

# Weekly Legislative Report

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# Appraisers Coalition of Washington

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### Upcoming Committee Hearings

01/26/2010	Hag/Nat Resources	HHR B @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - HB 2934 - Prohibiting the department of fish and wildlife from paying more than the appraised value for any real estate purchase.
01/26/2010	SLab/Comm/CP	SHR 4 @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - SB 6701 - Addressing real property warranties.
01/27/2010	HCommerce/Lab	HHR B @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - HB 3040 - Regarding the licensing of appraisal management companies.
01/28/2010	HTrans	HHR B @ 3:30 PM	Public Hearing - HB 2855 - Providing financing options for the operations and capital needs of transit agencies.
01/28/2010	HWays & Means	HHR A @ 3:30 PM	Work Session - HB 1360 - Concerning funding for residential infrastructure development.

### Overview of Bills Being Tracked

#### High Priority Bills

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
<a href="#">E2SHB 1393</a>	Addressing residential real property construction improvements through consumer education, warranty protections, contractor registration requirements, and worker certification standards.	Springer	Monitoring	H3rd Reading
<a href="#">SHB 1683</a>	Modifying provisions relating to consumer protection act violations.	Kirby	Monitoring	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 1716</a> (Dead)	Providing living wages on public contracts.	Miloscia	Oppose	HWays & Means
<a href="#">ESHB 2075</a> (Dead)	Concerning the excise taxation of certain products and services provided or furnished electronically.	Hunter	Concerns	C 535 L 09
<a href="#">HB 2265</a> (Dead)	Removing the requirement that a violation of the prohibition on a person operating a motor vehicle while holding a wireless communications device to his or her ear be enforced only as a secondary action.	Williams	Monitoring	HTrans
<a href="#">HB 2390</a>	Eliminating the business and occupation tax deduction for initiation fees and dues received by for-profit businesses.	Moeller	Oppose	HFinance

<a href="#">SHB 2409</a>	Concerning the sale of water-sewer district real property.	Simpson	Monitoring	HRules R
<a href="#">HB 2617</a>	Eliminating certain boards and commissions.	Driscoll	Oppose	HSGTribalAff
<a href="#">HB 2855</a>	Providing financing options for the operations and capital needs of transit agencies.	Liias	Monitoring	HTrans
<a href="#">HB 3040</a>	Regarding the licensing of appraisal management companies.	Conway	Support	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">SB 5057</a> (Dead)	Limiting the rate of increase of property valuations.	Rockefeller		SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 5221</a>	Regarding distressed property conveyances.	Tom		C 15 L 09
<a href="#">2SSB 5319</a> (Dead)	Improving economic security through unemployment compensation.	Kohl-Welles	Support	SRules X
<a href="#">SSB 5461</a>	Concerning reserve account and study requirements for condominium associations.	Haugen	Concerns	C 307 L 09
<a href="#">SB 5911</a> (Dead)	Adopting the recommendations of the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.	Pridemore	Oppose	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SSB 5963</a>	Regarding unemployment insurance.	Kohl-Welles	Monitoring	C 493 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 5994</a> (Dead)	Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.	Pridemore	Oppose	SRules 2G
<a href="#">SB 6426</a>	Eliminating certain boards and commissions.	Prentice	Oppose	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 6635</a>	Concerning the appraisal of green buildings.	Fraser	Oppose	SEnv/Water/Ener
<a href="#">SJR 8200</a> (Dead)	Setting base years for property tax valuation.	Sheldon		SWays & Means
<a href="#">SJR 8201</a> (Dead)	Limiting property valuation increases.	Rockefeller		SWays & Means

## Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
<a href="#">HB 1132</a>	Regulating distressed property conveyances.	Goodman		HJudiciary
<a href="#">ESHB 1244</a>	Making operating appropriations for fiscal years 2007--2009 and 2009-- 2011.	Linville		C 564 L 09
<a href="#">SHB 1360</a> (Dead)	Concerning funding for infrastructure that supports dense, affordable development in transit-oriented areas.	Ormsby	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">SHB 1420</a>	Revising real estate seller disclosure requirements.	Conway	Monitoring	C 505 L 09
<a href="#">HB 1452</a>	Concerning economic stimulus.	Dunshee	Monitoring	HCap Budget
<a href="#">SHB 1621</a>	Regulating the business practices of consumer loan companies for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.	Kirby	Monitoring	C 120 L 09
<a href="#">SHB 1644</a> (Dead)	Concerning reconveyances of deeds of trust.	Maxwell	Monitoring	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 1874</a> (Dead)	Concerning compliance with sales, use, and business and occupation tax requirements.	Sells	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">ESHB</a>	Improving economic security through	Conway	Monitoring	C 3 L 09

<a href="#">1906</a>	unemployment compensation.			
<a href="#">HB 2117</a>	Modifying the basic health plan.	Cody	Monitoring	HHC/Wellness
<a href="#">HB 2425</a>	Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development.	Rodne	Monitoring	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 2444</a>	Providing leave from employment for participating in a child's educational activities.	Williams	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">HB 2820</a>	Concerning reserve accounts for condominium associations.	O'Brien	Monitoring	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 2824</a>	Making 2010 operating supplemental appropriations.	Linville	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">HB 2934</a>	Prohibiting the department of fish and wildlife from paying more than the appraised value for any real estate purchase.	Orcutt	Monitoring	HAg & Nat Res
<a href="#">SB 5099</a> (Dead)	Requiring annual revaluations of property for property tax purposes.	Parlette		SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 5425</a> (Dead)	Requiring certain property tax revaluations when property values have decreased.	Parlette	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SSB 5531</a>	Modifying provisions relating to consumer protection act violations.	Regala	Monitoring	C 371 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 5571</a>	Requiring the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.	Oemig	Monitoring	C 176 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 5708</a>	Authorizing usage-based rating factors for motor vehicle insurance.	Eide	Monitoring	SRules 3G
<a href="#">E2SSB 5895</a>	Addressing residential real property construction improvements through consumer education, warranty protections, legal remedies, third-party inspections, contractor registration requirements, worker certification standards, and bonding requirements.	Tom	Monitoring	SRules 3G
<a href="#">2SSB 5945</a>	Creating the Washington health partnership plan.	Keiser	Monitoring	C 545 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 6000</a>	Modifying real estate disclosure requirements regarding homeowners' associations.	Fraser	Monitoring	C 130 L 09
<a href="#">SB 6200</a>	Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development.	Carrell	Monitoring	SJudiciary
<a href="#">SB 6456</a>	Improving administration of wage complaints.	Kline	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP

## Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
<a href="#">E2SHB 1208</a>	Concerning property tax administration.	Takko		C 350 L 09
<a href="#">HB 1255</a> (Dead)	Eliminating the business and occupation tax deduction for initiation fees and dues.	Moeller		HFinance
<a href="#">EHB 1311</a>	Regulating reverse mortgage lending practices.	Kirby	Monitoring	C 149 L 09
<a href="#">HB 1338</a>	Qualifying for good cause for late filing of reports, contributions, penalties, or interest.	Conway	Monitoring	C 83 L 09

