

HERITAGE CAUCUS BILL REPORT – April 7, 2021

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

IN THE SENATE

- April 1 – Scheduled for executive session in Senate Committee on Ways & Means
- April 2 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means WM - Majority; do pass; passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

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 1237 (Eslick) - Defining family resource centers

IN THE SENATE:

- February 5 –First reading, referred to Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation
- March 18 – Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation; 1:30 p.m.
- March 19 – Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation; Majority do pass
- March 22 – Passed to Rules Committee for second reading
- March 26 – Placed on second reading by Rules Committee
- March 29 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0

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

IN THE SENATE

- April 2 – Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, WM - Majority; do pass with amendment(s) by Business, Financial Services & Trade

Summary of the amended bill:

Expands the total business and occupation (B&O) tax or public utility tax (PUT) credit allowed under the Main Street Tax Incentive program to 90 percent, for contributions made to a designated local program or the state Main Street Trust Fund beginning in calendar year 2021.

Expands the total tax credits allowed statewide to **\$5 million (was \$2 million in original bill)** and for each designated local program to **\$160,000 (was \$100,000 in original bill)** for the Main Street Tax Incentive program.

Specifies that the Department of Revenue must allocate tax credits under the Main Street Tax Incentive program between 8:00 a.m. on the second Monday in January and 8:00 a.m. on April 1 of the same year.

Expands the total B&O tax or PUT credit allowed under the Main Street Tax Incentive program to 90 percent, for contributions made to a designated local program in calendar year 2020. Allows any tax credits earned under the Main Street Tax Incentive program as a result of contributions made in calendar year 2020 to be carried over until December 31, 2023.

Removes any program, taxpayer, or statewide limits on the amount of tax credits provided under the Main Street Tax Incentive program for credits earned as a result of contributions made in calendar year 2020.

Extends the expiration of the Main Street Tax Incentive program until January 1, 2032.

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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
- March 8 – 1st substitute bill substituted, Floor amendments(s) adopted. Third reading, passed 92 yeas; 5 nays
- March 10 – First Reading, referred to State Government & Elections
- March 17 – Scheduled for public hearing in Senate Committee on State Government & Elections; 8:00 a.m.
- March 19 – Executive action taken in Senate Committee on State Government & Elections; Majority do pass
- March 22 – Passed to Rules Committee for second reading
- March 26 – Placed on second reading by Rules Committee
- April 5 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 0

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.

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

IN THE SENATE:

- April 2 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. WM - Majority; do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- April 6 - Placed on second reading consent calendar.

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. House Floor amendments replaced the term “Indian Tribe” to federally recognized tribe.

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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

IN THE HOUSE

- February 18 – First reading first reading, referred to Appropriations
- March 11 – Public hearing in the house Committee on Appropriations, 3:30 p.m.
- March 15 – Executive Action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations; APP Majority; do pass
- March 17 - Referred to Rules 2 Review

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.

BUDGET BILLS

House Operating Budget - [ESSB 5092 - H AMD](#) – by Rep. Ormsby
April 3, 2021 - Adopted and engrossed

Senate Operating Budget - [ESSB 5092](#) – by Senate Ways & Means Committee
April 1, 2021 – Adopted and engrossed

House Capital Budget - [SHB 1080](#) – by House Capital Budget
April 2, 2021 – Adopted and engrossed

Senate Capital Budget - [ESB 5083](#) – by Senate Ways & Means Committee
March 30, 2020 – Adopted and engrossed