

HERITAGE CAUCUS BILL REPORT – March 3, 2021

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[SHB 1016](#) (Morgan) – Making Juneteenth Day a legal holiday

- February 25 - 1st substitute bill passed out of the House; yeas, 89; nays, 9; absent, 0; excused, 0

IN THE SENATE

- March 1 – First reading, referred to State Government & Elections

The bill designates June 19 as Juneteenth Day, a state holiday commemorating the abolishment of slavery. The substitute bill includes a null and void clause making the bill null and void unless it is funded in the operating budget. There is a \$7,560,000 fiscal note attached to the bill.

[HB 1067](#) (Morgan) – Designating the *Suciasaurus rex* as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington

- February 1 – Referred to Rules 2 review
- March 2 – Placed on second reading

Establishes the *Suciasaurus rex* as the state dinosaur.

[HB 1237](#) (Eslick) - Defining family resource centers

IN THE SENATE:

- February 5 – First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation

Defines the term "family resource center" (FRC) to mean a unified single point of entry where families, individuals, children, and youth in communities can obtain information, an assessment of needs, referral to, or direct delivery of family services in a manner that is welcoming and strengthbased.

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[SHB 1279](#) (Rule) - Modifying the Washington main street program tax incentive to respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic

- February 12 - 1st substitute bill substituted (FIN 21) passed the House

IN THE SENATE

- February 16 – First reading, referred to Business, Financial Services & Trade

Expands the total B&O tax or Public Utility Tax credit allowed under the Main Street Tax Incentive program to 90 percent for contributions made to the Trust Fund, beginning in calendar year 2021; expands the total credits allowed statewide to \$5 million per calendar year.

[SHB 1372](#) (Lekanoff) - Replacing the Marcus Whitman statue in the national statuary hall collection with a statue of Billy Frank Jr.

- February 23 - Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading

Expresses the Legislature's request to the United States Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to replace the Marcus Whitman statue from the National Statuary Hall Collection at the U.S. Capitol with a statue of Billy Frank Jr. Substitute bill compared to original bill: A statutory reference to time limits imposed on state officials to solicit or accept contributions is removed from provisions authorizing the committee to accept and spend gifts, grants, or endowments received for the purpose of the act. A cross reference is included, which clarifies that gifts, grants, or endowments received by the committee for the purpose of implementing the act must be deposited into the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Collection Fund which is established under the act.

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2SHB 1382 (Tharinger) - Streamlining the environmental permitting process for salmon recovery projects

- February 22 - Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass; referred to Rules 2 Review
- February 24 – Placed on second reading
- March 2 - 2nd substitute bill substituted (APP 21) Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1

Creates the Habitat Recovery Pilot Program (Pilot Program) for salmon restoration projects that meet certain criteria. Exempts qualifying projects from certain local permitting processes. Establishes a consultation and review process for projects under the Pilot Program. The first substitute bill includes language that requires project review with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and complete any required site surveys before the project applicant files an application under the Pilot Program. The second substitute bill includes a null and void clause if specific funding is not included in the omnibus appropriations act by June 30, 2021. Floor amendments replaced the term “Indian Tribe” to federally recognized tribe.

SSB 5059 (McCune) - Protecting state and federal monuments, memorials, and statues from damage intentionally inflicted during the course of unpeaceful demonstrations or riots

- January 11 – First Reading, referred to Senate Committee on Law & Justice
- January 26 – Public hearing held
- January 28 – Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice, Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- January 29 – Passed to Rules Committee for second reading
- February 17 – Placed on second reading by Rules Committee

Expands the definition of monument to include property owned by the federal government, state, or other municipalities. Raises the classification of defacing a monument to a gross misdemeanor.

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SSB 5080 (Carlyle) - Provides flexibility in the distribution and use of local funds dedicated to facilities used for youth educational programming

- February 16 - 1st substitute bill substituted (WM 21) placed on third reading; Third reading, passed 47 yeas.

IN THE HOUSE

- February 18 – First reading first reading, referred to Appropriations

The allowable use of repaid local sales and use taxes deposited in the construction account is expanded to include not only capital improvements of buildings used for youth educational programming, but also the maintenance and operational activities associated with these facilities. Operational activities may include offsite educational programming that directly relates to the core mission of curiosity, discovery, experimentation, and critical thinking. The substitute bill distributes revenues to the county where the qualifying arena is located instead of the city and allows funds to be used for off-site educational programming.

SB 5161 (Wellman) - Teaching Washington's tribal history, culture, and government

- January 12 – First Reading, referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee
- January 18 – Public Hearing in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee
- January 27 – Executive Session taken in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee, Majority do pass
- January 28 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading

Requires that all school districts incorporate curricula about the history, culture, and government of the nearest federally recognized Indian tribe or tribes into social studies curricula by September 1, 2023. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and utilize a system to monitor and report on district implementation and compliance of tribal curricula requirements. Establishes that all administrator preparation programs integrate information on tribal culture, history, and government into existing programs or courses.

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[SB 5264](#) (Wagoner) - Declaring January as Chinese American history month and encouraging public schools to commemorate the month

- January 18 - First reading, referred to State Government & Elections
- January 29 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections
- February 5 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government & Elections; SGE - Majority; do pass
- February 8 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading
- February 25 – Placed on second reading by the Rules Committee

Declares January of each year, Chinese American history month. Public schools are encouraged to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Chinese American history month and the lives, history, achievements, and contributions of Chinese Americans.