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We are almost halfway through the session. We have had some very positive movement on the Career Pathways Act ([SHB 2170](#)). There was some concern in that this bill would expand the definition of “basic education.” With the McCleary Court decision, anything that may expand what has already been defined in basic education is not going to happen. We were able to work with [Representative Probst](#) who sponsored the bill and those concerned striking the section that amended the definition of basic education and added the language to the instructional program of basic education, thus avoiding a constitutional issue.

We continue to work very hard to prevent the reduction/elimination of the High School and Beyond Plan and Culminating Project as a graduation requirement. [SHB 2538](#) now states that a student is not required to complete the State Board’s high school graduation requirement for a Culminating Project or a High School and Beyond Plan if the student has completed at least one of six options.

Our last chance to stop this part of the bill in the House is tomorrow, Saturday morning at 9 AM in House Ways and Means. If you would like to help, please contact your personal legislator if they serve on the [Ways and Means Committee](#) to ask them to strike the new language because it will create a recordkeeping burden for local districts beyond what they do now and would be most helpful! But, it must be done before 9 AM tomorrow, February 4.

IMPORTANT: When contacting your legislators and “Asking for their support...” which means to vote for or against something, you must use your own phone or computer on your personal time.

2012 SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR

The 2012 Cutoff Calendar is below. You may also [download PDF version of the document](#).

January 9, 2012	First Day of Session
February 3, 2012	Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 7, 2012	Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
February 14, 2012	Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
February 24, 2012	Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

February 27, 2012	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 2, 2012*	Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
March 8, 2012	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
* After the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.	

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION RELATED AND OTHER HIGH PRIORITY BILLS OF INTEREST

HB 2170 - Enacting the Career Pathways Act - Introduced by Representative Tim Probst - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Creates the Career Pathways Act to: (1) facilitate increased opportunities for work-based learning and internships for high school students and teachers, and mentorships for the business community in public schools; (2) create structures to encourage connections between businesses, schools, and institutions of higher education; (3) make career exploration a routine part of middle and high school instruction and encourage students to select career goals or majors while in middle and high school; (4) better inform parents and students of career opportunities that are tied to the needs of the local, regional, and state economy; (5) continually emphasize the dignity and economic value of skilled trades, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, industry certifications, workforce training programs, one- and two-year degrees, and baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate opportunities; and (6) measurably increase completion rates at all levels of secondary and postsecondary education and measurably increase student success after completion. **(Companion Bill: SB 6119)**

HB 2265 - Establishing Washington Works Programs - Introduced by Representative Tim Probst - Passed House Labor & Workforce Development - Referred to House Ways & Means - Establishes the Washington Works program to increase high school graduation rates and provide for higher education and job opportunities for high school graduates through collaborative programs between public K-12 education, higher education, and private industry. This act provides for performance-based financial rewards for participating school districts, colleges, institutions, programs, and councils. This act directs the Office of Financial Management to direct one-fourth of any budget surplus, as determined at the beginning of each biennium, to the Washington Works account.

HB 2538 - Reducing Certain Requirements Affecting School Districts - Introduced by Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos - Passed House Education - Referred to House Ways & Means - Changes high school graduation requirements relating to a student completing a culminating project. Changes the requirements for submission, by a participating school district, of the school district program plan. Requires the state auditor to conduct fiscal and performance audits for school districts under certain circumstances. **(Companion Bill: SB 6323)** **Substitute makes a number of technical changes, among them altering when the auditor may audit school districts and eliminating writing from the statewide academic assessment system. 2/4 HHRA @ 9:00 AM**

SB 6038 - Excluding Permanent School Building Space Used for STEM Schools From Eligibility Determinations for State School Plant Funding Assistance - Introduced by Senator Jerome Delvin - Passed Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education to Rules - Excludes space in public schools permanently dedicated for STEM schools when making eligibility determinations for school funding assistance. **The substitute passed removes the exemption of STEM schools from eligibility calculations for state school construction assistance. OSPI must adopt rules to ensure that a host school district of a shared or co-located facility is not penalized when calculating state school construction assistance.**

SB 6119 - Creating the Career Pathways Act - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Establishes the Career Pathways Act, which facilitates increased opportunities for work-based learning and internships for high school students and teachers, as well as mentorships for the business community in public schools. Creates structures to encourage greater connections between businesses, schools, and institutions of higher education. **(Companion Bill: HB 2170)**

Red Notes Recent or Future Activity

Early Learning & K-12 Education Bills

Higher Education Bills

Workforce Bills

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1221 - Regarding the Rights of Certain Higher Education Students Involved in Military Service - Passed the House 80-0 - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Requires institutions of higher education to provide an opportunity to make up missed exams for reservist students who are called to active duty and training for 30 days or less.

HB 1258 - Allowing Employers to Pay Training Wages for a Specified Period of Time - Introduced by Representative Cary Condotta - Referred to House Labor & Workforce Development - Requires the Director of Labor and Industries to issue training certificates to employers allowing them to pay training wages to new employees. The training wage must be 75% of minimum wage, and the training period must not exceed 680 hours. Only employers with fewer than 50 employees may use the certificate and the employer may only use the certificate once per employee. The use of the certificate may not be for more than 10% of any employer's workforce. If an employer discharges an employee before the 680 hours has lapsed, the employer must report that to the Director and may not use the certificate on another employee until one year has lapsed from the date of the discharge.

HB 1470 - Providing Access to School Campuses for Occupational or Educational Information - Passed the House 89-2 - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires that access provided to military recruiters and recruiters from the Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps be equal to and no less than access provided to other postsecondary occupational or educational representatives.

HB 1568 - Regarding Appointing Members to the Boards of Trustees for Community Colleges and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges - Passed the House 80-15 - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Allows, but does not require, every community and technical college district board of trustees to add a sixth position to the board, to be filled by a student. Requires expansion of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges from 9 to 10 members, one of whom must be a student.

HB 1650 - Changing State Need Grant Eligibility Provisions - Passed the House 78-17 - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Removes the pilot status of the program that allows part-time students who are accepted for enrollment for at least three credits to be eligible for the State Need Grant program.

HB 1669 - Regarding the Educational Opportunity Gap - Passed the House 71-24 - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Changes references to the "achievement gap" throughout the school code and in the chapter regarding the Department of Early Learning to "educational opportunity gap." Changes the name of the Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee to the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee.

HB 2156 - Regarding Coordination and Evaluation of Workforce Training for Aerospace and Materials Manufacturing - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Adds additional objectives for the Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing, including increased coordination with industry leaders and community and technical colleges. **(Companion Bill: SB 5976)**

HB 2171 - Regarding Agency Planning Processes - Introduced by Representative Tami Green - Passed House State Government & Tribal Affairs - Referred to Rules - Creates new goals for certain state agencies in their planning processes. Primarily, the agencies are to focus on increasing the number of households in the middle-income bracket which is defined as those family incomes between 200% and 500% of the 2010 federal poverty level, as determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a family of four, adjusted annually for inflation.

HB 2184 - Making Adjustments to the School Construction Assistance Formula - Introduced by Representative Hans Dunshee - Passed House Capital Budget - Referred to Rules - Modifies calculations to the school construction assistance formula. This act requires that funds allotted to a school district be based on the student headcount for that district, less the number of students residing outside the district who are enrolled in alternative learning programs. This act requires that each kindergarten student be counted as a single, full-time student. This act takes effect immediately. **(Companion Bill: SB 6002)**

HB 2189 - Modifying the Rate of Vacation Leave Accrual for State Employees Formerly Employed by a School District - Introduced by Representative Sam Hunt - Referred to House Ways & Means - Modifies current law regarding vacation leave accrual for state employees formerly employed by a school district. This act provides that rates of vacation leave accrual are based

upon total state employment, including each service year of qualifying service with a school district. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

HB 2199 - Changing Compulsory School Attendance Requirements for Children Six and Seven Years of Age - Introduced by Representative Troy Kelley - Referred to House Education - Lowers the age of full-time, compulsory education from eight to six years of age, but limits truancy actions to children eight years and older. This act also modifies home-schooling reporting requirements to apply only to children eight years and older.