<a href="#">SHB 1495</a> (Dead)	Providing real estate excise tax exemptions to stabilize neighborhoods.	Pettigrew	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">SHB 1554</a>	Authorizing the department of labor and industries to issue stop work orders for violations of certain workers' compensation provisions.	Conway	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">E2SHB 1747</a>	Reducing climate pollution in the built environment.	Rolfes	Monitoring	HTech/En/Com
<a href="#">SHB 1749</a>	Regulating the business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.	Bailey	Monitoring	C 528 L 09
<a href="#">HB 1767</a> (Dead)	Requiring the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.	Ericks	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">HB 2067</a> (Dead)	Allowing valuation increases to be spread over time.	Orcutt	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">SHB 2109</a> (Dead)	Concerning state parks and recreation funding.	Upthegrove	Monitoring	HEcology & Park
<a href="#">EHB 2242</a>	Creating a department of commerce.	Kenney	Monitoring	C 565 L 09
<a href="#">ESHB 2327</a>	Eliminating or reducing the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.	Linville	Monitoring	C 518 L 09
<a href="#">SHB 2538</a>	Regarding high-density urban development.	Upthegrove	Monitoring	HRules R
<a href="#">HB 2553</a>	Addressing unemployment benefits for certain eligible individuals.	Conway	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">SHB 2564</a>	Regarding escrow agents.	Nelson	Monitoring	HRules R
<a href="#">HB 2608</a>	Concerning regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers and services.	Nelson	Monitoring	HGen Gov Apps
<a href="#">HB 2691</a>	Suspending the growth management act in counties with significant and persistent unemployment.	DeBolt	Monitoring	HLG & Housing
<a href="#">HB 2740</a>	Regarding the definition of land use decision in the land use petition act.	Seaquist	Monitoring	HRules R
<a href="#">HB 2783</a>	Modifying the definition of "salary" under RCW 43.43.120.	Takko	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">HJR 4207</a> (Dead)	Amending the state Constitution to include an expenditure limit.	Orcutt	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">HJR 4208</a> (Dead)	Placing restrictions on tax increases.	Orcutt	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">SB 5124</a> (Dead)	Increasing raffle ticket prices.	Pridemore		SRules X
<a href="#">SSB 5179</a>	Concerning the revaluation of property impacted by government restrictions.	Haugen		SRules 2G
<a href="#">SB 5258</a> (Dead)	Qualifying for good cause for late filing of reports, contributions, penalties, or interest.	Kohl-Welles	Monitoring	SRules X
<a href="#">SSB 5343</a>	Exempting specified persons from restrictions on marketing estate distribution documents.	Regala	Monitoring	C 113 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 5368</a>	Making provisions for all counties to value property annually for property tax purposes.	Prentice	Monitoring	C 308 L 09

<a href="#">SSB 5375</a> (Dead)	Adding questions about wood burning appliances to the seller's disclosure statement for residential real property transfers.	Fairley	Monitoring	SRules X
<a href="#">ESSB 5460</a>	Reducing the administrative cost of state government during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 fiscal biennia.	Tom	Monitoring	C 5 L 09
<a href="#">SSB 5600</a>	Making 2009-2011 operating appropriations.	Prentice	Monitoring	SRules X
<a href="#">SSB 5659</a>	Authorizing the consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.	Berkey	Monitoring	SRules 3G
<a href="#">SSB 5749</a> (Dead)	Regulating the business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.	Berkey	Monitoring	SRules X
<a href="#">SSB 5759</a> (Dead)	Regulating the business practices of consumer loan companies for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.	Berkey	Monitoring	SRules X
<a href="#">2SSB 6038</a> (Dead)	Concerning the basic health plan.	Keiser	Monitoring	SRules 2
<a href="#">SB 6057</a> (Dead)	Concerning business and occupation tax exemptions for new businesses.	Zarelli	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 6062</a> (Dead)	Exempting certain foreclosure sales from the real estate excise tax.	Tom	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 6105</a> (Dead)	Concerning transparency in state and local taxation.	Oemig	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 6244</a>	Defining a green home and an energy efficient home.	Fraser	Monitoring	SEnv/Water/Ener
<a href="#">SB 6250</a>	Providing fiscal reform.	Franklin	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 6281</a>	Addressing the dissolution of limited liability companies.	Tom	Monitoring	SJudiciary
<a href="#">SB 6405</a>	Regarding escrow agents.	Berkey	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">SB 6406</a>	Concerning regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers and services.	Franklin	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">SB 6611</a>	Extending the deadlines for the review and evaluation of comprehensive land use plan and development regulations for three years.	Pridemore	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect
<a href="#">SB 6701</a>	Addressing real property warranties.	Kline	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SJR 8219</a>	Amending the Constitution to allow an income tax.	Franklin	Monitoring	SWays & Means

### N/A Priority Bills

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
<a href="#">HB 1056</a>	Requiring annual revaluations of property for property tax purposes.	Takko	N/A	HFinance
<a href="#">HB 1092</a>	Concerning change of valuation notices.	Takko	N/A	HFinance

### Dead Bills

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB 1014</a> (Dead)	Concerning the duties of the department of ecology's office of waste reduction and sustainable production.	Campbell	N/A	HEnv Health
<a href="#">HB 1045</a> (Dead)	Concerning residential real property.	Williams	N/A	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 1305</a> (Dead)	Addressing unemployment compensation benefits when there is an absence from work resulting from incarceration.	Kretz		HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">HB 1392</a> (Dead)	Changing provisions pertaining to eminent domain.	Springer	Support	HJudiciary
<a href="#">HB 1497</a> (Dead)	Eliminating boards and commissions.	Hunter	Oppose	HSGTribalAff
<a href="#">HB 1577</a> (Dead)	Adding questions about wood burning appliances to the seller's disclosure statement for residential real property transfers.	Driscoll	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">HB 1586</a> (Dead)	Defining nontraditional mortgages.	Kirby	Monitoring	HFin Inst & Ins
<a href="#">HB 1587</a> (Dead)	Authorizing the consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.	Kirby	Monitoring	HFin Inst & Ins
<a href="#">HB 1588</a> (Dead)	Clarifying the ability to charge residential mortgage loan fees.	Kirby	Monitoring	HFin Inst & Ins
<a href="#">HB 1711</a> (Dead)	Requiring the computation of median wages for unemployment compensation contribution purposes.	Miloscia	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">HB 1865</a> (Dead)	Concerning health insurance.	Ericksen	Monitoring	HHC/Wellness
<a href="#">HB 2031</a> (Dead)	Establishing the emergency management, preparedness, and assistance account.	O'Brien	Monitoring	HPub Safety
<a href="#">HB 2121</a> (Dead)	Establishing the guaranteed health benefit program act.	Morrell	Monitoring	HHC/Wellness
<a href="#">HB 2151</a> (Dead)	Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.	Springer	Oppose	HSGTribalAff
<a href="#">HB 2183</a> (Dead)	Establishing the small business employee wellness program.	Roach	Monitoring	HHC/Wellness
<a href="#">HB 2204</a> (Dead)	Regarding unemployment insurance.	Conway	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">HB 2236</a> (Dead)	Providing relief from unemployment contribution payments.	Condotta	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">SB 5463</a> (Dead)	Creating a good faith defense for certain minimum wage and overtime compensation complaints.	Holmquist	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5464</a> (Dead)	Restricting the use of industrial insurance funds.	Holmquist	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5465</a> (Dead)	Establishing requirements for industrial insurance final settlement agreements.	Holmquist	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5466</a> (Dead)	Defining the term employ for minimum wage purposes.	Holmquist	Support	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5472</a>	Determining the true and fair value of real property	Sheldon	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect

(Dead)	for tax purposes.			
<a href="#">SB 5558</a> (Dead)	Repealing the 2007 family and medical leave insurance act.	Holmquist	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5644</a> (Dead)	Concerning home inspectors.	Parlette	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5664</a> (Dead)	Limiting the power of eminent domain.	Benton	Monitoring	SJudiciary
<a href="#">SB 5679</a> (Dead)	Concerning family and medical leave.	Keiser	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5771</a> (Dead)	Exempting language service providers from the definition of employment and worker for the purposes of unemployment compensation and industrial insurance.	Jarrett	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 5947</a> (Dead)	Reforming the health care system in Washington state.	Pflug	Monitoring	SHea/L-T Care
<a href="#">SB 5965</a> (Dead)	Concerning the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations made by public officials.	Schoesler	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect
<a href="#">SB 6008</a> (Dead)	Addressing actions by the department of labor and industries that affect worker benefits.	Holmquist	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">SB 6054</a> (Dead)	Concerning homeowners' associations.	Fraser	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">SB 6055</a> (Dead)	Creating a state homeowner's association ombudsman office to help resolve disputes between homeowners' associations and their members.	Fraser	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">SB 6075</a> (Dead)	Requiring revaluations of real property by county assessors when there is a certain percentage reduction in county median home prices.	McCaslin	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect
<a href="#">SCR 8405</a> (Dead)	Creating a commission to evaluate the legislature.	Kohl-Welles	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect

