

# Weekly Legislative Report

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# Appraisers Coalition of Washington

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### Upcoming Committee Hearings

02/22/2010	SGovt Op & EI	SHR 2 @ 10:00 AM	Public Hearing - SHB 2409 - Concerning the sale of water-sewer district real property.
02/22/2010	HLG & Housing	HHR E @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - SSB 6611 - Extending the deadlines for the review and evaluation of comprehensive land use plan and development regulations for three years and addressing the timing for adopting certain subarea plans.
02/22/2010	HTech/En/Com	HHR B @ 1:30 PM	Possible Executive Session - ESSB 6244 - Defining a green home and an energy efficient home.
02/23/2010	SEnv/Water/Ener	SHR 4 @ 10:00 AM	Public Hearing - ESHB 2538 - Regarding high-density urban development.
02/23/2010	SFin Inst/Ins	SHR 2 @ 10:00 AM	Public Hearing - HB 2608 - Concerning regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers and services.
02/23/2010	HCommerce/Lab	HHR B @ 10:00 AM	Executive Session - SSB 6749 - Concerning the transfer of commercial real estate.
02/23/2010	SLab/Comm/CP	SHR 4 @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - EHB 2444 - Providing leave from employment for participating in a child's educational activities.
02/23/2010	SLab/Comm/CP	SHR 4 @ 1:30 PM	Public Hearing - ESHB 3040 - Regarding the licensing of appraisal management companies.
02/24/2010	HWays & Means	HHR A @ 3:30 PM	Possible Executive Session - HB 2824 - Making 2010 operating supplemental appropriations.

### 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	HRules X
<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	Williams	Monitoring	HTrans

his or her ear be enforced only as a secondary action.

<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	SGovtOp & Elect
<a href="#">SHB 2617</a>	Eliminating certain boards and commissions.	Driscoll	Oppose	HWays & Means
<a href="#">SHB 2855</a>	Providing financing options for the operations and capital needs of transit agencies.	Liias	Monitoring	HRules C
<a href="#">ESHB 3040</a>	Regarding the licensing of appraisal management companies.	Conway	Support	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">2SSB 5319</a> (Dead)	Improving economic security through unemployment compensation.	Kohl-Welles	Support	SRules X
<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 5994</a> (Dead)	Eliminating boards and commissions on June 30, 2010.	Pridemore	Oppose	SRules X
<a href="#">ESSB 6426</a>	Eliminating certain boards and commissions.	Prentice	Oppose	HExec Action
<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="#">EHB 2444</a>	Providing leave from employment for participating in a child's educational activities.	Williams	Monitoring	SLab/Comm/CP
<a href="#">HB 2824</a>	Making 2010 operating supplemental appropriations.	Linville	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">SB 5425</a> (Dead)	Requiring certain property tax revaluations when property values have decreased.	Parlette	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SSB 5708</a>	Authorizing usage-based rating factors for motor vehicle insurance.	Eide	Monitoring	SRules X
<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 X
<a href="#">SSB 6456</a>	Improving administration of wage complaints.	Kline	Monitoring	SRules 2

## Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Position	Status
<a href="#">HB 1255</a>	Eliminating the business and occupation tax	Moeller		HFinance

(Dead)	deduction for initiation fees and dues.			
<a href="#">SHB 1495</a> (Dead)	Providing real estate excise tax exemptions to stabilize neighborhoods.	Pettigrew	Monitoring	HFinance
<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="#">ESHB 2538</a>	Regarding high--density urban development.	Upthegrove	Monitoring	SGovtOp & Elect
<a href="#">SHB 2553</a>	Addressing unemployment benefits for certain eligible individuals.	Conway	Monitoring	HRules C
<a href="#">ESHB 2564</a>	Regarding escrow agents.	Nelson	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">HB 2608</a>	Concerning regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers and services.	Nelson	Monitoring	SFI/Hous/Ins
<a href="#">HB 2783</a>	Modifying the definition of "salary" under RCW 43.43.120.	Takko	Monitoring	HWays & Means
<a href="#">HB 3123</a>	Providing a business and occupation tax credit for employers who pay livable wage rates.	Hope	Monitoring	HFinance
<a href="#">HB 3129</a>	Concerning the unemployment insurance system, but only with respect to improving unemployment benefits and adjusting unemployment contributions.	Conway	Monitoring	HRules C
<a href="#">HB 3157</a>	Concerning the state business and occupation tax.	Hunter	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 X
<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 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="#">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 X
<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 X