HB 2209 - Addressing Issues of Accountability and Funding for Alternative Learning Experience Programs - Introduced by Representative Kathy Haigh - Passed House Education - Referred to House Ways & Means - Modifies requirements in current law regarding alternative learning experience programs to more closely align them with public high school graduation requirements and public university admissions requirements for students in grades 9-12. This act sets out specific course requirements for students in K-8 alternative learning programs. This act clarifies that part-time students in alternative learning programs are no longer exempt from state-wide assessment testing and participation in the testing will be based on a student's completion of course material to be tested. This act also distinguishes between alternative learning experience programs and contract-based learning programs for funding purposes during the 2012-2013 school year. **Substitute makes a number of technical changes, among them requiring more in-person contact with students in ALE programs and scaling back some funding for ALE programs.**

HB 2210 - Extending Contribution Limits to School Board Candidates - Introduced by Representative Andrew Billig - Passed the House 71-24 - Referred to Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections - Adds school board offices to the list of public offices subject to campaign contribution limits.

HB 2215 - Concerning Waivers From School Year Requirements - Introduced by Representative Brad Klippert - Referred to House Education - Prohibits school districts from waiving minimal instructional hour offerings, rather than the current allowance of waiving up to 1,000 instructional hours. This act also removes maximum waivers for no more than five school districts, and allows school districts to seek an unlimited number of three-year waivers from the state.

HB 2231 - Reducing State Educational Assessment Requirements - Introduced by Representative John McCoy - Referred to House Education - Significantly reduces state requirements for student educational assessment that go beyond the requirements of federal law, such as the requirement to obtain a certificate of individual achievement to graduate from a public high school. This act contains an emergency clause.

HB 2247 - Expanding the Types of Medications That a Public or Private School Employee May Administer to Include Topical Medication, Eye Drops, and Ear Drops - Introduced by Representative Tami Green - Passed the House 96-0 - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Allows school employees to administer topical medications, eye drops, or ear drops.

HB 2254 - Creating the Educational Success for Youth and Alumni of Foster Care Act - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Passed House Higher Education - Referred to House Ways & Means - Establishes the educational success for youth and alumni of foster care act. Modifies provisions relating to: (1) The passport to college promise program; (2) The college bound scholarship program; and (3) Reporting and other duties of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the education data center. Repeals the expiration of the passport to college promise program. **(Companion Bill: SB 6374)**

HB 2259 - Eliminating Certain Duplicative Higher Education Reporting Requirements - Introduced by Representative Hans Zeiger - Passed House Higher Education - Placed on 2nd Reading by Rules - Eliminates certain duplicative reporting requirements for institutions of higher education.

HB 2262 - Eliminating the WorkFirst Program and Modifying State Child Care Programs - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - Referred to House Ways & Means - Eliminates the WorkFirst program. This act transfers authority from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to carry out the provisions of the working connections child care program, child care quality programs, and child care licensing functions. This act also requires DSHS and DEL to limit expenditures on child care programs to the amount of funds appropriated to do so.

HB 2268 - Establishing Financial Literacy As a High School Graduation Requirement - Introduced by Representative Jan Angel - Referred to House Education - Requires that high school students pass a course in financial literacy as a graduation requirement. This act sets out specific course criteria.

HB 2279 - Implementing Changes to Child Support Based on the Child Support Schedule Work Group Report - Introduced by Representative Jim Moeller - Passed House Judiciary - Referred to House Ways & Means - This act implements updates to state child support laws suggested by the federally-mandated 2011 Child Support Schedule Work Group, which re-evaluates the laws every four years. This act updates the economic table used to determine the monthly basic support obligation per child. This act

modifies the procedures for courts to use in determining support levels. This act alters the process for dealing with child support and postsecondary education. This act takes effect on October 1, 2012. **Substitute** removes the residential schedule credit and restores current law allowing the residential schedule to be a basis for deviation; makes it discretionary for the court to adjust the standard calculation based on CNBC; removes the requirement that the child be enrolled as a full-time student to be eligible for PSE support; and removes the requirement that the child provide proof of compliance if PSE support is suspended.

HB 2292 - Including Renton Technical College in the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program - Introduced by Representative Marcie Maxwell - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - This act makes aerospace industry courses offered at Renton Technical College eligible for assistance under the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program. This act directs that the Aerospace Training Student Loan Program be administered by the Office of Student Financial Assistance instead of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This act takes effect on July 1, 2012.

HB 2294 - Establishing Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation As a Graduation Requirement - Introduced by Representative Kevin Van De Wege - Referred to House Education - This act directs Washington high schools to offer instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and makes successful completion of the course a requirement for graduation beginning with the graduating class of 2016.

HB 2309 - Regarding Provisional School Employees' Contracts - Introduced by Representative Eric Pettigrew - Referred to House Education - Modifies state law to allow for nonrenewal of a provisional teacher's contract if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations. This act provides that a non-provisional teacher may be reduced to provisional status if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory reviews. This act takes effect July 1, 2013.

HB 2313 - Concerning the Meeting Procedures of the Boards of Trustees and Boards of Regents of Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Representative Hans Zeiger - Passed House Higher Education - Placed on 2nd Reading by Rules - Requires that meetings of the Boards of Trustees and Boards of Regents of institutions of higher education follow procedures for open public meetings and provide time for public comment at each meeting.

HB 2328 - Addressing Job Order Contracting - Introduced by Representative Bruce Dammeier - Passed House State Government & Tribal Affairs - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Modifies current law regarding job order contracting procedures to include all public institutions of higher education.

HB 2334 - Establishing a Statewide Plan for Implementing Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems - Introduced by Representative Kristine Lytton - Referred to House Education - Establishes a statewide plan with definitions and performance descriptions, professional development opportunities, and an evaluation schedule whereby all teachers and principals in the state receive a comprehensive new evaluation by the 2016-2017 school year.

HB 2336 - Requiring a Model Policy for Open Licensing of Courseware Developed With State Funds - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires that all courseware for K-12 and higher education be made available to the public.

HB 2337 - Regarding Open Educational Resources in K-12 Education - Introduced by Representative Reuven Carlyle - Passed House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires the development of an open course library of licensed K-12 courseware aligned to common core state standards. This act also dedicates 1.5% of funding previously allocated to curriculum and textbooks for the development of the open course library until June 30, 2018. This act takes effect July 1, 2013. **Amendment** revises the intent section. Under the new intent section, the educational rationale for pursuing the use of open courseware is elucidated. Additionally, the new intent section indicates that school district savings are anticipated as the result of their respective utilization of open courseware materials. The 1.5% of existing funding for textbooks and curriculum, through the MSOC portion of the school funding formula is replaced with an equivalent flat dollar figure of 94 cents per FTE student. These figures are approximately equivalent in FY 2013. Under the new language, the total dedicated funds do not change as the MSOC appropriations are revised from one year to the next. As a percentage, the total dedicated appropriations would change as the MSOC appropriations change.

HB 2348 - Strengthening Washington's Workforce Development System by Providing Greater Focus and Better Alignment of Roles and Responsibilities, and Transferring Administration of Title I-B of the Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board - Introduced by Representative Chris Reykdal - Passed House Labor & Workforce Development - Referred to House Ways & Means - This act transfers the administrative authority and duties of Title I-B of the Workforce Investment Act from the Employment Security Department's WorkSource Standards and Integration Division to the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board. This act directs that the Board's purpose shall be to develop a workforce with skills needed in growth industries and to raise the number of families living above the middle income bracket. This act directs the Board to attempt to expand cohort training in fields facing skill shortages. This act takes effect on October 1, 2012. **2/4 HHRA @ 9:00 AM**

HB 2352 - Concerning Institutions of Higher Education Services and Activities Fees - Introduced by Representative Chris Reykdal - Passed House Higher Education - Referred to Rules 2 Review - This act provides that the services and activities fee commission of a college or university may not be limited in the program or instructional activities they consider. The commission is a largely student-led body that advises the school administration on how to spend funds that are raised from services and activities fees. This act requires that institutions of higher education must post yearly information on their website about how they spent service and activity fees. **Substitute services and activities fees committees at institutions of higher education, in coordination with the administration of the higher education institutions, are required to post services and activities fees expenditure information on the institution's website. By September 30 annually, each institution of higher education, in coordination with the services and activities fees committee, must post the expenditures of services and activities fees from the previous academic year. This information must be clearly visible and easily accessible. At a minimum, the services and activities fees budget information must include all the major categories of expenditure and the amounts expended in each category.**

HB 2374 - Concerning Associate Development Organizations - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Passed House Community Development & Housing - Referred to General Government Appropriations & Oversight - Modifies provisions relating to associate development organizations.