### Detailed Bill Information

#### [HB 1014](#)

#### Office of waste reduction

**Campbell**

Representatives Campbell, Hudgins, Hunt, Chase, and Morrell

Changes the name of the department of ecology's office of waste reduction to the office of waste reduction sustainable production. Directs the office to: (1) Prepare and submit a biennial progress report to the legislature; (2) Work with federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations administering programs related to pollution prevention, energy consumption, resource consumption, the use and generation of hazardous substances, or the generation of waste or pollution; (3) Administer a waste reduction and safer chemical alternatives research and development program; (4) Establish and maintain a database of chemicals used in the state to help meet the 2021 toxic chemicals use reduction goal; and (5) Consult with the department of health regarding the health effects of toxic chemicals and safer chemical alternatives.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1014>

#### [HB 1045](#)

#### Residential real property

**Williams**

Representatives Williams, Dunshee, Nelson, Simpson, Moeller, Hasegawa, Chase, Roberts, Kirby, and Appleton

Declares that: (1) For Washington's families, purchasing a new home is both the greatest investment they will make and the culmination of their dreams; (2) Those making the very significant investment in a new home should receive genuine

accountability in return and should not be expected to bear, particularly on top of the heavy financial burden of a mortgage, the costs of homebuilder negligence; (3) Those citizens purchasing new homes or remodeling their homes receive statutory warranty rights similar to those purchasing condominiums; (4) Anyone purchasing a home within six years of its construction, including purchasers subsequent to the initial owner-occupant, be entitled to the common law implied warranty of habitability to ward against egregious defects in the fundamental structure of their homes, and intends that this warranty cannot be contractually waived; and (5) As a matter of public policy the common law warranty of habitability applicable to newly constructed residential real property should be modified to extend greater protection to home purchasers.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1045>

**[HB 1056](#) Annual property revaluations Takko**

Representatives Takko, Orcutt, Condotta, and O'Brien

Changes the schedule for revaluation of taxable real property. Requires the department of revenue to assist any county assessor requesting assistance in the valuation of industrial property estimated to exceed twenty-five million dollars in real and personal property value. Requires the department of revenue to administer a grant program to assist counties with the schedule change. Creates the annual property revaluation grant account. Makes appropriations. Provides that sections 3 and 4 of the act expire July 1, 2014. Provides that the act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1056>

**[HB 1092](#) Property tx valuation change Takko**

Representative Takko

Revises notice requirements for changes in property tax valuations. Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1092>

**[HB 1132](#) Distressd proprty conveyance Goodman**

Representatives Goodman, Rodne, Pedersen, Warnick, Maxwell, Ross, Eddy, Springer, and Johnson; by request of Attorney General, Department of Licensing, and Department of Financial Institutions

Regulates distressed property conveyances.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1132>

**[E2SHB 1208](#) Property tax administration Takko**

House Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Takko and Alexander)

Authorizes a county treasurer to: (1) Begin collection of certain taxes and assessments once the treasurer completes the yearly tax roll; and (2) Use a verification of payment rather than a stamp to show evidence of payment of the real estate excise tax. Makes payment dates for diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement district assessments the same as for property taxes. Changes the requirement when property tax refund claims must be made.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1208>

**[ESHB 1244](#) Operating 2007-09 & 2009-11 Linville**

House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, Alexander, and Ericks; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Makes 2009-2011 operating appropriations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1244>

[HB 1255](#)**Initiation fees and dues****Moeller**

Representative Moeller

Eliminates the business and occupation tax deduction for initiation fees and dues.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1255>[HB 1305](#)**Unemployment compensation****Kretz**

Representatives Kretz, Blake, Pearson, Schmick, and Short

Disqualifies an individual from unemployment compensation benefits beginning with the first day of the calendar week in which the individual has been discharged due to absence from work resulting from either a violation of law for which the individual was convicted and sentenced to jail or prison, or a violation of a condition of probation, community custody, community supervision, or parole for which the individual was incarcerated in jail or prison.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1305>[EHB 1311](#)**Reverse mortgage lending****Kirby**

Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Morrell, Sullivan, Kenney, Simpson, and Nelson; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Creates the Washington state reverse mortgage act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1311>[HB 1338](#)**Good cause for late filing****Conway**

Representatives Conway, Condotta, Wood, Armstrong, Hunt, Green, Williams, Crouse, Moeller, and Chandler

Expands industries that qualify for good cause for late filing of reports, contributions, penalties, or interest.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1338>[SHB 1360](#)**Residential infrastructure****Ormsby**

House Local Government &amp; Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Ormsby, Orcutt, Simpson, Smith, Dunshee, Springer, Lias, Upthegrove, Eddy, Takko, Chase, Morrell, Moeller, and Sullivan)

Creates the residential infrastructure program in the department of community, trade, and economic development to provide loans to eligible jurisdictions and grants to nonprofit organizations for public infrastructure that supports increased capacity for dense, affordable residential development in transit-proximate areas. Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to determine each year the total amount of funding available in loans and grants and establish the total amount of financial assistance to be appropriated to eligible jurisdiction and nonprofit organization applicants based on certain criteria. Creates the residential infrastructure account. Directs the state treasurer to, by August 31, 2010, and by August 31st of every year thereafter, transfer from the general fund into the residential infrastructure account the lesser of fifty million dollars or the excess real estate excise tax growth amount.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1360>[HB 1392](#)**Eminent domain****Springer**

Representatives Springer, Driscoll, Kessler, Probst, Ericks, Sullivan, Dunshee, and Takko

Finds that when government or a private corporation exercises its power of eminent domain by condemning private property, the condemnation process causes hardship on the property owner that goes beyond the financial loss of the

property. While property owners receive fair market value as compensation for their condemned property, this payment does not compensate property owners for the additional hardship they undergo during the condemnation process. This additional hardship includes the harm created when a condemning authority condemns property and then does not use the property for the intended purpose or for another public purpose, and then sells the property to a private individual or entity. Declares an intent to provide property owners with the right to repurchase their condemned property if it is not used for a public purpose and is sold by the condemning authority within seven years after the property was acquired through or under the threat of condemnation. Provides that the act applies to condemnation proceedings commenced on or after the effective date of the act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1392>

**[E2SHB 1393](#)** **Residential construction** **Springer**

House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Springer, Kessler, Eddy, Ormsby, Van De Wege, Liias, Morrell, Roberts, Upthegrove, and Sullivan)

Creates the office of consumer education for home construction in the office of the attorney general to be the primary point of contact for consumers in matters related to residential construction. Creates a home construction board within the office to investigate and mediate construction defect claims. Modifies aspects of the common law implied warranty of habitability. Requires every contract for the sale or construction of new residential real property to provide written express warranties that meet specified requirements.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1393>

**[SHB 1420](#)** **Real estate sellers** **Conway**

House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Condotta, Maxwell, Williams, Chandler, Wood, Hinkle, and Kelley)

Modifies real estate seller disclosure requirements.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1420>

**[HB 1452](#)** **Economic stimulus** **Dunshee**

Representative Dunshee; by request of Office of Financial Management

Declares it is the intent of the governor and the legislature to stimulate Washington's lagging economy and to reduce the state's unemployment rate by quickly putting people to work on infrastructure projects. Adopts the economic stimulus capital budget.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1452>

**[SHB 1495](#)** **Neighborhood stabilization** **Pettigrew**

House Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Nelson, Kenney, White, and Ormsby)

Finds that: (1) There is a substantial inventory of unsold or foreclosed vacant homes on the market that is driving property values down and destabilizing neighborhoods; and (2) Providing targeted incentives to housing developers will stimulate the sale of these vacant homes to low-income buyers now and stabilize neighborhoods affected by this growing inventory. Declares an intent to provide such incentives through excise tax relief on sales of homes to low-income first-time homebuyers. Provides a real estate excise tax exemption on the sale: (1) Of a qualifying residential housing unit to a buyer meeting certain conditions and requirements; and (2) To a qualifying organization where the organization is exercising an option to repurchase the property. Expires the exemption on July 1, 2013.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1495>