<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="#">ESSB 6244</a>	Defining a green home and an energy efficient home.	Fraser	Monitoring	HTech/En/Com
<a href="#">SB 6250</a>	Providing fiscal reform.	Franklin	Monitoring	SWays & Means
<a href="#">SSB 6405</a>	Regarding escrow agents.	Berkey	Monitoring	SRules 2G
<a href="#">SB 6406</a>	Concerning regulation and licensing of residential mortgage loan servicers and services.	Franklin	Monitoring	S2nd Reading
<a href="#">SSB 6611</a>	Extending the deadlines for the review and evaluation of comprehensive land use plan and development regulations for three years and addressing the timing for adopting certain subarea plans.	Pridemore	Monitoring	HLG & Housing
<a href="#">SSB 6701</a>	Addressing real property warranties.	Kline	Monitoring	S2nd Reading
<a href="#">SSB 6749</a>	Concerning the transfer of commercial real estate.	Fraser	Monitoring	HCommerce/Lab
<a href="#">SB 6793</a>	Relating to unemployment benefits and taxes.	Kohl-Welles	Monitoring	SRules 2
<a href="#">SJR 8219</a>	Amending the Constitution to allow an income tax.	Franklin	Monitoring	SWays & Means

### Detailed Bill Information

**[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>

**[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 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 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 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>

**[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>

**[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>

**[SHB 2409](#)**

**Water-sewer district proprty**

**Simpson**

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.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2409>

**[EHB 2444](#)**

**Leave from employment**

**Williams**

Representatives Williams, Campbell, Liias, Chase, Sells, Rolfes, Nelson, Simpson, Goodman, Ormsby, Miloscia, Kagi, Roberts, White, Conway, Kenney, Hasegawa, and Haigh

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.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2444>

**[ESHB 2538](#)****High-density urban developmnt****Upthegrove**

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.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2538>

**[SHB 2553](#)****Unemployment benefits****Conway**

House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Green, White, Appleton, Simpson, Ormsby, Moeller, and Roberts)

Improves eligibility requirements, disqualification provisions, and benefit amounts to enhance the effects of the unemployment insurance system on individuals, families, and communities.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2553>

**[ESHB 2564](#)****Escrow agents****Nelson**

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.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2564>

**[HB 2608](#)****Residential mortgage loaning****Nelson**

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>

**[SHB 2617](#)****Boards and commissions****Driscoll**

House State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Driscoll, Chase, Hunt, Wallace, Williams, Maxwell, White, Kelley, Carlyle, Simpson, Seaquist, and Moeller; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Eliminates certain boards and commissions.

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

**[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 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>

**SHB 2855**

**Transit agency financing**

**Liias**

House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Liias, Clibborn, White, Simpson, Williams, Nelson, Sells, Carlyle, Eddy, Dickerson, Upthegrove, Pedersen, Hunt, Chase, Morris, Darneille, Kenney, Cody, Moeller, and Maxwell)

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

**ESHB 3040**

**Appraisal mgmt companies**

**Conway**

House Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood, Appleton, Rolfes, Sells, Sullivan, and Finn)

Regulates appraisal management companies. Requires the department of licensing to, within existing resources, convene a stakeholder group to determine how fees charged by appraisal management companies and appraisers should be charged and disclosed. Creates the appraisal management company account.

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

**HB 3123**

**Livable wage/B&O tax credit**

**Hope**

Representative Hope

Allows a business and occupation tax credit for wages paid to one or more employees at a rate that equals or exceeds the livable wage rate for the county in which the employee or employees are employed. Requires the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct a study to determine the livable wage rate for 2009 for each county.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3123>

**HB 3129**

**Unemployment insurance system**

**Conway**

Representative Conway

Improves unemployment benefits and adjusts unemployment contributions.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3129>

**HB 3157**

**State B & O tax**

**Hunter**

Representatives Hunter, Ericks, and Conway; by request of Department of Revenue

Extends the state's business and occupation tax to certain companies to ensure they pay their fair share of the cost of services that this state renders and the infrastructure it provides.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3157>

**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 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 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>

**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>

**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>

**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>

**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>

**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>

**[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 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 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>

**[ESSB 6244](#)**

**Green home/definitions**

**Fraser**

Senate Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Rockefeller, Marr, Ranker, Pridemore, Kohl-Welles, Shin, and Kline)

Requires the state building code council to adopt rules to define green home and energy efficient home for certain residential units and apartment houses.

<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>

**SSB 6405**

**Escrow agents**

**Berkey**

Senate Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (originally sponsored by 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>

**ESSB 6426**

**Boards and commissions**

**Prentice**

Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice and Tom; by request of Governor Gregoire)

Eliminates, consolidates, and/or temporarily suspends certain boards and commissions. Requires the governor, by July 1, 2011, to recommend to the legislature which boards and commissions shall receive state funding, be suspended, or be terminated.

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

**SSB 6456**

**Wage complaints**

**Kline**

Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Keiser, Regala, Kohl-Welles, Franklin, and McDermott)

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>

**SSB 6611**

**Comprehensive land use plan**

**Pridemore**

Senate Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Swecker, and Shin; by request of Washington State Department of Commerce and Department of Ecology)

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

**SSB 6701**

**Real property warranties**

**Kline**

Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by 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>

**SSB 6749**

**Commercial real estate**

**Fraser**

Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser and Honeyford)

Addresses the transfer of commercial real estate.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6749>

**SB 6793**

**Unemployment benefits T.O.**

**Kohl-Welles**

Senator Kohl-Welles

Introduced by title and introductory section only.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6793>

**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>