HB 2377 - Enacting the American Heritage Act for Washington State - Introduced by Representative Jim McCune - Referred to House Education - Creates the American Heritage Act for Washington State which prohibits school districts from censoring or restricting instruction in United States or Washington State history or heritage based on religious references in original source documents, writings, speeches, proclamations, or records.

HB 2380 - Modifying the Goals of a Basic Education - Introduced by Representative Jim McCune - Referred to House Education - Modifies the goals of a basic education to include: an emphasis on the foundations of our constitutional republic form of government in this sovereign state and country; a focus on academic accuracy and a sound understanding of mathematical and scientific facts; and, knowledge and skills gained to become globally competitive citizens.

HB 2381 - Concerning Public Access to Instructional Material Used in Public Schools - Introduced by Representative Jim McCune - Referred to House Education - Requires school districts to make available to the public all instructional materials used in public schools.

HB 2398 - Transferring the State Library From the Office of the Secretary of State to the University of Washington - Introduced by Representative Zack Hudgins - Referred to House State Government & Tribal Affairs - This act transfers all powers, duties, functions, staff, funding, and equipment relating to the state library from the Secretary of State to the University of Washington. This act takes effect on July 1, 2012.

HB 2399 - Transferring Jurisdiction of the State Law Library to the University of Washington - Introduced by Representative Zack Hudgins - Referred to House State Government & Tribal Affairs - This act transfers all powers, duties, functions, staff, funding, and equipment relating to the state law library from the judicial branch to the University of Washington. This act outlines the duties of the state law librarian.

HB 2408 - Concerning Options for Addressing Seasonal Shortages of Labor in Agriculture - Introduced by Representative Norm Johnson - Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources - This act allows school districts and colleges to modify their calendars to allow students to participate in seasonal agricultural activity. This act allows the State Board of Education to waive the 180-day schooling requirement when the school is attempting to accommodate agricultural needs and maintains at least 1,000 annual hours of instruction. This act directs the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Office of Student Financial Assistance to create rules to encourage job placement in the agriculture industry. This act designates agricultural activity as an acceptable employment opportunity program for criminals. This act permits the Employment Security Department provide employment services in agriculture for refugees and asylees. This act provides that licenses for temporary worker housing are to last for two years. This act prevents the Department of Health from increasing fees related to the regulation of farm worker housing until 2015. This act loosens the requirements of the temporary worker building code. This act requires that at least 10% of the funds in the Rural Mobility Grant Program be used to operate a vanpool for agricultural workers. This act contains an emergency clause.

HB 2427 - Implementing Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems - Introduced by Representative Eric Pettigrew - Referred to House Education - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish common components of the teacher and principal evaluation systems in order to assure fairness evaluations and results across the state. Requires teachers and principals to have an individual professional growth plan based on the results of the evaluation and designed to assist the teacher or principal in increasing skills and competencies. **(Companion Bill: SB 6203)**

HB 2448 - Creating the High-Quality Early Learning Act - Introduced by Representative Roger Goodman - Passed House Early Learning & Human Services - Referred to House Ways & Means - This act reforms the state early learning program into the Washington Preschool Program, to be implemented between the 2014-2015 school year and 2024-2025. All three- and four-year-old

children may attend, but families making more than 250% of the federal poverty line will be required to pay. This act designates the teaching and educational requirements for the program, as well as allowable applicants to run preschools. This act directs that funding shall be incrementally increased as the program expands, though no source of funding is specified. **Substitute makes a number of technical changes, among them changing maximum class size and encouraging more high quality preschool programs in child daycare centers. 2/4 HHRA @ 9:00 AM**

HB 2451 - Regarding School Employee Workforce Reductions - Introduced by Representative John Ahern - Referred to House Education - This act provides that, when faced with teacher reductions, school boards must let go teachers who have received comparatively lower evaluation ratings first.

HB 2478 - Creating Higher Education Student Auditing Committees - Introduced by Representative J.T. Wilcox - Referred to House Higher Education - Requires four-year colleges and university to form a student auditing committee composed of student members to annually review at least one major project or area at the institution that could benefit from increased efficiency and recommend ways to reduce cost.

HB 2479 - Expanding Waivers From the 180-Day School Year Requirement - Introduced by Representative J.T. Wilcox - Referred to House Education - Expands the number of waivers from the 180-day school year requirement 5 school districts to 25 districts. Twenty of the waivers must be granted to school districts with a student population of between 501 and 2,200. **(Companion Bill: SB 6050)**

HB 2482 - Designating Innovation Partnership Zones - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Passed House Community & Economic Development & Housing - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Modifies current law regarding innovation partnership zones to include local improvement districts in the criteria for funding eligibility. This act also allows for corrective measures for non-qualifying zones.

HB 2483 - Creating the Office of the Student Achievement Council - Introduced by Representative Larry Seaquist - Passed House Higher Education - Referred to House Ways & Means - Creates the Student Achievement Council and the Office of the Student Achievement Council to set goals for increasing the educational attainment in Washington and to monitor progress toward meeting those goals. The Office of the Student Achievement Council must connect the work of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the State Board of Education, SBCTC, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB), and the four-year institutions of higher education, as well as the independent schools and colleges. **(Companion Bill: SB 6232)** **Substitute** modifies the structure, memberships, authority, purpose, goals, strategic planning, and other facets of the Student Achievement Council. The substitute places the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Council and eliminates a requirement that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee review the Council. The substitute alters definitions and adds emergency clauses.

HB 2485 - Authorizing School Districts to Use Electronic Formats for Warrants - Introduced by Representative Tim Probst - Passed House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Placed on 2nd Reading by Rules - Authorizes electronic formats for the issue of warrants by school districts.

HB 2492 - Requiring the State Board of Education to Provide Fiscal Impact Statements Before Making Rule Changes - Introduced by Representative Kathy Haigh - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires the State Board of Education to provide fiscal impact statements prior to making rule changes. This act also requires a public hearing in the legislature on proposed policy changes.

HB 2503 - Requiring Institutions of Higher Education to Provide Early Registration for Eligible Veterans and National Guard Members - Introduced by Representative Drew Hansen - Passed House Higher Education - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires institutions of higher education to provide early registration for certain veterans and national guard members. **Substitute** requires only those higher education institutions that already offer an early course registration period for any segment of the student population to offer early course registration for veterans and National Guard members. The word "course" is added to clarify that "early registration" means "early course registration." Veterans or National Guard members who are new students must complete all of their admission processes, and those who are continuing students must meet enrollment requirements in order to be offered early course registration. An expiration date of August 1, 2021, is added.

HB 2506 - Strengthening Categorical School Programs Based on the Recommendations of the Quality Education Council - Introduced by Representative Bruce Dammeier - Referred to House Education - Strengthens categorical school programs based on recommendations of the Quality Education Council, by adding science to the curriculum covered, making the program applicable from the 9th through the 12th grade, and more specifically defining highly capable students. **(Companion Bill: SB 6246)**

HB 2533 - Prioritizing Expenditures for K-12 Education Within the State Appropriations Process - Introduced by Representative Bruce Dammeier - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires that appropriations for

all K-12 basic education, and for all K-12 educational programs, be enacted into law before the legislature takes action on other general fund appropriations. This act takes effect immediately.