**[HB 1497](#)** **Boards and commissions** **Hunter**

Representative Hunter

Eliminates state boards and commissions.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1497>

**[SHB 1554](#)**

**L & I stop work orders**

**Conway**

House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Chase, Dickerson, Green, Goodman, Rolfes, Morrell, Cody, Simpson, Campbell, Ormsby, Van De Wege, Appleton, Flannigan, Seaquist, Miloscia, Hunt, Blake, Williams, Hudgins, Kenney, Priest, Sullivan, Eddy, White, Hasegawa, and Wood)

Authorizes the director of the department of labor and industries to issue a stop work order against an employer requiring the cessation of business operations of the employer if the employer is found to be in violation of RCW 51.14.010 (duty to secure payment of compensation--options). Subjects an employer who violates a stop work order to a one thousand dollar penalty for each day not in compliance.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1554>

**[HB 1577](#)**

**Seller's disclosure statemnt**

**Driscoll**

Representatives Driscoll, Ormsby, and Wood

Amends the seller's disclosure statement for residential real property transfers by including wood burning appliances.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1577>

**[HB 1586](#)**

**Nontraditional mortgages**

**Kirby**

Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Hurst, and Roach

Defines nontraditional mortgages.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1586>

**[HB 1587](#)**

**Mortgage brokr practices act**

**Kirby**

Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Hurst, and Roach

Authorizes consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1587>

**[HB 1588](#)**

**Residential mortgage loans**

**Kirby**

Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Hurst, and Roach

Clarifies the ability of a financial institution to charge residential mortgage loan fees.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1588>

**[SHB 1621](#)**

**Consumer loan companies**

**Kirby**

House Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Bailey, Rodne, Nelson, Simpson, and Moeller)

Regulates the business practices of consumer loan companies for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1621>

**[SHB 1644](#)****Deeds of trust reconveyances****Maxwell**

House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Maxwell, Miloscia, Clibborn, Ormsby, Hurst, Green, and Orwall)

Revises provisions regarding reconveyances of deeds of trust.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1644>

**[SHB 1683](#)****Consumer protection act****Kirby**

House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Goodman, Nelson, Campbell, Williams, Orwall, Green, Ormsby, Moeller, and Pedersen)

Revises provisions regarding violations of the consumer protection act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1683>

**[HB 1711](#)****Computing the median wage****Miloscia**

Representatives Miloscia and Morrell

Modifies provisions regarding the computation of median wages for unemployment compensation contribution purposes.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1711>

**[HB 1716](#)****Public contract living wages****Miloscia**

Representatives Miloscia, Appleton, and Morrell

Finds that: (1) The state annually awards contracts to private contractors and vendors. Such expenditures should be spent in a manner that promotes the creation of jobs that allow residents to support themselves and their families with dignity; (2) The present federal and state minimum wages generate income at a level below the amount required to support a family at a basic level; (3) Jobs that do not pay living wages result in families who have greater need of social services provided by the state and paid for by state taxpayers; and (4) The payment of adequate wages to workers employed by private contractors and vendors that contract with the state will promote stability and reduced turnover, resulting in a higher quality of service. Requires all contractors and subcontractors covered under the act to pay employees performing work under contracts or subcontracts a living wage no less than nine dollars and seventy cents per hour if health benefits are paid for in whole or in substantial part by the employer, or eleven dollars and fifty-five cents per hour if health benefits are not so provided.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1716>

**[E2SHB 1747](#)****Built environment pollution****Rolfes**

House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Chase, Uptegrove, Hasegawa, Eddy, Liias, Ormsby, Pedersen, Dunshee, McCoy, Morris, Carlyle, Dickerson, Hudgins, Moeller, Sells, Kenney, White, and Nelson)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop and implement a strategic plan for enhancing energy efficiency in and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from homes, building, districts, and neighborhoods. Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development and the state building code council to convene a work group to inform the initial development of the strategic plan. Requires the state energy code to be designed to construct increasingly energy efficient homes and buildings that help achieve the broader goal of building zero fossil-fuel greenhouse gas emission homes and buildings by the year 2031. Requires the state building code council to: (1) Evaluate and consider adoption of the international energy conservation code in this state in place of the existing state energy code; and (2) Adopt state energy codes from 2013 through 2031 that incrementally move towards achieving seventy percent reduction in annual net energy consumption. Requires qualifying utilities to: (1) Maintain records of the energy consumption data of all nonresidential and qualifying public agency buildings to which they provide service; (2) Create an energy benchmark for each reporting public facility using a portfolio manager; (3) Report to the

department of general administration, the environmental protection agency national energy performance rating for each reporting public facility included in the technical requirements for this rating; and (4) Link all portfolio manager accounts to the state portfolio manager master account to facilitate public reporting. Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to recommend to the legislature a methodology to determine an energy performance score for residential buildings and an implementation strategy to use such information to improve the energy efficiency of the state's existing housing supply. Requires the department of general administration to: (1) Establish a state portfolio manager master account; (2) Select a standardized portfolio manager report for reporting public facilities; (3) In collaboration with the United States environmental protection agency, make the standard report of each reporting public facility available to the public through the portfolio manager web site; (4) Develop a technical assistance program to facilitate the implementation of a preliminary audit and the investment grade energy audit and design the program to utilize audit services provided by utilities or energy services contracting companies when possible; (5) In consultation with the affected state agencies and the office of financial management, review the cost and delivery of agency programs to determine the viability of relocation when a facility leased by the state has a national energy performance rating score below fifty; and (6) Conduct a review of facilities not covered by the national energy performance rating, and based on this review, develop a portfolio of additional facilities that require preliminary energy audits.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1747>

**[SHB 1749](#)**

**Mortgage broker practices**

**Bailey**

House Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Bailey and Kirby)

Regulates business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1749>

**[HB 1767](#)**

**Electr methods/revenue dept**

**Ericks**

Representatives Ericks and Hunter; by request of Department of Revenue

Requires the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1767>

**[HB 1865](#)**

**Health insurance**

**Ericksen**

Representatives Ericksen, Hinkle, and Condotta

Exempts health plans offered to small employers from certain statutory requirements.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1865>

**[HB 1874](#)**

**Sales, use, and B & O taxes**

**Sells**

Representatives Sells, Condotta, Orcutt, Upthegrove, Lias, Kelley, and Bailey

Prohibits a city of the first class, the city council of a second-class city, the council of a town, and a code city from requiring a business to be licensed if the only activity conducted within such city or town by the business is the delivery, including delivery by common carrier and delivery by the business's own vehicle, of tangible personal property sold by the business. Prohibits a city from imposing a business and occupation tax on a person if the only activity conducted within the city by the person is the delivery, including delivery by common carrier and delivery by the person's own vehicle, of tangible personal property sold by the person.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1874>

**[ESHB 1906](#)**

**Unemployment compensation**

**Conway**

House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Kenney, Wood, Moeller, Green, Hudgins, Williams, Dickerson, Sells, Sullivan, Appleton, Morrell, Hasegawa, Darneille, Ormsby, Kagi, Van De Wege, Santos, Goodman, McCoy, Cody, Simpson, and Nelson)

Improves economic security through unemployment compensation.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1906>

**HB 2031**

**Emergency mgmt & assist acct**

**O'Brien**

Representatives O'Brien and Appleton

Finds that: (1) Recent events have demonstrated the need for a coordinated, comprehensive all-hazards disaster planning effort; (2) Washington ranks fifteenth in the nation for federally declared disasters with fourteen disasters in the last ten years; and (3) The economic impact from just the 2007 disasters alone is estimated at over five hundred million dollars. In response, Washington state and its local governments have implemented all-hazards emergency management and disaster response plans. However, recent studies have revealed the lack of a secure funding source impedes our ability statewide from fully integrating and coordinating comprehensive disaster preparedness planning. Declares an intent to strengthen state and local emergency response, mitigation, preparation, and coordination by establishing a stable source of funding. The funding will be dedicated to the development and coordination of state and local government emergency management programs to a recognized baseline standard. The baseline will be determined by a gap analysis of state and local emergency management programs. Creates the emergency management, preparedness, and assistance account. Imposes an annual surcharge of one and one-third percent per policy on every homeowner's, mobile homeowner's, manufactured homeowner's, tenant homeowner's, and condominium unit owner's insurance policy, and commercial fire, commercial multiple peril, and business owner's property insurance policy, issued or renewed on or after the effective date of section 3 of the act. Directs the Washington military department to administer the emergency management, preparedness, and assistance account and to establish rules for its administration in consultation with the emergency management council and the Washington state emergency management association. Directs the emergency management council to accomplish a baseline assessment of all emergency management programs that receive federal emergency management performance grant funds within six months after the effective date of section 5 of the act. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to study and review the performance of the programs implemented under the act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2031>

