SSB 5838	Hepatitis C treatments - Under the state's preprescription drug program, the requirement that a pharmacist exchange a preferred drug for any non-preferred drug does not apply to a refill of an immunomodulator/antiviral treatment for Hepatitis C for which an established, fixed duration of therapy is prescribed for at least 24 weeks, but not more than 48 weeks.		6/7/2006

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E2SHB 2575	Health technology assessment - Hospitals, integrated delivery systems, and providers to adopt health information technologies (including medical records) by 2012. The DOC, in consultation with the sheriffs and police chiefs, WACO, WSAC and AWC shall prepare a recommendation to the 2007 Legislature on how to implement a statewide integrated electronic health records system to facilitate and expedite the transfers of inmate health information between state and local correctional facilities. Recommendations shall be presented to the Legislature by 12/31/06.		6/7/2006
Risk Management			
SHB 2382	Bovine handling facilities - Provides limited civil immunity to people who own, operate, or use a "bovine handling facility" for injuries to persons who voluntarily enter the premises to participate in or watch activities at the facility. "Bovine handling facility" means not-for-profit facility, such as a corral that is used for handling and husbandry of bovines, and does not include commercial slaughter facilities.		6/7/2006
SHB 2407	Monitoring sex offenders - Authorizes state DOC to electronically monitor certain sex offenders as a condition of community custody using the most appropriate monitoring technology given the individual circumstances of the offender. Provides immunity from civil liability for state and local governments and employees.		6/7/2006
SHB 2415	Victim of uninsured motorist - An insurer is required to provide coverage whether or not an incident was intentional unless the insurer can demonstrate that the covered person intended to cause the damage for which the covered person is seeking coverage. If the covered person was the intended victim of a tortfeasor, the incident must be reported to law enforcement and the covered person must cooperate with any related investigation.		6/7/2006
SSB 6775	Criminal trespass/children - Allows facilities that provide services to children to exclude certain sex offenders from the premises of the facilities. Provides immunity from civil liability to these facilities for ejecting an offender or failing to eject an offender. Imposes criminal liability on an offender who remains within, or returns to, a facility that has excluded him or her.		Immediately
Taxes			
EHB 1069	Audits of tax preferences - Creates a citizen commission to develop a schedule for periodic review of tax preferences such as exemptions, exclusions, deductions, credits, deferrals, and preferential rates. Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct the actual reviews of tax preferences according to criteria set in the bill. Requires annual reports to the Legislature on reviewed tax preferences.		

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SHB 1510	Property tax exemption/nonprofits - The number of days a public assembly hall or meeting place in counties with less than 20,000 in population or a war veterans organization may loan or rent its property for commercial use is increased to 15 days per year. Nonprofit nonsectarian character-building, benevolent, protective, and rehabilitative social service organizations in counties with less than 20,000 population may loan or rent their property for commercial use for up to 15 days per year if there is no private for-profit facility that could be used within 10 miles. Any rents received must be used for to improve or maintain the exempt property or for exempt purposes. Local government fiscal impact unknown, but expected to be minimal shift in property tax.		
SHB 1523	Vegetable seeds - The rural county/distressed area sales and use tax deferral program is expanded to include investment in plant construction, expansion, or equipment acquisition by businesses conditioning vegetable seeds. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$317,000 loss each fiscal year.		
SHB 2345	Fire protection services - Legislation in 2004 provided for the creation of a new special purpose government, the regional fire protection service authority. Various provisions were corrected to eliminate awkward and ambiguous language. No local government fiscal impact.		
HB 2348	Aluminum smelters - The current tax incentives for aluminum smelters are extended through 2012. No local government fiscal impact.		
HB 2364	Credit union & state charter - A use tax exemption is provided for personal property, services, and extended warranties that are acquired by a state credit union from a federal, out-of-state, or foreign credit union as a result of a conversion or merger. Local government impact estimated at \$50,000 loss each fiscal year. However, conversion or merger into a state credit union results in increased property, sales, and use taxes.	C 11 L 06	
HB 2424	Tax exemption/farm fuel - Diesel, both red-dyed and clear, and aircraft fuel sold to a farm fuel user for non-highway purposes is exempt from the sales and use tax. A farm fuel user includes a farmer or a person doing custom farm work such as soil preparation, crop cultivation, and crop harvesting. Fuel sold to a farm fuel user and used for space or water heating and human habitation is not exempt. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$1.1m to \$1.3m each fiscal year.	C 7 L 06	
SHB 2457	Tax relief/farm machinery - Farmers are exempt from sales and use tax on the purchase of replacement parts for farm machinery and equipment if their income from growing, raising, or producing agricultural products is at least ten thousand dollars in the calendar year. The exemption covers machinery and equipment with a useful life of more than one year designed for the purpose of growing, raising, or producing agricultural products. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$1.7m to \$2m loss each fiscal year.		
HB 2466	Tax relief for aerospace - Extends the current sales and use tax exemption for computers used in design, development and engineering of commercial airplanes and their components and B&O tax credit for aerospace design, development and engineering from only manufacturers to any person engaged in those activities. Adds leasehold excise tax to the credit available for property taxes paid on aerospace manufacturing facilities. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$300,000 loss each fiscal year.		