HB 2534 - Repealing the Nonresident Sales-Tax Exemption to Fund All-Day Kindergarten - Introduced by Representative Kristine Lytton - Referred to House Ways & Means - Repeals the sales tax exemption for nonresidents of other states without a sales tax, and requires the State Treasurer to deposit the net proceeds realized from the repeal into an All-Day Kindergarten account created in this act. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

HB 2537 - Regarding Certificated Employee Evaluations - Introduced by Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos - Referred to House Education - Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, to develop and make available a professional development program to support the implementation of the evaluation system. (Companion Bill: SB 6177)

HB 2580 - Creating a Lifelong Learning Program - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Passed House Labor & Workforce Development - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Establishes a lifelong learning program within the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to provide the opportunity for employees, with the support of their employers, to create educational savings accounts that may be used to fund approved education and training. (Companion Bill: SB 6141)

HB 2585 - Creating Efficiencies for Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Representative Larry Springer - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Mandates that institutions of higher education making purchases between \$10,000 and \$100,000 must seek at least three different price quotations for the intended purchase to ensure competition. At least one of the three businesses must be minority-owned and at least one other must be woman-owned. This act gives greater freedom to institutions of higher education in determining compensation levels and paying wages. **2/4 HHRA @ 9:00 AM**

HB 2586 - Phasing-In Statewide Implementation of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - Passed House Education - Referred to House Ways & Means - Provides that, to the extent funds are available, administration of the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills to kindergarten students shall be phased in beginning in the 2012-2013 school year as directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in consultation with the Department of Early Learning, until the 2014-2015 school year and thereafter when the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills must be administered to all students enrolled in kindergarten programs. (Companion Bill: SB 6326)

HB - 2592 - Concerning Extended Foster Care Services - Introduced by Representative Mary Helen Roberts - Passed Early Learning & Human Services - Referred to House Ways & Means - Eliminates the Foster Care to 21 Program, which is targeted at helping youth transitioning out of foster care to complete their postsecondary education up to the age of 21. Such youth are now to be served under the regular extended foster care program. This act directs the court to postpone for six months dismissal of a dependency proceeding when the child is in a postsecondary education program. **Substitute** authorizes the DSHS to provide extended foster care services to youth ages 18 to 21 to participate in or complete a postsecondary or vocational education program. The substitute bill provides that if dependent youth can demonstrate having applied to a postsecondary or vocational program within six months of his or her 18th birthday, then the court must postpone dismissing the youth's dependency to allow the youth a reasonable window of opportunity to request extended foster care services.

HB 2596 - Regarding Student Involvement in Higher Education Governance - Introduced by Representative Derek Stanford - Referred to House Higher Education - Provides that students at each institution of higher education shall be active participants in the immediate governance of and policy development of their respective institutions of higher education. The undergraduate and graduate student governments at each respective institution of higher education are the entities through which student participation occurs. (Companion Bill: SB 6334)

HB 2608 - Requiring the Department of Early Learning to Develop State Early Learning Guidelines - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - Passed House Early Learning & Human Services - Referred to House Education Appropriations & Oversight - Requires the Department of Early Learning, in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the nongovernmental private-public partnership to develop and make early learning guidelines widely available. (Companion Bill: SB 6293) **Substitute** replaces the term "partnership" with "jointly" to clarify that the guidelines will be developed jointly, rather than "in partnership." A tribal representative from a federally recognized tribe is included in the committee with which the DEL must review and revise the guidelines.

HB 2613 - Concerning Innovative Industries for Economic Development - Introduced by Representative Phyllis Kenney - Passed House Community & Economic Development & Housing - Referred to House Ways & Means - Creates the Washington Innovation Industries Enabling Act to promote technical support, workforce training, commercialization, financial, marketing, research, and exporting support to business who provide innovative products and services in Washington. This act provides for grants not to exceed \$5 million to qualifying, participating businesses, subject to certain criteria.

HB 2617 - Regarding School District Financial Insolvency - Introduced by Representative Glenn Anderson - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Reforms procedures for transferring territory between school districts and alters the process of dissolution and annexation of financially insolvent districts. This act takes effect on September 1, 2012.

HB 2633 - Requiring School Districts to Disclose Information About Required Assessments - Introduced by Representative Mike Hope - Referred to House Education - Requires school districts to notify parents of students with certain information about state and federal assessments before they occur during the school year.

HB 2634 - Encouraging K-12 Students to Use Online Instructional Programs During Breaks Within and Between School Years - Introduced by Representative Marcie Maxwell - Referred to House Education - Encourages K-12 students to spend at least two hours per week during school breaks using free online learning resources identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Learning is to focus on improving mathematics, science, and financial literacy skills. This act allows school districts to encourage or require use of the resources, and mandates that links to the resources be posted on a number of state websites. This act directs the Superintendent to report to the State Board of Education and the legislature on the program by December 2014.

HB 2644 - Creating a Sales Tax Holiday for Back-to-School Clothing and Supplies - Introduced by Representative Jim Moeller - Referred to House Ways & Means - Suspends the state sales tax for certain times in August for back-to-school clothing and school supply items. This act contains an emergency clause.

HB 2658 - Exempting Qualified Licensed Child Care Providers From School District and Educational Service District Records Check Requirements - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - Passed House Early Learning & Human Services - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Exempts licensed child care providers contracted by school districts from certain background check requirements as long as they possess a background check clearance card from the Department of Early Learning. **Substitute clarifies that individuals (rather than “contracted licensed child care providers”) who hold valid background check clearance cards are exempt from school-related checks.**

HB 2666 - Regarding School District Employer Pooled Benefits - Introduced by Representative Pat Sullivan - Referred to House Ways & Means - Provides that school districts may offer optional benefits plans for employees only if all employee bargaining units are treated as a single pool and all non-bargaining group employees are combined in a single pool, or both bargaining and non-bargaining employees are consolidated in a single pool. This act requires that any employee in the pooling arrangement who chooses medical benefit coverage to pay a minimum premium.

HB 2681 - Granting Collective Bargaining for Postdoctoral Researchers at Certain State Universities - Introduced by Representative Derek Stanford - Referred to House Labor and Workforce Development - Grants collective bargaining rights to postdoctoral researchers at the University of Washington and Washington State University. (Companion Bill: SB 6486)

HB 2688 - Creating a Review Process to Qualify an Electric Generation or Conservation Project for the Energy Independence Act - Introduced by Representative Dave Upthegrove - Passed House Environment - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Requires the Washington State University extension energy program, when requested by a qualifying utility that is not investor-owned or by persons proposing electric generation or conservation resource projects, to provide analysis and an advisory opinion on whether a proposed electric generation project or conservation resource qualifies to meet a target under the energy independence act. **Substitute requires the WSU Energy Program to prioritize any application regarding a project or resource that previously received an affirmative advisory opinion from the I-937 TWG. Comments must be solicited and considered from interested parties. The substitute bill clarifies that the State Auditor must consider any project reviewed and adopted by a governing board as being in compliance with I-937 under certain conditions. Any electric generation project reviewed and adopted under this process may produce renewable energy credits. The substitute bill authorizes the WSU Energy Program to adopt rules to implement the advisory opinion process.**

HB 2699 - Revising the Schedule of Audits of School Districts - Introduced by Representative Mark Miloscia - Referred to House Education - Authorizes the state auditor, with regard to school districts, to conduct audits to address suspected fraud or irregular conduct; or at the request of the local government governing body; or as required by federal laws or regulations. Subjects school districts to an examination of their financial affairs at least once every three years; however, more frequent periodic audits may occur.

HB 2703 - Designating Certain Universities in Washington As State Universities - Introduced by Representative Bill Hinkle - Referred to House Higher Education - Designates Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Western Washington University as state universities.

HB 2709 - Adding a Second Student to the University of Washington Board of Regents - Introduced by Representative Derek Stanford - Referred to House Higher Education - Provides that the University of Washington’s Board of Regents have both an undergraduate and a graduate student, instead of only a single student.

HB 2710 - Updating the State Environmental Policy Act Checklist - Introduced by Representative Gerry Pollet - Referred to House Environment - Adds three considerations to the Environmental Policy Act checklist. This act adds potential impacts to downstream waters, adverse impact on local transit, and adverse impacts on K-12 schools to the checklist. This act expires July 31, 2013.

