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- "Right" vote E - Excused O - "Wrong" vote A - Absent

(Democrats are listed in **bold**.)

SENATE Votes

EHB 2123—Workers' compensation— Weighted vote, counts as 28% of 2011 record—Fundamentally changes our safety net for injured workers, incentivizes employers to aggressively negotiate lower benefits and invites private insurers into our state by allowing buyouts for workers over 55 (50 by 2016). Freezes benefit COLAs for a year, requires permanent total disability offsets. Right vote=NO. Passed 35-12, 5/23.

2ESSB 5931—Contracting out state services—Weighted vote, counts as 22% of total 2011 vote—Consolidates four agencies into a Department of Enterprise Services, but promotes privatization of its services and explicitly prohibits state employees from competing to maintain their work. Right vote=NO. Passed 31-15, 5/25.

3SSB 5801—Quality medical care for injured workers—Expands our Centers for Occupational Health Education and creates a provider network with incentives and requirements that practitioners use best practices. Right vote=YES. Passed 48-0, 2/24.

42SSB 5662—Reciprocal bid preference—Prioritizes in-state workers on public works projects when bidding against contractors from states with in-state preferences. Right vote=YES. Passed 32-13, 3/3.

ESB 5566—Injured worker buyouts— Incentivizes employers to aggressively negotiate lower benefits by allowing buyouts for all injured workers. Right vote=NO. Passed 34-15, 3/5.

ESSB 5068—Injury prevention/abate-Oment on appeal—Makes Washington the 2nd state to require businesses cited for serious safety hazards to fix them, including when they are appealing a citation. Right vote=YES. Passed 47-2, 3/5.

72ESHB 1701 (Holmquist Newbry amendment)—**Employee misclassifica**tion—Increasing penalties for construction contractors that misclassify employees as independent contractors to avoid paying unemployment and workers' comp premiums. This amendment exempted almost all contractors. Right vote=NO. Passed 25-24, 4/4.

QSSJR 8215—Constitutional amend-Oment on debt limit—Would have dramatically decreased capitol budget projects and our ability to create needed building and construction trade jobs. Right vote=NO. Passed 39-3, 4/26.

Q2ESSB 5742—Ferry system reforms— Funds ferry construction and sets management standards, but included laboropposed provisions to effectively eliminate the Marine Employees Commission and decertify the ferry captains' union. Right vote=NO. Passed 34-10, 5/12.

ESHB 1497—Capital Budget—The **10** 2011-13 budget creating some 51,000 desperately needed construction jobs. It authorizes \$1.6 billion in new projects from sources other than bond proceeds. Right vote=YES. Passed 47-0, 5/25.

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EHB 2123—Workers' compensation lacksquare —Weighted vote, counts as 28% of 2011 record—See Senate Vote #1. Right vote=NO. Passed 69-26, 5/23.

↑ESSB 5931—Contracting out state ser-**∠vices** —Weighted vote, counts as 22% of total 2011 vote—See Senate Vote #2. Right vote=NO. Passed 54-42, 5/25.

3 SHB 1832—Rights of Airport Service Employees—Protects jobs/rights for airport service employees by guaranteeing seamless transitions with successor contractors. Right vote=YES. Passed 52-44, 3/2.

42ESHB 1701—Contractor misclassification—Increases penalties for misclassifying employees as independent contractors. Right vote=YES. Passed 54-43, 3/4.

SSB 5801—Quality medical care for **Dinjured workers**—See Senate Vote #3. Right vote=YES. Passed 96-1, 3/5.

ESHB 1487—Retro employer author-Oity—Expands Retro groups' authority to increase refunds by closing injured workers claims. Right vote=NO. Passed 70-27, 3/5.

TESHB 2002—Workers' compensation **return-to-work**—Helps injured work ers return to work on light duty status by subsidizing 50% of wages for up to 66 days. Right vote=YES. Passed 54-43, 3/5.

8EHB 2011—Corrections interest arbitration—Improving prison safety with collective bargaining and binding arbitration. Right vote=YES. Passed 59-36, 3/7.

9ESSB 5068—Injury prevention/abatement on appeal —See Senate Vote #6. Right vote=YES. Passed 55-41, 4/5.

10 2SSB 5662—Reciprocal bid preference—See Senate Vote #4. Right vote=YES. Passed 87-8, 4/5.

SHB 2078—Repeals Big Bank Tax Exemptions to Fund K-3— Curtails B&O tax deduction for big national banks, while exempting small local banks, to restore funding for smaller K-3 class sizes. Right vote=YES. Vote: 52-42, 5/24.

2 ESHB 1497–Capital Budget
—See Senate Vote #9. Right vote=YES. Passed 94-0, 5/25. WSLC 2011 LEGISLATIVE REPORT