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SHB 2569	Property tax deferral program - The interest rate on deferred property taxes is reduced from 8% to 5%. No local government fiscal impact.		
SHB 2640	Biotechnology product - State and local sales and use taxes are deferred for investments in construction or renovation of structure, or machinery and equipment, used for biotechnology product or medical device manufacturing. The deferred taxes need not be repaid unless the property is used for ineligible purposes. Such facilities would already qualify for a deferral in 34 counties. Effect of bill is to allow deferral for facility to locate in Snohomish county. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$450,000 each fiscal year.		
HB 2644	Public utility tax credit - To encourage electric and natural gas utilities to provide heating assistance to low-income customers, the Legislature enacted a public utility tax credit in 2001. The maximum total credit available statewide each year is \$2.5 million. For fiscal year 2007, the maximum total PUT credit available statewide is raised from \$2.5 million to \$8.5 million. DCTED request legislation.		
HB 2671	Excise tax relief - Changes the due date for payment of state excise taxes from the 20th of the month to the 25th of the month. Eliminates the 5% assessment penalty for late payment of tax. No local government fiscal impact.		
SHB 2678	Pollution liability insurance agency - The expiration date for the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA), its taxes, and its programs, set for June 1, 2007, is extended until June 1, 2013. No local government fiscal impact.		
SHB 2778	Convention/tourism promotion - Exempts from B&O tax nonprofit organization's income received from state and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, or public corporations for promoting conventions and tourism. No local government fiscal impact.		
2SHB 2799	Solar hot water - Exempts from retail sales and use taxes solar water heating systems and related components. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$4,000 each fiscal year.		
SHB 2804	Nonprofit schools/tax exemption - The property tax exemption for a nonprofit school or college is nullified for the assessment year if the property is used by an individual or organization not entitled to a property tax exemption, unless one of the following exceptions apply: 1) the property is used by school members of staff consistent with the programs of the school or college, 2) school-related programs or services, such as food services or bookstores, and 3) for commercial use not more than 7 days in a calendar year. Any rent or donations received by the college or school for use of the property must be reasonable and not exceed maintenance and operation expenses.		
HB 2879	Real estate excise tax - Makes technical corrections to the real estate excise tax automation fee imposed in 2005. No local government fiscal impact.		
SHB 2880	Insurance premiums tax - State and local sales and use taxes on the sale of services and extended warranties are expressly added to the statutory list of taxes that apply to insurers. This provision applies both prospectively and retroactively. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$6.2m gain.		