**HB 2067**

**Valuation increases**

**Orcutt**

Representatives Orcutt, Anderson, Warnick, McCune, and Herrera

Provides that the county assessor is to spread increases in property value over time. Provides that the act applies to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2067>

**ESHB 2075**

**Excise taxation**

**Hunter**

House Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)

Conforms the sales and use taxation of downloaded digital goods to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement. Imposes sales and use taxes and provides tax exemptions on certain items. Prohibits the state from extending its taxing authority to a business by considering a business's use of Washington-based servers to store digital goods.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2075>

**SHB 2109**

**State parks & rec funding**

**Upthegrove**

House Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove and Chase)

Implements programs that will allow park lands to remain open and accessible to all citizens and visitors through times of economic hardship.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2109>

[HB 2117](#)

**Basic health plan**

**Cody**

Representative Cody

Revises the basic health plan to enable unemployed workers to maintain their health and avoid the risk of financial hardship related to unpaid medical bills as they search for new employment.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2117>

[HB 2121](#)

**Guar health benefit prog act**

**Morrell**

Representatives Morrell, Green, Hunt, Hudgins, Kenney, Darneille, Miloscia, Liias, Simpson, Hasegawa, McCoy, Goodman, and Williams; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Creates the guaranteed health benefit program to provide care to all residents of this state not enrolled in both parts A and B of medicare, veterans' benefits, TRICARE, CHAMPUS, FEHBP, or other federal or state government programs, or who are confined or reside in a government-operated institution. Establishes the guaranteed health benefits board to govern the program. Directs the state health care authority to administer, supervise, and manage the program. Requires employers to make information developed by the state health care authority about the program and open enrollment available to their employees. Establishes the guaranteed benefit program trust account and the guaranteed benefit program reserve trust account. Requires the state auditor to examine the records of the program every second year, or more frequently upon request of the board, and to recommend methods of accounting and the rendering of periodic reports of projects undertaken by the board. Directs the secretary of the department of social and health services to seek all necessary waivers or amendments needed for full implementation of the program and to seek to obtain federal reimbursements for all eligible persons who enroll in the program. Directs the insurance commissioner to study and report on whether to retain, eliminate, or change the Washington state health insurance pool, created in chapter 48.41 RCW, after full implementation of the program. Provides for submission of the act to a vote of the people.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2121>

[HB 2151](#)

**Boards and commissions**

**Springer**

Representative Springer; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminates boards and commissions on June 30, 2010. Declares that while advisory boards, committees, and commissions be eliminated, agencies should identify new, less costly, and more effective opportunities to ensure a broad range of citizen participation is provided and that all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that channels are maintained for vital input from the citizens of Washington. Ample time is provided for the advisory groups to complete work in progress and for agencies to develop alternative communication strategies.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2151>

[HB 2183](#)

**Small business employees**

**Roach**

Representatives Roach, Takko, Newhouse, and Eddy

Encourages the growth of workplace-based wellness programs by providing incentives for the adoption of employee wellness programs by small businesses. In providing these incentives, the legislature hopes to encourage all employers to provide health coverage to employees and dependents, but also ensure that all employers have an opportunity to adopt employee wellness programs for the use of their employees to promote wellness. Authorizes a small business or a nonprofit organization to claim a business and occupation tax credit for the costs of implementing a qualified employee wellness program.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2183>

[HB 2204](#)

**Unemployment insurance**

**Conway**

Representatives Conway, Condotta, and Kenney

Modifies unemployment insurance provisions. Provides that unemployment insurance benefits are charged back to employers in the same amount that benefits are paid out. Addresses employment contributions and voluntary quits. Provides that the act applies to claims with an effective date on or after the effective date of the act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2204>

**[HB 2236](#)**

**Unemployment contributions**

**Condotta**

Representatives Condotta, Chandler, and Crouse

Provides relief from unemployment contribution payments. Expires December 31, 2009.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2236>

**[EHB 2242](#)**

**Department of commerce**

**Kenney**

Representatives Kenney, Probst, Maxwell, Hunt, Lias, Ormsby, Kelley, Sullivan, Hasegawa, Quall, White, and Chase; by request of Governor Gregoire

Changes the name of the department of community, trade, and economic development to the department of commerce. Requires the director of the department of commerce to: (1) In collaboration with the office of the governor, the office of financial management, and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house community and economic development and trade committee and the senate economic development, trade and innovation committee, make recommendations for the governor and appropriate legislative committees on the department's mission, goals, structure, responsibilities, and program alignment; and (2) Recommend options for locating essential services to communities and individuals outside the department, including the possible need for a separate new department for critical programs such as community services, capital programs, and housing. Directs the code reviser to prepare legislation for the 2010 regular session that changes all statutory references to director or department of community, trade, and economic development to director or department of commerce.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2242>

**[HB 2265](#)**

**Wireless devices/driving**

**Williams**

Representative Williams

Eliminates the requirement that a violation of operating a motor vehicle while holding a wireless communications device be enforced only as a secondary action.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2265>

**[ESHB 2327](#)**

**State agency reports**

**Linville**

House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville and Ericks; by request of Office of Financial Management)

Eliminates or reduces the frequency of reports prepared by state agencies.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2327>

**[HB 2390](#)**

**B & O tax on fees and dues**

**Moeller**

Representative Moeller

Eliminates the business and occupation tax deduction for initiation fees and dues received by for-profit businesses.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2390>

<a href="#"><b>SHB 2409</b></a>	<b>Water-sewer district property</b>	<b>Simpson</b>
House Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Angel, Upthegrove, and Moeller)		
Revises provisions relating to the sale of water-sewer district real property.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2409">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2409</a>		
<a href="#"><b>HB 2425</b></a>	<b>Eminent domain</b>	<b>Rodne</b>
Representatives Rodne, Springer, Herrera, Ross, Shea, Kessler, and Eddy; by request of Attorney General		
Prohibits a public entity from taking property for the purpose of economic development.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2425">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2425</a>		
<a href="#"><b>HB 2444</b></a>	<b>Leave from employment</b>	<b>Williams</b>
Representatives Williams, Campbell, Lias, Chase, Sells, Rolfes, Nelson, Simpson, Goodman, Ormsby, Miloscia, Kagi, and Roberts		
Authorizes unpaid leave to an employee, who is otherwise entitled to other leave under chapter 49.78 RCW (family leave) or federal law, to attend or participate in a child's educational activities.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2444">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2444</a>		
<a href="#"><b>SHB 2538</b></a>	<b>High-density urban development</b>	<b>Upthegrove</b>
House Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Taylor, Eddy, Pedersen, Clibborn, Chase, and Springer)		
Encourages high-density, compact, in-fill development and redevelopment within existing urban areas in order to further existing goals of the growth management act. Promotes the use of public transit and encourages further investment in transit systems. Contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2538">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2538</a>		
<a href="#"><b>HB 2553</b></a>	<b>Unemployment benefits</b>	<b>Conway</b>
Representative Conway		
Improves eligibility requirements, disqualification provisions, and benefit amounts to enhance the effects of the unemployment insurance system on individuals, families, and communities.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2553">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2553</a>		
<a href="#"><b>SHB 2564</b></a>	<b>Escrow agents</b>	<b>Nelson</b>
House Financial Institutions & Insurance (originally sponsored by Representatives Nelson, Chase, and Kirby; by request of Department of Financial Institutions)		
Changes requirements for escrow agents, including licensing, bonding, and examination requirements. Restricts who escrow agents may employ. Modifies enforcement provisions related to escrow agents, allowing confiscation of property.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2564">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2564</a>		
<a href="#"><b>HB 2608</b></a>	<b>Residential mortgage loaning</b>	<b>Nelson</b>