HB 2717 - Creating Innovations in Higher Education - Introduced by Representative Larry Seaquist - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Encourages four-year colleges to collaborate to develop innovative approaches to increasing the number of students pursuing baccalaureate degrees or otherwise furthering their education. The colleges are to report their findings to the Governor, the legislature, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This act also directs the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to encourage such institutions to seek ways to increase the cost-effective delivery of developmental and remedial education in a timely fashion. The colleges must report their findings to the Governor and the legislature. **Substitute** adds the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), students, and faculty to the list of collaborators for public baccalaureate institutions. Students and faculty are added to the list of collaborators for the SBCTC. Reporting requirements are clarified with a survey of innovations to be included in the interim report and proposals to be included for the final report.

HB 2720 - Prioritizing Safety Net Funding for Residential Schools - Introduced by Representative Ruth Kagi - House Education Appropriations & Oversight Executive Action - Establishes that school districts with primary duty for providing basic education to individuals with developmental disorders residing in residential habilitation centers shall receive priority for safety net funding.

HB 2724 - Establishing a Consolidated Purchasing System for Public School Employees' Insurance Benefits - Introduced by Representative Deborah Eddy - Referred to House Ways & Means - Establishes a consolidated system for purchasing insurance benefits for school employees and their dependents. Creates the school employees' benefits board within the state health care authority to design and approve insurance benefit plans for school employees and to establish eligibility criteria for participation in insurance benefit plans. (Companion Bill: SB 6442)

HB 2735 - Regarding Intermediate Capital Projects and Minor Works - Introduced by Representative Sharon Wylie - Passed House Capital Budget - Referred to Rules 2 Review - Exempts projects under \$10,000,000 at institutions of higher education from certain pre-design reviews by the Office of Financial Management. This act designates higher education projects that cost less than \$5,000,000 as minor works projects.

HB 2738 - Modifying the Membership of the Select Committee on Pension Policy - Introduced by Representative Barbara Bailey - Referred to House Ways & Means - Requires that one of the members of the Select Committee on Pension Policy be a plan administrator representing a higher education retirement plan sponsor.

HB 2745 - Classifying Certain Military Veterans As Resident Students - Introduced by Representative Larry Haler - Referred to House Higher Education - Revises the definition of "resident student," for purposes of college and university fees to include a student who is a military veteran residing in this state at the time of his or her separation from military service, who is honorably discharged. (Companion Bill: SB 6544)

HB 2763 - Repurposing and Funding Previously Enacted Education Initiatives - Introduced by Representative Deborah Eddy - Referred to House Ways & Means - Outlines a plan to provide regular cost-of-living salary adjustments for public school and community and technical college employees. This act also promotes reduced K-3 class size; statewide provision of all-day kindergarten; enhanced state funding for maintenance, supplies, and operating costs; and a new funding formula to support transportation of students to and from school. In addition to other changes, this act provides the necessary funding through an increased sales tax. The provisions of this act are to be submitted to the voters for approval through a referendum.

HB 2765 - Concerning Qualifications for Educational Interpreters - Introduced by Representative Cathy Dahlquist - Referred to House Education - Requires the Professional Educator Standards Board to find assessments and develop performance standards for educational interpreters. This act requires educational interpreters employed by school districts to meet the standards by the 2015-2016 school year and receive national interpreter certification from the National Association of the Deaf registry of interpreters for the deaf by the 2018-2019 school year.

HB 2766 - Creating an Income Tax to Fund K-4 Education - Introduced by Representative Marko Liias - Referred to House Ways & Means - Creates an income tax of 2% on those earning more than \$1 million, individually or jointly, to fund K-4 education.

HB 2770 - Making Appropriations for K-12 Education - Introduced by Representative Bruce Dammeier - Referred to House Ways & Means - Creates a separate budget for education for the remainder of the 2011-2012 biennium. This budget reduces the overall K-12 appropriation by \$7 million. This act takes effect immediately.

SENATE BILLS

SB 5576 - Regarding Capital Construction and Building Purposes at the University of Washington and Washington State University - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Passed to Rules for 2nd Reading - The substitute passed eliminates the University of Washington Bond Retirement Fund and the Washington State University Bond Retirement Fund, and the University of Washington Building Account and the Washington State University Building Account are made local, non-appropriated accounts.

SB 5732 - Exempting Certain Research and Development Activities From Business Taxes - Introduced by Senator Maralyn Chase - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - The substitute passed provides that the B&O tax is not due on the value of products manufactured in Washington during their first five years of production if the product was developed as a result of research and development at the University of Washington or Washington State University, and the product is being manufactured pursuant to a licensing agreement with either school.

SB 5808 - Concerning Innovative Industries for Economic Development - Introduced by Senator Jim Kastama - Passed Senate Economic Development and Trade & Innovation - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - To establish the Washington Innovative Industries Enabling Act to further the continued commercialization and manufacture of innovative products in Washington and the promotion of Washington's industrial products. Establishes the industry development organization grant program in the department of commerce, and creates the industry development organization grant account.

SB 5976 - Regarding Coordination and Evaluation of Workforce Training for Aerospace and Materials Manufacturing - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Adds additional objectives for the Center of Excellence for Aerospace and Advanced Materials Manufacturing, including increased coordination with industry leaders and community and technical colleges. (Companion Bill: HB 2156)

SB 5982 - Creating the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation - Introduced by Senator Jim Kastama - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Creates the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation to advance research on new technologies that offer the promise of creating innovative products that can be used in aerospace. The Center is to work through engineering departments at the University of Washington, Washington State University, and other institutions working with industry-focused research. This act creates a governing board and staffing guidelines. The Center is to be funded with federal money, in addition to private gifts and grants. (Companion Bill: HB 2155) The substitute passed adds a labor representative to the board. Symposia on aerospace research are to be sponsored in collaboration with Innovate Washington.

SB 5997 - Regarding the Olympic Natural Resources Center - Introduced by Senator James Hargrove - Passed to Rules for 2nd Reading - The amendment passed changes the school of forest resources to school of environmental and forest sciences. Adds the Department of Natural Resources to the membership of the policy advisory board. Adds the language "energy and marine" to the list of interests making up the purpose of the center. Adds language directing the center to include renewable energy production, to its research and education programs.

SB 6002 - Making Adjustments to the School Construction Assistance Formula - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Made Eligible to Be Placed on 2nd Reading - Modifies calculations to the school construction assistance formula. This act requires that funds allotted to a school district be based on the student headcount for that district, less the number of students residing outside the district who are enrolled in alternative learning programs. This act requires that each kindergarten student be counted as a single, full-time student. This act takes effect immediately. (Companion Bill: HB 2184) The substitute passed provides an alternative adjustment for calculating student enrollment for the school construction assistance funding formula.

SB 6020 - Regarding Waivers From the 180-Day School Year - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires school districts to extend waivers from the 180-day school year until August 31, 2014, for those schools who have received an initial waiver that will expire prior to August 31, 2014.

SB 6029 - Regarding the Ability to Obtain a Baccalaureate Degree in Three Years - Introduced by Senator Paull Shin - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development to Rules for 2nd Reading - Requires public high schools, within their resources, to inform students and their families about opportunities to graduate from college with a baccalaureate degree in three years. By July 1, 2012, all four-year colleges and universities must publish information about accelerated baccalaureate degree programs, as well as opportunities to complete a baccalaureate program in three years. By August 1, 2012, that same information must be provided to the Higher Education Coordinating Board and Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution to school districts. The substitute passed removes the specific requirement that institutions of higher education must identify accelerated baccalaureate degree programs in admissions materials and on websites, and instead requires that the institutions identify opportunities students may have to complete a baccalaureate degree in three years.

SB 6035 - Transferring the Duties of the Energy Policy Division of the Department of Commerce to the Office of the Governor and Washington State University - Introduced by Senator Jerome Delvin - Referred to Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters - Transfers the duties of the energy policy division of the Department of Commerce to the Governor's office and the Washington State University Extension Program. This act creates a comprehensive energy planning process and provides for periodic review of the process, subject to available funding.

SB 6040 - Regarding School Construction Assistance Rules - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to publish rules to ensure that a host school district is not penalized for the entirety of a shared or co-located facility when calculations for state school construction assistance are made.