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EHB 3159	Excise tax on food products - A B&O tax exemption is provided for dairy and seafood product manufacturing and for wholesale sales to purchasers who transport the goods outside the state in the ordinary course of business. The sales and use tax deferral/exemption program for investments in construction or renovation of structure, or machinery and equipment, used for fruit and vegetable processing is extended to include the manufacture of dairy or seafood products. The warehouse refund of the state's share of the sales tax is extended to dairy and seafood processors. These tax incentives expire on July 1, 2012. Exempts from sales and use taxes materials used in the packing of canned salmon. Lowers the B&O tax rate from 1.5% to .484% for persons inspecting, testing, labeling, and storing canned salmon owned by another person. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$12,000 to \$17,000 each fiscal year.		
SHB 3164	Personal property tax exemption - The personal property tax exemption for a head of family is increased from \$3,000 to \$15,000 for taxes payable in 2007 and thereafter. Local government impact estimated at \$645,000 shift in property taxes.		
SHB 3190	Semiconductor cluster - Tax incentives are provided for semiconductor materials manufacturing. A preferential B&O tax rate of .275% for businesses of manufacturing semiconductor materials is provided. A sales and use tax exemption for the sale of gases and chemicals used by a manufacturer in the manufacturing of semiconductor materials is provided. The tax incentives are contingent on a manufacturer making at least a \$350 million investment in an advanced semiconductor materials fabrication facility. No local government fiscal impact.		
HJR 4223	Personal property tax exemption - Constitutional amendment to implement SHB 3164.		
SSB 6141	Wind turbine facilities - Property taxes resulting from new county-assessed electric generation wind turbine facilities are added to the amount that may be levied under the levy limit. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$1.6m each fiscal year.		
ESSB 6230	Public facilities districts - The 0.033% sales and use tax that is credited against the state tax for a regional center is extended to public facilities districts created before July 1, 2006, in a county or counties in which there are no other public facilities districts on the effective date of the bill and in which the total population in the public facilities district is greater than 90,000 that commences construction of a new regional center before February 1, 2007. Allows Chelan and Douglas counties to participate in this program.		
SB 6280	Nonprofits/property tax - Eliminates the requirement that property owned by a nonprofit organization and eligible for property tax exemption must be irrevocably dedicated to the purpose for which the exemption was granted. No local government fiscal impact.		
2SSB 6326	Customized work force - Creates the Washington Customized Employment Training Program to reduce the up-front costs of training for new and expanding firms. Gives preference to employers with fewer than fifty employees. Allows participating employers to receive a business and occupation tax credit for 50% of their customized training costs. No local government fiscal impact.		

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SB 6338	Property tax exemptions - The one-acre limitation on residential property eligible for the senior citizen property tax exemption program is increased to five acres of land if zoning requires this larger parcel size. Applies to taxes levied for collection in 2007 and thereafter. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$1.6m shift in property taxes.		
SSB 6369	Small water systems - Exempts water-sewer, irrigation, and public utility districts that provide water services to small customer bases from the PUT and B&O tax. Requires districts that receive the exemption to file an annual report to the Department of Revenue regarding the use of the tax savings. No local government fiscal impact.		
SSB 6533	Syrup taxes - Persons paying the carbonated syrup tax are allowed a B&O tax credit equal to 25% of the amount paid from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007; 50% from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; 75% from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and 100% thereafter. Credits in excess of B&O tax paid may be carried forward for one year. No local government fiscal impact.		
ESB 6537	Shipment of wine - Any properly licensed wine manufacturer, whether licensed by Washington or another state, may ship its wine to a Washington resident who is 21 or older. Before the wine can be shipped, the winery must obtain a wine shipper's permit or be licensed as a domestic winery. Holders of a wine shipper's permit must pay the wine liter tax and collect and remit to DOR all applicable state and local taxes on all sales of wine delivered to buyers in this state. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$750,000 gain each fiscal year.		
2SSB 6558	Motion picture industry - Creates the Approved Motion Picture Competitiveness Program to provide funding assistance for film production related costs in order to improve the state's position in the film production industry. Authorizes a B&O tax for contributions to the program, up to \$1 million per taxpayer per year, subject to a state maximum of \$3.5 million in total credits. Motion picture production companies that receive funding assistance under the new program to complete an annual survey about the impacts on employment, wages, and benefits. JLARC will review the effectiveness of the program by December 1, 2010. No local government fiscal impact.		
SSB 6671	Professional employer organization - Provides a B&O tax deduction for amounts representing wages and salaries, benefits, workers compensation, payroll taxes, withholding, and other assessments received by professional employer organizations from their clients. No local government fiscal impact.		
SSB 6686	Local sales and use tax - Authorizes cities with a population of less than 400,000 in a county with a population of more than 600,000 to impose up to a 0.2 percent sales and use tax credited against the state tax to fund services to newly annexed areas. Annexed areas must have a population of at least 10,000.		