Representatives Nelson and Kirby; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Addresses the regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers through the national mortgage licensing service. Clarifies the existing authority of the department of financial institutions to regulate residential mortgage loan modification services under the consumer loan act and the mortgage broker practices act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2608>

**[HB 2617](#)**

**Boards and commissions**

**Driscoll**

Representatives Driscoll, Chase, Hunt, Wallace, Williams, and Maxwell; by request of Governor Gregoire  
Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2617>

**[HB 2691](#)**

**Growth management act**

**DeBolt**

Representatives DeBolt, Kretz, Haler, Taylor, Walsh, Kristiansen, Ross, and Hope

Suspends the requirements of chapter 36.70A RCW (growth management act) for counties and cities if the average rate of total unemployment in the county, seasonally adjusted, as determined by the employment security department, exceeds seven percent for three consecutive months.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2691>

**[HB 2740](#)**

**Land use decision**

**Seaquist**

Representative Seaquist

Revises the definition of "land use decision" in chapter 36.70C RCW (judicial review of land use decisions).

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2740>

**[HB 2783](#)**

**Salary, definition/WSPRS**

**Takko**

Representatives Takko, Armstrong, Ericks, and Simpson

Revises the definition of "salary" for the Washington state patrol retirement system.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2783>

**[HB 2820](#)**

**Condominium associations**

**O'Brien**

Representative O'Brien

Encourages a condominium association with twenty-five or more unit owners to establish a reserve account.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2820>

**[HB 2824](#)**

**Operating supp budget 2010**

**Linville**

Representatives Linville and Ericks; by request of Governor Gregoire

Makes 2010 operating supplemental appropriations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2824>

**[HB 2855](#)**

**Transit agency financing**

**Liias**

Representatives Liias, Clibborn, White, Simpson, Williams, Nelson, Sells, Carlyle, Eddy, Dickerson, Upthegrove, Pedersen, Hunt, Chase, Morris, Darneille, Kenney, Cody, and Moeller

Provides certain transit agencies with a temporary tool that can help address their revenue shortfalls during this economic crisis. Establishes a statewide plan that will guide future investments in public transportation. Requires the joint transportation committee to convene a panel of interested stakeholders to consider and propose a statewide blueprint for public transportation services. The requirement expires June 30, 2012, and is null and void if funding is not provided by June 30, 2010.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2855>

**[HB 2934](#)**

**Dept of fish and wildlife**

**Orcutt**

Representatives Orcutt, Kristiansen, and Kretz

Prohibits the fish and wildlife commission and the department of fish and wildlife from purchasing any real estate or interest in real estate for more than the appraised current use value of the real estate or real estate interest.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2934>

**[HB 3040](#)**

**Appraisal mgmt companies**

**Conway**

Representatives Conway and Wood

Regulates appraisal management companies.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3040>

**[HJR 4207](#)**

**State expenditure limit**

**Orcutt**

Representatives Orcutt, Alexander, Hope, Warnick, McCune, Herrera, and Shea

HJR 4207 - DIGEST Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to include an expenditure limit.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=4207>

**[HJR 4208](#)**

**Tax increase restrictions**

**Orcutt**

Representatives Orcutt, Hope, Herrera, Warnick, and McCune

HJR 4208 - DIGEST Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to place restrictions on tax increases.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=4208>

**[SB 5057](#)**

**Property valuation increases**

**Rockefeller**

Senator Rockefeller

Declares an intent to provide property tax relief by limiting valuation increases until ownership of the property changes. Provides a contingent effective date.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5057>

**[SB 5099](#)**

**Annual property revaluations**

**Parlette**

Senators Parlette, Hatfield, Shin, Kilmer, and Fraser

Changes the schedule for revaluation of taxable real property. Requires the department of revenue to assist any county assessor requesting assistance in the valuation of industrial property estimated to exceed twenty-five million dollars in real and personal property value. Requires the department of revenue to administer a grant program to assist counties

with the schedule change. Creates the annual property revaluation grant account. Makes appropriations. Provides that sections 3 and 4 of the act expire July 1, 2014. Provides that the act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5099>

**SB 5124**

**Raffle ticket price increase**

**Pridemore**

Senator Pridemore

Increases the price of raffle tickets.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5124>

**SSB 5179**

**Property revaluation**

**Haugen**

Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

Declares that to ensure consistent treatment of government restrictions on property throughout the state, and to relieve the heavy burden on property owners caused by repeated appeals on the same grounds, revaluations must consider reductions ordered by any court or appellate body based on government restrictions. Provides that the act applies prospectively only to taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5179>

**SB 5221**

**Distressed property conveyance**

**Tom**

Senators Tom, Honeyford, Kohl-Welles, and Haugen; by request of Department of Financial Institutions and Department of Licensing

Regulates distressed property conveyances.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5221>

**SB 5258**

**Good cause for late filing**

**Kohl-Welles**

Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, Hewitt, Franklin, Kline, King, and Keiser

Expands industries that qualify for good cause for late filing of reports, contributions, penalties, or interest.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5258>

**2SSB 5319**

**Unemployment compensation**

**Kohl-Welles**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Kohl-Welles; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Establishes the economic security act of 2009. Improves economic security through unemployment compensation.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5319>

**SSB 5343**

**CPA's and enrolled agents**

**Regala**

Senate Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Carrell, and Kline)

Exempts certified public accountants and enrolled agents from the restrictions on marketing estate distribution documents for certain purposes.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5343>

**SSB 5368****Annual property valuation****Prentice**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Parlette, Fraser, Regala, Shin, and Keiser)

Requires all taxable real property within a county to be revalued annually and to be physically inspected at least once each six years, under certain conditions. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Assist any county assessor requesting assistance in the valuation of industrial property estimated to exceed twenty-five million dollars in real and personal property value; and (2) Administer a grant program to assist counties with converting to an annual revaluation system for property tax valuation, replacing computer software used for revaluations in counties where the software was purchased from commercial vendors and will not be supported by the vendor or others after January 1, 2010, or the acquisition of software and integral hardware in counties currently administering an annual revaluation program where the assessor's property records are not stored in an electronic format or where the current software does not have the capacity to store, manage, and process property record components used in the valuation process. Requires the county treasurer, beginning July 1, 2010, through December 31, 2013, to continue to collect the additional five-dollar fee in RCW 82.45.180(3) on all transactions required by chapter 82.45 RCW (excise tax on real estate sales), regardless of whether the transaction requires the payment of tax. Creates the annual property revaluation grant account. Creates the real estate and property tax administration assistance account. Expires sections 3 and 4 of the act on July 1, 2014.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5368>

**SSB 5375****Seller's disclosure statemnt****Fairley**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senator Fairley)

Amends the seller's disclosure statement for residential real property transfers by including wood burning appliances.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5375>

**SB 5425****Property tax revaluations****Parlette**

Senators Parlette and Sheldon

Requires certain property tax revaluations when property values have decreased. Provides that the act applies to property taxes levied for collection in 2010 and thereafter.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5425>

**ESSB 5460****Administrative cost/st govt****Tom**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Zarelli, Prentice, Hewitt, and Kline)

Directs the office of financial management to reduce allotments for all agencies for salaries, wages, fringe benefits, personal service contracts, equipment, travel, and training by \$105,450,000 from 2007-09 biennial general fund and related funds appropriations to reflect the elimination of expenditures required by the act as identified in LEAP document BT-2009, a computerized tabulation developed by the legislative evaluation and accountability program committee on January 22, 2009. The office shall make comparable allotment reductions for all other state funds and accounts to reflect the elimination of expenditures required by the act. The allotment reductions shall be placed in unallotted status and remain unexpended.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5460>

**SSB 5461****Condominium associations****Haugen**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

Confirms that a condominium association with ten or fewer condominium owners is not required to conduct a reserve account study or establish a reserve account if two-thirds of the owners agree to exempt the association from these requirements.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5461>

