

HERITAGE CAUCUS BILL REPORT – April 14, 2021

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

- IN THE SENATE
April 9 – Rules suspended. Paced on Third Reading, passed yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1
- IN THE HOUSE
April 12 – Speaker signed.

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 HOUSE
April 3 – Speaker signed
- IN THE SENATE
April 5 – President signed
- April 8 – Delivered to the Governor
Bill signing scheduled for April 14, 2021

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

- Committee amendments adopted with no other amendments. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading; passed; yeas, 49, nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0

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 statutory hall collection with a statue of Billy Frank Jr.

- IN THE SENATE
April 5 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 44; nays, 5; absent, 0; excused, 0
- IN THE HOUSE
April 7 – Speaker signed
- IN THE SENATE
April 9 – President signed
- April 13 – Delivered to the Governor*

*Gov. Jay Inslee will take action on [HB 1372](#) tomorrow that will honor tribal leader and activist Billy Frank Jr. at Wa He Lut Indian School in Olympia, in Frank's Landing. The event takes place on Wednesday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. TVW intends to livestream the [bill action](#).

The governor will be joined by:

- Nisqually Chairman Ken Choke
- Nisqually Councilman Willie Frank III
- Lt. Gov. Denny Heck
- Rep. Debra Lekanoff

The bill begins the process of replacing the statue of Marcus Whitman in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C., with a statue of Billy Frank, Jr.

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

- IN THE SENATE
April 7 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.
- IN THE HOUSE
April 9 – Speaker signed
- IN THE SENATE
April 10 – President signed
- April 13 – Delivered to the Governor

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

- April 9 – Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- April 10 - Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
- Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.

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.