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SSB 6781	Environmental remediation - Exempts labor or services for environmental remedial action from retail sales and use taxes. The B&O tax rate for businesses performing environmental remedial actions is set at the retailing rate of 0.471 percent. "Environmental remedial action" includes services related to identification, investigation, or cleanup of hazardous substances. Environmental remedial actions must be consistent with the state Model Toxics Control Act, or other applicable laws. The provisions of the bill expire July 1, 2010. Local government fiscal impact estimated at \$1m each fiscal year. However, local governments largest user of these services, and thus, would not longer pay this tax.		
SB 6816	Cemetery districts - The 10,000 population limit for cities that can be included in a cemetery district is removed. No local government fiscal impact.		
SB 6826	Public transit services - Exempts fare-box revenue collected by the transit agencies from public utility tax. Public transportation agencies shall use the reduction in tax solely to adjust routes to improve access for citizens using food banks and senior citizen services or to extend or add new routes to assist low-income citizens and seniors.		
SSB 6874	Timber tax incentives - The B&O tax rate is reduced for extracting or extracting for hire timber, or manufacturing or processing for hire logs, wood chips, sawdust, wood waste, pulp, recycled paper products, paper and paper products, dimensional lumber, and engineered wood products, plywood, wood doors, and wood windows. The B&O tax rate reduced from .484% to .4235% until July 1, 2007 and then is further reduced to .2904% to July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2024. Starting July 1, 2007, a .052% surcharge is imposed on these taxpayers. The proceeds of the surcharge placed in a dedicated account and are used for implementation of the state's forests and fish report. The surcharge is suspended when the surcharge collections reach \$8 million in the biennium, or the federal budget contains at least \$2 million in appropriations to support tribal participation in forest and fish related activities. If the federal appropriation is less than \$2 million then the surcharge rate is reduced.		
Transportation/Public Works			
HB 1439	Electronic & web-based bids - Allows bidders with the state to provide their bids in written, electronic, or web based form. The expiration date for the program enacted in 2003 to enhance employment opportunities for disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities is changed from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2009. Agencies; cities with a population over 100,000; and counties with a population over 500,000; procuring personal services, purchasing, leasing, or otherwise acquiring information technology equipment, or executing a public works project, using a competitive solicitation process, cannot reject all solicitations after opening unless there is a compelling reason determined in writing.		

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SHB 1504	Abandoned vehicle auctions - A notice of public auction for the sale of abandoned vehicles must include a method to contact the tow truck operator who impounded the vehicles. For purposes of public auction notice, a newspaper of general circulation may be a commercial, widely circulated, free, classified advertisement circular not affiliated with the registered tow truck operator. The viewing period prior to the auction is changed from three hours prior to: a) one hour prior if 25 or fewer vehicles are to be auctioned; b) two hours if more than 25 and fewer than 50 vehicles are to be auctioned; and c) three hours if 50 or more vehicles are to be auctioned. The public auction notice must specify the length of the applicable viewing period.		
HB 1641	Vessel registration - Violations of the requirements to register a vessel and display the required information and to produce certification of registration upon request of an enforcement official are changed from misdemeanors to class 2 infractions.		
SHB 1650	Citations and infractions - If an traffic infraction or citation notice is issued electronically or by mail, there is no requirement to sign a notice of infraction or citation. Law enforcement officers that issue notices of infraction or citation on a paper ticket continue to be allowed to require the cited person to sign the notice. If a person refuses to sign the paper notice of infraction or citation, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor.		
HB 2381	Beaver relocation permit - The Department of Fish & Wildlife is required to issue a permit, at no cost to the applicant, that will allow the holder to capture live beavers in areas of the state where large beaver populations are considered a nuisance. The Department may condition beaver relocation permits to maximize the success and minimize the risk of the relocation. The permit also allows the holder to transport the beavers within the state and release the beavers on property owned by the permit holder. The permit holder must also possess a state trapping license or must contract with the holder of a trapping license for the actual capture of the beaver.		
HB 2544	Public works board projects - The Public Works Board adopted two project lists for the 2006 loan cycle. The first list was adopted on August 16, 2005. Due to increased revenue projections released in September of 2005, the Board adopted a second list of projects on December 6, 2005. This bill authorizes the first list of projects recommended by the Board, which includes 16 public works projects loans totaling \$53.2 million.		
HB 2612	Failure to secure a load - Failure to secure a load in the first degree is added to the list of vehicular offenses that constitute a criminal act. A victim who suffers an injury or death as a result of a driver's violation of the failure to secure a load in the first degree may be compensated under the crime victims' compensation program.		