<a href="#"><u>SB 5463</u></a>	<b>Minimum wage &amp; overtime comp</b>	<b>Holmquist</b>
Senators Holmquist, Hewitt, King, Honeyford, Pflug, Roach, Delvin, Stevens, Schoesler, and Swecker		
Creates a good faith defense for certain complaints relating to minimum wage and overtime compensation.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5463"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5463</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SB 5464</u></a>	 <b>Industrial insurance funds</b>	 <b>Holmquist</b>
Senators Holmquist, Schoesler, Pflug, King, Swecker, Delvin, Stevens, Parlette, and Honeyford		
Limits expenditures from industrial insurance funds.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5464"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5464</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SB 5465</u></a>	 <b>Indus insur final settlement</b>	 <b>Holmquist</b>
Senators Holmquist, Hewitt, King, Morton, Pflug, Schoesler, Swecker, Stevens, Parlette, and Honeyford		
Establishes requirements for industrial insurance final settlement agreements. Directs the department of labor and industries to develop and maintain a registry system by which it records final settlement agreements entered into between the parties.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5465"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5465</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SB 5466</u></a>	 <b>Employ/minimum wage purposes</b>	 <b>Holmquist</b>
Senators Holmquist, Hewitt, Schoesler, King, Pflug, Carrell, Swecker, and Honeyford		
Defines the terms "employ" and "work" for minimum wage purposes.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5466"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5466</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SB 5472</u></a>	 <b>True &amp; fair property value</b>	 <b>Sheldon</b>
Senators Sheldon and Parlette		
Determines the true and fair value of real property for tax purposes.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5472"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5472</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SSB 5531</u></a>	 <b>Consumer protection act</b>	 <b>Regala</b>
Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Kauffman, Kline, Oemig, Pridemore, Tom, and Franklin)		
Authorizes the district and superior courts to award up to fifty-five thousand dollars in damages in a lawsuit for a violation of the consumer protection act.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5531"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5531</u></a>		
 <a href="#"><u>SB 5558</u></a>	 <b>Family &amp; med leave insur act</b>	 <b>Holmquist</b>
Senators Holmquist, Hewitt, Pflug, Carrell, King, Schoesler, and Swecker		
Repeals the 2007 family and medical leave insurance act.		
<a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5558"><u>http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5558</u></a>		

**[SSB 5571](#)****Electr methods/revenue dept****Oemig**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Oemig and Kohl-Welles; by request of Department of Revenue)

Requires the use of electronic methods for taxes administered by the department of revenue, including filing of taxes, payment of taxes, assessment of taxes, and other taxpayer information.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5571>

**[SSB 5600](#)****Operating budget 2009-2011****Prentice**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Prentice; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Makes 2009-2011 operating appropriations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5600>

**[SB 5644](#)****Home inspectors****Parlette**

Senators Parlette and Kohl-Welles

Authorizes the home inspector advisory licensing board to approve qualified instructional courses. In order to facilitate distance learning, the board must approve both online and traditional classroom courses that meet appropriate instructional standards.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5644>

**[SSB 5659](#)****Mortgage brokr practices act****Berkey**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Benton, and Marr)

Authorizes consideration of mitigating factors for enforcement actions under the mortgage broker practices act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5659>

**[SB 5664](#)****Limiting eminent domain****Benton**

Senators Benton, Carrell, Roach, McCaslin, Swecker, Stevens, Schoesler, Delvin, Honeyford, and Hewitt

Prohibits a government from taking or damaging private land or any interest in real property that is not to be used for the construction of a public use facility or the provision of a public service necessary to protect public health and safety.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5664>

**[SB 5679](#)****Family and medical leave****Keiser**

Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, McDermott, Murray, Pridemore, Kauffman, Hatfield, and Franklin

Revises family and medical leave provisions. Provides that, with respect to leave for the individual's serious health condition, an individual is disqualified from family and medical leave insurance benefits beginning with the first day of the calendar week, and continuing for the next fifty-two consecutive weeks, in which the individual is suffering from a serious health condition resulting from the individual's perpetration of a gross misdemeanor or felony. Requires each employer, for each individual, to pay a premium of two cents per hour worked, up to a maximum of forty hours per week, to the employment security department to be deposited in the family and medical leave insurance account. Each employer may deduct from the pay of each individual the full amount that the employer is required to pay for the individual. Allows a business and occupation tax credit to an employer that hires a replacement worker to replace an employee who has taken family and medical leave.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5679>

**[SSB 5708](#)****Motor vehicle insurance****Eide**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Eide, Franklin, and Kline)

Requires an insurer, before selling usage-based insurance, to file the usage-based insurance with the insurance commissioner and obtain the commissioner's approval. Defines "usage-based insurance."

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5708>

**[SSB 5749](#)****Mortgage broker practices****Berkey**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Benton, and Shin)

Regulates business practices of mortgage brokers for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5749>

**[SSB 5759](#)****Consumer loan companies****Berkey**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Benton, and Hobbs)

Regulates the business practices of consumer loan companies for compliance with the secure and fair enforcement for mortgage licensing act of 2008.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5759>

**[SB 5771](#)****Language service providers****Jarrett**

Senators Jarrett, Brandland, Oemig, Regala, and Kilmer

Exempts language service providers from the definition of "employment" and "worker" for the purposes of unemployment compensation and industrial insurance.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5771>

**[E2SSB 5895](#)****Residential real property****Tom**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Tom, Kohl-Welles, Fraser, and McDermott)

Creates the office of consumer education for home construction in the office of the attorney general. The office shall: (1) Examine issues involved in establishing a recovery fund to provide compensation to residential real property homeowners through a claim filing process; (2) Consult with appropriate agencies and representatives from organizations involved in the area of residential construction; and (3) Make recommendations to the legislature on the creation of a recovery fund by December 1, 2010. Creates the home construction board within the office of consumer education for home construction to administer a residential real property homeowner and construction professional early resolution mediation program. Creates implied statutory warranties. Requires third-party inspections for new residential construction and substantial remodels. Requires applicants for contractor registration to provide additional information. Directs the department of labor and industries to establish worker certification requirements in the areas of foundations, framing, siding, roofing, windows, and doors. Increases bonding requirements for registered contractors.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5895>

**[SB 5911](#)****Tax preferences commission****Pridemore**

Senators Pridemore and Rockefeller

Adopts the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences' recommendations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5911>

**[2SSB 5945](#)**

**WA health partnership plan**

**Keiser**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Franklin, and Kohl-Welles)

Creates the Washington health partnership to attain the following goals: (1) By 2012, every resident of this state shall have access to affordable, comprehensive health care services; (2) Services shall be provided through the private health care sector; (3) The health reform plan shall maintain and improve choice of health care providers and high quality health care services in this state; and (4) The health reform plan shall include cost-containment strategies that retain and assure affordable coverage for all Washingtonians. Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Submit a request to the federal department of health and human services to expand and revise the medical assistance program as codified in Title XIX of the federal social security act; (2) Submit a Title XXI state plan amendment or waiver to the federal department of health and human services to allow Title XXI children to participate in the department's employer-sponsored program, as may be necessary; (3) Require families to enroll in available employer-sponsored coverage when it is cost-effective for the state to do so, to the extent allowable under federal law; (4) Continue to submit applications for the family planning waiver program; and (5) Submit a request to the federal department of health and human services to amend the current family planning waiver program. Requires the department of ecology, in collaboration with the department of social and health services, to maximize the use of federal funds, including section 317 of the federal public health services act direct assistance as well as federal funds that may become available under the American recovery and reinvestment act, in order to continue to provide immunizations for low-income, nonmedicaid eligible children up to three hundred percent of the federal poverty level in state-sponsored health programs.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5945>

**[SB 5947](#)**

**WA health care system reform**

**Pflug**

Senator Pflug

Reforms the Washington state health care system. Establishes the Washington state apple health insurance board to facilitate the availability, portability, choice, and adoption of private health insurance plans to eligible individuals and groups. Requires the insurance commissioner to convene a high-risk transfer pool task force to develop a high-risk transfer proposal that will best serve the apple health insurance board, its carriers, and its enrollees for transferring high-risk claims evenly among carriers and to consider active and proposed models from other states that function to spread high risk in the most equitable manner possible. Creates the apple health community care account.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5947>