SB 6041 - Regarding Lighthouse School Programs - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Placed on 2nd Reading by Rules - Limits the lighthouse school pilot programs to three of each school: elementary, middle, and high levels. Funding for the program is created and may include gifts from the private sector in addition to public funds. **The substitute passed removes the limitation of up to three for designated lighthouse schools. A technical change to remove the word "designated" is made.**

SB 6050 - Expanding Waivers From the 180-Day School Year Requirement - Introduced by Senator Randi Becker - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Expands the number of waivers from the 180-day school year requirement from 5 school districts to 25 districts. Twenty of the waivers must be granted to school districts with a student population of between 501 and 2,200.

SB 6058 - Authorizing Single-Sex Classes in K-12 Schools - Introduced by Senator Debbie Regala - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction under its rule-making power to specifically allow single-sex classes, if a school gives notice before offering such classes and such classes are based on the school's objectives and policies relating to educational achievement of its students.

SB 6084 - Eliminating Non-High School District Reimbursement Fees - Introduced by Senator Dan Swecker - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Eliminates the reimbursement fees for non-high school districts.

SB 6086 - Authorizing Single-Sex Classes Under Specified Circumstances - Introduced by Senator Dan Swecker - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Authorizes schools to provide single-sex classes if the single-sex class is substantially related to the school's objective of improving the educational achievement of its students; and student enrollment in a single-sex class is completely voluntary. A school that provides a single-sex class must provide a substantially equal single-sex class for students of the excluded sex.

SB 6099 - Regarding School District Levy Elections - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Authorizes additional tax levies for maintenance and operation support of a school district to provide for decreases in distributions provided by the federal impact aid law or decreases in local effort assistance allocations.

SB 6115 - Addressing the Health Care Workforce Shortage - Introduced by Senator Karen Keiser - Passed Senate Health & Long-Term Care - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Requires the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to convene a health care personnel shortage task force. Authorizes the development of a community assistance referral and education services program to provide community outreach and assistance in order to advance injury and illness prevention. **The substitute passed requires the University of Washington School of Nursing to consult with the Task Force when making changes to degree requirements or proposing to eliminate or add degree offerings. Any change, elimination, or addition to a degree program must be in accordance with the state strategic plan and further the social good and the public health of the people in the state.**

SB 6117 - Expanding Criteria for Academic Performance Audits in Low-Achieving Schools - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires academic performance audits of the lowest-achieving schools in action districts to include an examination of the level of student participation in school activities and extracurricular activities; and the level of social emotional learning provided.

SB 6118 - Implementing the 2010 Working Group Recommendations Regarding Programs for Highly Capable Students - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Implements recommendations of the 2010 working group regarding programs for highly capable students. The top recommendation is that the education of highly capable students should include supports and services that are in addition to those ordinarily provided as part of general education.

SB 6121 - Requiring Financial Aid Counseling Curriculum for Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development to Rules for 2nd Reading - Requires the office of student financial assistance to provide a financial aid counseling curriculum to institutions of higher education with state need grant

recipients. Requires students who receive state need grants, by the 2013-2014 academic year, to participate in financial aid counseling before receiving their first disbursement. **The substitute passed** provides that the financial aid counseling curriculum must be available via a web site. The requirement that each SNG recipient must participate in financial aid counseling before receiving their first disbursement is removed. Each institution must take reasonable steps to ensure that each SNG recipient receives directly referencing or linking to the website on the Conditions of Award statement provided to each recipient.

SB 6141 - Creating a Lifelong Learning Program - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation to Rules for 2nd Reading - Establishes a lifelong learning program within the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to provide the opportunity for employees, with the support of their employers, to create educational savings accounts that may be used to fund approved education and training.

SB 6153 - Regarding School Attendance of Children Whose Parents or Guardians Receive State Assistance - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Human Services & Corrections - Requires recipients of state assistance, who are parents or legal guardians of a school-aged child or whose school-aged child receives state assistance, to ensure regular school attendance by their children as a condition for receiving any state assistance.

SB 6164 - Regarding the Rights of Certain Higher Education Students Involved in Military Service - Introduced by Senator Steve Hobbs - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development to Rules for 2nd Reading - Provides that members of the Washington National Guard or other military reserve component who are students at an institution of higher education may make up classes, tests, examinations, laboratories, or events without prejudice to the final course grade or evaluation.

SB 6174 - Expanding the Types of Medications That a Public or Private School Employee May Administer to Include Topical Medication, Eye Drops, and Ear Drops - Introduced by Senator Steve Conway - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Permits appropriate public and private school employees to administer topical medication, eye drops, or ear drops to students in their custody. **(Companion Bill: HB 2247)**

SB 6177 - Regarding Certificated Employee Evaluations - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to funds appropriated for this purpose, to develop and make available a professional development program to support the implementation of the evaluation systems.

SB 6203 - Implementing Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish common components of the teacher and principal evaluation systems in order to assure fairness evaluations and results across the state. Requires teachers and principals to have an individual professional growth plan based on the results of the evaluation and designed to assist the teacher or principal in increasing skills and competencies.

SB 6228 - Making Employment Status Discrimination an Unfair Labor Practice - Introduced by Senator Karen Keiser - Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Executive Action - Includes employment status as an unfair labor practice under the state civil rights act. The bill provides that an employer cannot refuse to hire someone because of his or her employment status, age, gender, and other discriminatory criteria.

SB 6231 - Regarding Open Educational Resources in K-12 Education - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the development of an open course library of licensed K-12 courseware aligned to common core state standards. This act also dedicates 1% of funding previously allocated to curriculum and textbooks for the development of the open course library until June 30, 2018. **(Companion Bill: HB 2337)**

SB 6232 - Creating the Office of the Student Achievement Council - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Creates the Student Achievement Council and the Office of the Student Achievement Council to set goals for increasing the educational attainment in Washington and to monitor progress toward meeting those goals. The Office of the Student Achievement Council must connect the work of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), the State Board of Education (SBE), State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC), the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB), and the four-year institutions of higher education, as well as the independent schools and colleges. **(Companion Bill: HB 2483)** **The substitute passed** removes the Office of the Council. The membership of the Council is revised to include one student, one representative from an independent, nonprofit institution of higher education, and four citizens (rather than five). Membership no longer includes the representative from the Workforce Board and the two non-voting members.

SB 6246 - Strengthening Categorical School Programs Based on the Recommendations of the Quality Education Council - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Strengthens categorical school programs based on recommendations of the quality education council, by adding science to the curriculum covered, making the

program applicable from the 9th through the 12th grade, and more specifically defining highly capable students. **(Companion Bill: HB 2506)**

SB 6269 - Regarding Higher Education Coordination - Introduced by Senator Randi Becker - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Declares that the legislature intends for the new council for higher education to refocus on the core function of higher education coordination and be a trusted source of information for policymakers. Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, except for matters pertaining to student financial aid, to the council for higher education. Transfers powers, duties, and functions of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, pertaining to student financial aid, to the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Creates a joint higher education committee to provide legislative oversight of the council for higher education. **The substitute passed amends multiple statutes to remove the requirement that new degree programs and applied baccalaureate degrees are subject to the approval of the Council. The Council, rather than the HECB, must convene workgroups to develop transfer associate degrees. Only employees needed to perform necessary functions are transferred from the HECB to the Council. Technical corrections are made and outdated statutes repealed.**

SB 6273 - Eliminating Mandatory Allocations Under Initiative Measure No. 728 - Introduced by Senator Val Stevens - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Provides that, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the amount allocated per full-time equivalent student shall be as specified in the omnibus appropriations act. These allocations per full-time equivalent student shall be supported from the distributions from the education legacy trust and the state general fund.

SB 6278 - Regarding Provisional School Employees' Contracts - Introduced by Senator Steve Hobbs - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Modifies state law to allow for nonrenewal of a provisional teacher's contract if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluations. This act provides that a non-provisional teacher may be reduced to provisional status if the teacher receives two consecutive unsatisfactory reviews. This act takes effect July 1, 2013. **(Companion Bill: HB 2309)**

SB 6282 - Revising Requirements for the Registration of International Student Visitor Exchange Programs - Introduced by Senator Karen Fraser - Passed Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections to Rules for 2nd Reading - Revises certain requirements for the registration of international student visitor exchange programs and encourages compliance with appropriate federal agency regulations and nationally established standards as outlined by the council on standards for international educational travel or its successor organization.