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HB 2617	Off-road vehicles - Cities with a population of less than 3,000 persons may allow the use of off-road vehicles on streets and highways within its boundaries even if the regulations are less stringent than state statute. A county may designate a road or highway within its boundaries to be suitable for use by off-road vehicles (ORVs) if the road or highway is a direct connection between a city with a population of less than 3,000 and an ORV recreation facility. ORVs operating on such streets or highways are exempt from the licensing and equipment standards that apply to vehicles operating on highway roads. Such ORVs are not exempted from the use permit, equipment, and operating standards generally applied to ORV use.		
ESHB 2871	Regional transportation governance - A nine member commission is created to evaluate transportation governance in central Puget Sound and make recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2007. Makes technical changes requested by RTID Board. RTID and Sound Transit are prohibited from seeking a vote in 2006, but are required to seek a vote on the same ballot at the 2007 general election. Sales tax authority is decreased from 0.5% to 0.1%, but MVET authority is increased to 0.8%. The local match requirement is reduced from 33% to 15%. Several provisions were added related specifically to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR 520. After December 1, 2007, if no RTID materializes, then King, Pierce, and Snohomish County may form districts individually and independently with the RTID taxing authority. Transportation benefit districts may use voter approved funds for any road project within a statewide or regional transportation plan.		
HB 2874	Design-build/transportation projects - The design-build construction expiration date of April 30, 2008, is removed, allowing the Department of Transportation (DOT) to continue using this provision. DOT may also use the design-build process on up to five pilot projects costing between \$2m and \$10m. DOT must evaluate these projects to determine if benefits are gained from using design-build on projects of this size.		
SHB 3024	Schools/public works project - Increases school district demonstration projects using the general contractor/construction manager procedure from 16 to 23. Requires the School District Project Review Board to report to the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board reviewing the use of alternative public works contracting procedures by school districts.		
EHB 3192	Property owners - Allows excess infrastructure reimbursement contracts between property owners and local governments to exceed 15 years provided certain conditions are met.		
E2SSB 6175	Surface mining - The application fee is raised from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and is expanded to apply to applications to expand or combine existing reclamation permits. A fee of \$1,000 is established for submitting a revised reclamation plan. The flat annual fee is replaced by a graduated annual fee based on tonnage of material mined in the previous 12 months, as follows: up to 50,000 tons - \$1,250; over 50,000 and up to 350,000 tons - \$2,500; and over 350,000 tons - \$3,500. The Department of Natural Resources must establish a Surface Mining Advisory Committee to recommend methods to promote effective reclamation and reclamation administration.		

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SSB 6223	Derelict/abandoned vehicles - Creates a new misdemeanor for causing a vessel to become abandoned or derelict on any aquatic lands in the state. Changes the process for a vessel owner to contest the possession of his or her vessel by an authorized public entity. Changes the cost-share ratio in increased from 75% to 90% for authorized public entities that seek reimbursement from the state for the costs associated with derelict vessel removal and disposal.		
SSB 6247	Local motor vehicle tax - Implements a structure for the calculation and administration of any future, locally imposed motor vehicle excise tax. Provides a valuation and depreciation schedule for motor vehicles.		
SSB 6527	Milwaukee road trail - The deadline for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into a franchise agreement for rail service over the Ellensburg to Lind portion of the old Milwaukee Road corridor is extended by three years. If an agreement is not entered into by July 1, 2009, the transportation corridor between Ellensburg and Lind will revert to the prior ownership and management by the DOT, State Parks and Recreation Commission, and Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The portion of the rail corridor between Lind and the Idaho border is transferred from DOT to the State Parks and Recreation Commission effect as of the effective date of the act. DNR is authorized to transfer management authority of the transportation corridor to the State Parks and Recreation Commission, upon mutual agreement of the agencies.		
SSB 6528	Roadside tire chain business - Allows the Department of Transportation to issue permits to allow persons to charge a fee for the installation or removal of tire chains on motor vehicles within the state highway right of way.		
SSB 6552	Commercial driver's licenses - Makes a variety of statutory changes in order to bring Washington's commercial driver's license program into compliance with federal regulations pertaining to the operation of commercial motor vehicles. Directs the Department of Licensing to enter into agreements with adjoining states to treat the operators of farm vehicles and emergency equipment from those states in the same fashion as Washington citizens.		
ESSB 6566	Commuter trip reduction - Modifying the scope of the Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) Program to focus on urban growth areas with the most congested state highways. Replacing the CTR Task Force with a CTR Board possessing expanded duties. Allowing local jurisdictions to create growth and transportation efficiency centers to obtain funding and flexibility in implementing programs. Expanding the role of the Department of Transportation and regional transportation planning organizations in CTR planning.		
SB 6674	Tacoma Narrows bridge - Proceeds from the sale of surplus real property acquired for the purpose of constructing the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and any liquidated damages collected on any contract used to construct the bridge are to be deposited into the Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge Account instead of the Motor Vehicle Account.	C 17 L 06	
SSB 6676	Vehicle reports of sale - Creates the crime of fraudulent filing of a vehicle report of sale when a person files a vehicle report of sale without the knowledge of the transferee.		