**[SSB 5963](#)**

**Unemployment insurance**

**Kohl-Welles**

Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Holmquist, King, Honeyford, Keiser, Franklin, Kline, Hewitt, Marr, Parlette, McCaslin, Schoesler, and Morton)

Modifies unemployment insurance provisions. Provides that unemployment insurance benefits are charged back to employers in the same amount that benefits are paid out. Addresses employment contributions and voluntary quits.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5963>

**[SB 5965](#)**

**Prop tax val proof burden**

**Schoesler**

Senators Schoesler, Sheldon, Hobbs, and King

Clarifies provisions regarding the burden of proof for corrections to property tax valuations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5965>

**[SSB 5994](#)**

**Boards and commissions**

**Pridemore**

Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Schoesler, and Honeyford; by

request of Governor Gregoire)

Eliminates boards and commissions and transfers certain duties effective June 30, 2010. Declares that while advisory boards, committees, and commissions be eliminated, agencies should identify new, less costly, and more effective opportunities to ensure a broad range of citizen participation is provided and that all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that channels are maintained for vital input from the citizens of Washington. Ample time is provided for the advisory groups to complete work in progress and for agencies to develop alternative communication strategies.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5994>

**SSB 6000**

**Homeowners' associations**

**Fraser**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Benton, Tom, and Roach)

Modifies real estate disclosure requirements regarding homeowners' associations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6000>

**SB 6008**

**Labor and industries dept**

**Holmquist**

Senators Holmquist and Honeyford

Addresses department of labor and industries' actions that affect worker benefits.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6008>

**2SSB 6038**

**Basic health plan**

**Keiser**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Kohl-Welles)

Revises the basic health plan to enable unemployed workers to maintain their health and avoid the risk of financial hardship related to unpaid medical bills as they search for new employment.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6038>

**SB 6054**

**Homeowners' associations**

**Fraser**

Senators Fraser, Fairley, and Tom

Provides that an obligation of good faith is imposed in the performance and enforcement of all contracts and duties governed by chapter 64.38 RCW (homeowners' associations) and in all other transactions involving declarants, associations, and their members. Modifies and implements provisions related to membership, powers, meetings, and governing documents of homeowners' associations. Authorizes a homeowners' association to levy reasonable fines and to incorporate as a nonprofit organization.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6054>

**SB 6055**

**Homeowners' assoc ombudsman**

**Fraser**

Senator Fraser

Creates the office of the state homeowners' association ombudsman in the office of the attorney general for the purpose of resolving disputes between homeowners and homeowners' associations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6055>

**SB 6057**

**New businesses**

**Zarelli**

Senator Zarelli

Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for a new business. Expires July 1, 2013.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6057>

**SB 6062**

**Foreclosure sales**

**Tom**

Senators Tom, Prentice, McDermott, Fairley, McAuliffe, Kauffman, Jarrett, Marr, Hobbs, Kline, Fraser, Oemig, Keiser, and Shin

Provides a real estate excise tax exemption on certain foreclosure sales.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6062>

**SB 6075**

**Real property revaluations**

**McCaslin**

Senator McCaslin

Requires all properties in a county to be revalued prior to assessments being issued for an assessment year, if the county has a reduction in median home prices of ten percent or more during the same assessment year.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6075>

**SB 6105**

**State & local taxation**

**Oemig**

Senators Oemig, Kastama, and Jarrett

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Make publicly available an online searchable database of all taxes and tax rates in the state for each taxing district; and (2) Provide tax rate calculators on the searchable database to allow taxpayers to calculate their potential taxes. Requires each taxing district to report its tax rates to the department of revenue to facilitate the department's efforts in creating and maintaining the searchable database of each tax rate for all taxing districts in the state. Requires the database to be accessible by and from the state expenditure information web site created under RCW 44.48.150.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6105>

**SB 6200**

**Eminent domain**

**Carrell**

Senators Carrell, Sheldon, Honeyford, Franklin, Pflug, Roach, Hargrove, Becker, Regala, Schoesler, and Parlette; by request of Attorney General

Prohibits a public entity from taking property for the purpose of economic development.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6200>

**SB 6244**

**Green home/definitions**

**Fraser**

Senators Fraser, Rockefeller, Marr, Ranker, and Pridemore

Requires the state building code council to adopt rules to define green home and energy efficient home for certain residential units and residential buildings. Prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, or processing any residential unit within this state as a green home or energy efficient home unless the home meets the definition of a green home or energy efficient home.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6244>

**SB 6250**

**Fiscal reform**

**Franklin**

Senators Franklin and McDermott

Provides necessary revenue for the support of vital state services on a more stable and equitable basis. Imposes a tax on all taxable income of resident individuals, estates, and trusts and on all individuals, estates, and trusts deriving income from sources in Washington for each taxable year based on the type of return filed and the amount of income. Provides that the act takes effect only if the proposed amendment to Article VII of the state Constitution authorizing income taxes is approved by the voters at a general election held in November 2010.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6250>

**[SB 6281](#)**

**Limited liability companies**

**Tom**

Senator Tom

Modifies provisions relating to the dissolution of limited liability companies.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6281>

**[SB 6405](#)**

**Escrow agents**

**Berkey**

Senators Berkey, Benton, and Franklin; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Changes requirements for escrow agents, including licensing, bonding, and examination requirements. Restricts who escrow agents may employ. Modifies enforcement provisions related to escrow agents, allowing confiscation of property.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6405>

**[SB 6406](#)**

**Residential mortgage loaning**

**Franklin**

Senators Franklin, Benton, Hobbs, McDermott, and Berkey; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Addresses the regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers through the national mortgage licensing service. Clarifies the existing authority of the department of financial institutions to regulate residential mortgage loan modification services under the consumer loan act and the mortgage broker practices act.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6406>

**[SB 6426](#)**

**Boards and commissions**

**Prentice**

Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Governor Gregoire

Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6426>

**[SB 6456](#)**

**Wage complaints**

**Kline**

Senators Kline, Keiser, Regala, Kohl-Welles, and Franklin

Improves administration of wage complaints by modifying provisions relating to: (1) Investigations by the department of labor and industries; (2) Wage and interest requirements paid by an employer; (3) Penalties for noncompliance of a wage payment requirement; (4) Tolling the applicable statute of limitations for civil actions; (5) Notice of appeal; and (6) Liability for successor businesses.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6456>

**[SB 6611](#)**

**Comprehensive land use plan**

**Pridemore**

Senators Pridemore and Swecker; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce and Department of Ecology

Extends deadlines for three years for the review and evaluation of comprehensive land use plan and development regulations.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6611>

**SB 6635**

**Appraisal of green buildings**

**Fraser**

Senator Fraser

Prohibits a state-certified or state-licensed real estate appraiser from appraising a residential or commercial green building unless the appraiser has presented evidence satisfactory to the director of the department of licensing of successful completion of a state-accredited course on the appraisal of the applicable type of green building.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6635>

**SB 6701**

**Real property warranties**

**Kline**

Senators Kline, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Keiser, Gordon, Tom, Fraser, and McAuliffe

Modifies the common law implied warranty of habitability.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6701>

**SJR 8200**

**Property tax valuation**

**Sheldon**

Senator Sheldon

SJR 8200 - DIGEST Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to set base years for property tax valuation.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=8200>

**SJR 8201**

**Property valuation increases**

**Rockefeller**

Senator Rockefeller

SJR 8201 - DIGEST Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to limit property valuation increases.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=8201>

**SJR 8219**

**State income tax**

**Franklin**

Senators Franklin and McDermott

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to allow an income tax.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=8219>

**SCR 8405**

**Legislature evaluation comm**

**Kohl-Welles**

Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Rockefeller, Kline, and Jacobsen

SCR 8405 - DIGEST Creates a commission within the legislature to evaluate the legislature.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=8405>