SB 6289 - Facilitating Self-Employment Training - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation to Rules for 2nd Reading - Modifies provisions relating to self-employment assistance and entrepreneurial training programs to assure that eligible individuals are informed about such training opportunities. Repeals the July 1, 2012, expiration date of self-employment assistance programs.

SB 6293 - Requiring the Department of Early Learning to Develop State Early Learning Guidelines - Introduced by Senator Nick Harper - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Department of Early Learning, in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the nongovernmental private-public partnership to develop and make early learning guidelines widely available. **(Companion Bill: HB 2608)**

SB 6300 - Encouraging the Education of Students on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Introduced by Senator Maralyn Chase - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Encourages school districts to implement a program that educates students on the content and importance of the universal declaration of human rights.

SB 6314 - Regarding the Statewide High School Assessment in Science - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Removes the biology end-of-course exam as a graduation requirement until the state has the funding and resources to develop and implement a second science end-of-course or integrated science exam or until the decision is made about how to assess the next generation science standards.

SB 6317 - Establishing a Statewide Plan for Implementing Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Establishes a statewide plan with definitions and performance descriptions, professional development opportunities, and an evaluation schedule whereby all teachers and principals in the state receive a comprehensive new evaluation by the 2016-2017 school year. **(Companion Bill: HB 2334)**

SB 6318 - Requiring Statewide Implementation of Revised Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems Through Professional Development and Training - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to develop a comprehensive online training package for principals and superintendents for the revised evaluation systems required by current law, and include a modified version of that package in teacher orientation. This act requires the Professional Educator Standards Board to inservice training or continuing education on the revised evaluation system as a requirement for recertification. This act also requires that subsequent collective bargaining agreements be consistent with this act. **(Companion Bill: HB 2165)**

SB 6320 - Regarding State Board of Education Rules That Contain Unfunded Mandates - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Provides that a rule adopted by the State Board of Education that affects credit requirements for students beginning with the graduating class of 2016 is voluntary unless the legislature enacts and fully funds the rule. **(Companion Bill: HB 2543)**

SB 6326 - Phasing-in Statewide Implementation of the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Provides that, to the extent funds are available, administration of the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills to kindergarten students shall be phased in beginning in the 2012-2013 school year as directed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in consultation with the Department of Early Learning, until the 2014-2015 school year and thereafter when the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills must be administered to all students enrolled in kindergarten programs. **(Companion Bill: HB 2586)**

SB 6334 - Regarding Student Involvement in Higher Education Governance - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Provides that students at each institution of higher education shall be active participants in the immediate governance of and policy development of their respective institutions of higher education. The undergraduate and graduate student governments at each respective institution of higher education are the entities through which student participation occurs. **(Companion Bill: HB 2596)**

SB 6338 - Studying Densified Biomass As a Renewable Energy Source - Introduced by Senator Bob Morton - Referred to Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters - Requires the Washington State University extension energy program study and report on the use of densified biomass as a renewable energy source to heat homes, businesses, and other facilities.

SB 6339 - Designating Courses That Use Open Course Library Materials in Course Catalogues and Bulletins - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development to Rules for 2nd Reading - Provides that the boards of trustees of higher education institutions in publishing course materials shall designate in their catalogues and bulletins if a course uses open course library materials.

SB 6355 - Concerning Association Development Organizations - Introduced by Senator Christine Rolfes - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation to Rules for 2nd Reading - Provides that the contracting associate development organizations in each community or regional area must be broadly representative of community and economic interests and meet and share best practices with other associate development organizations at least two times each year.

SB 6371 - Extending the Customized Employment Training Program - Introduced by Senator Paull Shin - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Repeals the expiration date of July 1, 2012, for the customized employment training program.

SB 6374 - Creating the Educational Success for Youth and Alumni of Foster Care Act - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Establishes the educational success for youth and alumni of foster care act. Modifies provisions relating to: (1) The passport to college promise program; (2) The college bound scholarship program; and (3) Reporting and other duties of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Social and Health Services, the Office of Student Financial Assistance, and the education data center. Repeals the expiration of the passport to college promise program. **(Companion Bill: HB 2254)**

SB 6377 - Improving Budget Sustainability by Modifying Education Funding Mandates - Introduced by Senator Joseph Zarelli - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Deletes the requirement that, the state treasurer shall transfer \$102,000,000 from the general fund to the education construction fund by June 30 of each year, and repeals cost-of-living increases for academic and classified employees.

SB 6383 - Regarding Washington Interscholastic Activities Association Penalties - Introduced by Senator Don Benton - Passed Senate Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections - Placed on 2nd Reading by Rules - Authorizes the Washington interscholastic activities association or other voluntary nonprofit entity to impose penalties for rules violations upon coaches, school district administrators, school administrators, and students, as appropriate, to punish the offending party or parties. Any penalty that is imposed for rules violations must be proportional to the offense. **The substitute passed provides that the WIAA or other voluntary nonprofit entity is authorized to impose penalties for rule violations upon coaches, school district administrators, school administrations, and students, as appropriate, to punish the offending party or parties. No penalty may be imposed on a student or students unless the student or students knowingly violated the rules, and any penalty that is imposed for rule violations must be proportional to the offense.**

SB 6390 - Creating Higher Education Student Auditing Committees - Introduced by Senator Craig Pridemore - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Requires four-year colleges and universities to form a student auditing

committee composed of student members to annually review at least one major project or area at the institution that could benefit from increased efficiency and recommend ways to reduce cost. **(Companion Bill: HB 2478)**

SB 6392 - Establishing a Farm Internship Program - Introduced by Senator Kevin Ranker - Passed Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection to Rules for 2nd Reading - Requires the director of the Department of Labor and Industries to establish a farm internship pilot project until December 1, 2017, for the employment of farm interns on small farms under special certificates at wages, if any, as authorized by the department. The bill provides for limitations as to time, number, proportion, and length of service. The pilot project consists of the following counties: San Juan, Skagit, King, Whatcom, Kitsap, Pierce, Jefferson, Spokane, and Thurston.

SB 6399 - Regarding Program Fees at Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Modifies provisions for program fees at institutions of higher learning to allow fees unique to specific programs of study to be imposed. The bill also provides that for students other than resident undergraduates, reductions or increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students. **The substitute passed the governing boards of the four-year institutions of higher education and the SBCTC must consult with students before establishing, reducing, or increasing fees unique to specific programs of study and must offset fees with financial aid for those eligible.**

SB 6401 - Creating Efficiencies for Institutions of Higher Education - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Mandates that institutions of higher education making purchases between \$10,000 and \$100,000 must seek at least three different price quotations for the intended purchase to ensure competition. At least one of the three businesses must be minority-owned and at least one other must be woman-owned. This act gives greater freedom to institutions of higher education in determining compensation levels and paying wages. **(Companion Bill: HB 2585) The amendment passed clarifies in an additional section of the code that, for health care classifications, institutions of higher education may implement higher education health care special pay plans to be competitive with compensation for positions of a similar nature.**

SB 6402 - Eliminating the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Eliminates the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board by deleting references to it in numerous statutes.

SB 6405 - Providing Funding for the Washington Service Corps - Introduced by Senator Jim Hargrove - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Provides that all state agencies including all state departments, boards, councils, commissions, and quasi-public corporations must allocate, as a nondeductible item, out of any moneys appropriated for the original construction of any public building, an amount of one-half of one percent of the appropriation to be expended by the Washington service corps for the creation of jobs for the state's unemployed residents.

SB 6411 - Concerning Expenditures of the WorkFirst Program - Introduced by Senator Debbie Regala - Senate Human Services & Corrections Executive Action - Modifies funding restrictions for the WorkFirst program by eliminating a number of specific appropriations, including for early learning and needy families block grants. Limits expenditures for administration to 15% of the appropriations for the WorkFirst program.

SB 6414 - Authorizing Advisory Opinions Regarding Electric Generation or Conservation Resource Projects - Introduced by Senator Kevin Ranker - Passed Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters - Requires the Washington State University extension energy program, if requested by a qualifying utility that is not investor-owned, to provide analysis and an advisory opinion on whether a proposed electric generation project or conservation resource qualifies to meet a target under the energy independence act.