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ESSB 6679	<p>Train speeds - The provisions vesting authority to regulate railway speeds in the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) are modified and made subject to federal preemption regarding train speed regulation. Before increasing operating speeds, a railroad operator must provide 60 days written notice to the UTC, and the applicable local government or road authority. The notice must include specified details regarding the proposed speed increase. After 60 days, the railroad operator may increase operating speed as proposed unless the UTC has determined that a lower limit is necessary to address local conditions consistent with federal law. If the railroad operator disputes the UTC's determination regarding the need for a lower limit to address local conditions, then the matter will be scheduled for a hearing before the UTC.</p>		
SB 6680	<p>Driver's licenses - Delays the implementation date of the Department of Licensing's (DOL) voluntary biometric matching system for driver's licenses and identicards until two years after DOL implements the provisions of the Federal Real ID Act.</p>		
SB 6762	<p>Hazards to motorcycles - Limits the posting of "Motorcycles Use Extreme Caution" signs to paved roads.</p>		
ESSB 6787	<p>Passenger ferry service - Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to maintain service on the Seattle to Vashon passenger-only ferry (POF) route until the Legislature approves a county ferry district's assumption of that route. Counties and transit agencies proposing ferry districts to serve Vashon to Seattle or Kingston to Seattle must submit a business plan to the Governor and the Legislature and receive approval from the Governor. By October 31, 2006, requires the DOT to appraise the Snohomish and Chinook ferries, and as soon as practical after approval of a business plan for POF service between Seattle and Vashon, sell the vessels. Proceeds are deposited into the passenger ferry account. Revises the passenger ferry account to allow funds to be used for operating or capital grants for ferry systems. Establish a ferry grant program for ferry systems providing POF. Broadens county ferry district statutes so that districts may be formed in any county and provide any form of ferry service.</p>		
ESSB 6800	<p>Transportation governance - The roles and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Commission are revised. WSDOT takes these duties from the Commission: 1) approve bond issuance and 2) adopt a functional classification of highways, including the designation of highways of statewide significance. The Commission retains these duties (among others): (1) Adopting the comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation plan to be approved by the Legislature, 2) developing a comprehensive investment program, including programming and prioritization standards to be approved by the Legislature, 3) oversee the Transportation Innovative Partnership Program, 4) conduct performance reviews of transportation-related agencies, 5) conducting public outreach, 6) conduct studies as directed by the Legislature or the Governor, 7) set tolls and ferry fares, and 8) make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature to improve transportation. The composition and procedures of the Commission are revised.</p>		

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Bill Number	Title / Description	Status/ Chapter	Effective Date
ESSB 6839	<p>Transportation accounts - Implements technical corrections and future planned fund transfers to CRAB and TIB are codified as statutory distributions. Freight Mobility Multimodal Account and the Regional Mobility Grant Program Account are created. State Auditor funding is reduced from \$4 million for 2005-07. Language to reprioritize the financial plan if a regional transportation funding plan is not adopted by 2007 is repealed. Existing fuel tax refunds above twenty-three cents per gallon for San Juan and Island Counties are dedicated to the Puget Sound Ferry Operations Account.</p>		
SB 6826	<p>Public transit services - Exempts fare-box revenue collected by the transit agencies from public utility tax. Public transportation agencies shall use the reduction in tax solely to adjust routes to improve access for citizens using food banks and senior citizen services or to extend or add new routes to assist low-income citizens and seniors.</p>		