SB 6438 - Requiring School Districts to Provide or Pay for the Cost of Remedial Postsecondary Education - Introduced by Senator Val Stevens - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires school districts, under certain circumstances, to provide remedial education for recent high school graduates or pay the cost of providing state-supported remedial classes for those students.

SB 6441 - Authorizing Grants to the Successful Pilot Programs Implementing Energy Efficiency Upgrades - Introduced by Senator Kevin Ranker - Passed Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Authorizes the Washington State University extension energy program, subject to funding, to extend grants to the successful pilot programs implementing pilot programs providing urban residential and commercial energy efficiency upgrades.

SB 6442 - Establishing a Consolidated Purchasing System for Public School Employees' Insurance Benefits - Introduced by Senator Steve Hobbs - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Establishes a consolidated system for purchasing insurance benefits for school employees and their dependents. Creates the school employees' benefits board within the state health care authority to design

and approve insurance benefit plans for school employees and to establish eligibility criteria for participation in insurance benefit plans.

SB 6449 - Creating the High-Quality Early Learning Act - Introduced by Senator Nick Harper - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Establishes the high-quality early learning act, which requires the Washington preschool program to be implemented, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, to provide voluntary preschool opportunities for children three- and four-years of age. Requires funding for the Washington preschool program to be appropriated to the Department of Early Learning.

SB 6456 - Prohibiting the Use of State Funds and Tuition Fees for Intercollegiate Athletic Expenses - Introduced by Senator Mary Margaret Haugen - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development to Rules for 2nd Reading - Prohibits programs for intercollegiate athletic competition at the University of Washington and Washington State University from being funded with state appropriations or operating fees.

SB 6460 - Requiring a Model Policy for Open Licensing of Courseware Developed With State Funds - Introduced by Senator Rodney Tom - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Requires that all courseware for K-12 and higher education be made available to the public. (Companion Bill: HB 2336)

SB 6468 - Requiring State Research Universities to Adopt Policies Governing Investment of University Funds - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Requires the regents of each state research university to adopt policies that govern investments of university funds; and provide for the preparation of a publicly available investment performance report.

SB 6482 - Imposing a 2% Income Tax on Millionaires to Fund Basic Education - Introduced by Senator Sharon Nelson - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Imposes a 2% marginal tax on annual income exceeding \$1,000,000 and establishes a new state trust fund dedicated to meeting the paramount duty for the education of all children. Requires only taxpayers with adjusted gross income of \$1,000,000 or more to file a tax return with the Department of Revenue.

SB 6486 - Granting Collective Bargaining for Postdoctoral Researchers at Certain State Universities - Introduced by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles - Passed Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Grants collective bargaining rights to postdoctoral researchers at the University of Washington and Washington State University.

SB 6494 - Improving Truancy Procedures - Introduced by Senator Jim Hargrove - Passed Senate Human Services & Corrections - Modifies provisions relating to truancy procedures for children under 17 years of age by changing the applicability of mandatory truancy petition filing provisions to children under 17 years of age, requiring initial petitions to contain information about the child's academic status, prohibiting issuance of a bench warrant at an initial truancy status hearing, and modifying school district reporting requirements after the court assumes jurisdiction in a truancy case.

SB 6513 - Addressing Issues of Accountability and Funding for Alternative Learning Experience Programs - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Defines "contract-based learning program" as a program that serves students in grades 9 through 12 where students receive an average of at least 5 hours of classroom-based instruction per week. Specifies that the running start program is not a contract-based learning program. Also provides that, for students in grades 9 through 12, all instruction and activities in the student learning plan must generate credits that meet state or local high school graduation requirements.

SB 6519 - Concerning Membership of Community and Technical College Boards of Trustees - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Requires community and technical college boards of trustees to include one member each from business and labor groups.

SB 6532 - Implementing the Results of Quality Rating and Improvement Systems for Child Care Centers and Early Learning Programs - Introduced by Senator David Frockt - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Finds that a two-year field test of a voluntary quality rating and improvement system, for licensed and certified child care centers and homes and other early learning programs, has prepared the state to begin statewide implementation of the system, to the extent funds are available.

SB 6537 - Regarding School District Teacher and Principal Assignment Policies - Introduced by Senator Tracey Eide - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Modifies school district board of directors' duties relating to staff assignments. Requires the use the staff assignment elements in staffing decisions made to implement reduction in force procedures due to district enrollment decline or loss of revenue as well as the implementation of assignments for staff returning to employment following a reduction in force.

SB 6540 - Creating a Business and Occupation Tax Credit for Hiring Certain Persons in Manufacturing - Introduced by Senator Maralyn Chase - Passed Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - Referred to Senate Ways & Means -

Provides a business and occupation tax credit to employers for hiring interns, apprentices, or permanent employees who are currently enrolled in a manufacturing skills certificate program; or have received a manufacturing skills certificate.

SB 6541 - Regarding the Use of Workforce Investment Funds for Layoff Aversion - Introduced by Senator Maralyn Chase - Passed to Senate Rules for 2nd Reading - Requires the Workforce Board to evaluate the use of federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds for layoff aversion and collaborate with Employment Security Department (ESD) in determining the best practices in the use of the funds for such purposes. ESD must detail for Workforce Development Councils the opportunities to use, as well as best practices in using, WIA funds for layoff aversion through rapid response and other mechanisms.

SB 6542 - Regarding the Assignment of Intellectual Property Rights At State Universities - Introduced by Senator Maralyn Chase - Referred to Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation - Modifies the duties of the University of Washington and Washington State University relating to assignment of intellectual property rights by providing that the universities may require assignment of, or have a financial interest in intellectual property or other intangible assets developed by students, staff, or faculty only through agreements entered into on a voluntary basis.

SB 6544 - Classifying Certain Military Veterans As Resident Students - Introduced by Senator Paull Shin - Referred to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Revises the definition of “resident student,” for purposes of college and university fees to include a student who is a military veteran residing in this state at the time of his or her separation from military service, who is honorably discharged. (Companion Bill: HB 2745)

SB 6549 - Adopting a Model Policy to Require a Third Person to Be Present During Interviews of Children - Introduced by Senator Randi Becker - Referred to Senate Human Services & Corrections - Requires the state school directors' association to adopt a model policy to implement provisions relating to interviewing children during an investigation of alleged abuse or neglect.

SB 6553 - Regarding School District Employer Pooled Benefits - Introduced by Senator Margarita Prentice - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Provides that school districts may offer optional benefits plans for employees only if all employee bargaining units are treated as a single pool and all non-bargaining group employees are combined in a single pool, or both bargaining and non-bargaining employees are consolidated in a single pool. This act requires that any employee in the pooling arrangement who chooses medical benefit coverage to pay a minimum premium. (Companion Bill: HB 2666)

SB 6562 - Requiring an Automated External Defibrillator Program for Each High School in the State - Introduced by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe - Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with school districts, to develop and implement an automated external defibrillator program for each high school in the state.

SB 6565 - Expanding Resident Student Eligibility for Purposes of the State Need Grant Program - Introduced by Senator Ed Murray - Referred to Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development - Expands resident student eligibility for purposes of the state need grant program to include any person who has completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a high school diploma, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has lived in Washington for at least three years immediately prior to receiving the diploma.

SB 6567 - Modifying the State Expenditure Limit to Ensure That the Paramount Duty of Educating Children Is Met - Introduced by Senator Joseph Zarelli - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Exempts state allocations to school districts and educational service districts from the state expenditure limit.

SB 6576 - Allowing School Districts to Charge Reasonable Costs for Public Records Requests - Introduced by Senator Lisa Brown - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Requires school districts to adopt a policy to charge for the reasonable costs of responding to public records requests.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

SJR 8223 - Amending the Constitution to provide Clear Authority to State Research Universities to Invest Funds - Introduced by Senator Derek Kilmer - Passed Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide clear authority to state research universities to invest funds as authorized by law, including investment in stocks or bonds issued by any company.

SJR - 8225 - Amending the Constitution to Make Ample Provision to Support Higher Education - Introduced by Senator Michael Baumgartner - Referred to Senate Ways & Means - Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require a portion of retail sales and use taxes to be dedicated to and used for funding a public system of higher education.