SENATE Vote Descriptions

1 ESHB 1966 (final passage)—Unemployment insurance economic stimulus temporarily adding $45/week in benefits, raises the minimum benefit, increases eligibility for training benefits, and loosens requirements on shared work program. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 43-4, Feb. 12)

2 SB 5945 (final passage)—Set a goal of covering all Washingtonians with health care by 2012; authorized DSHS to seek Medicaid waivers to increase coverage; created a work group to continue the work on various state plans studied by Mathematica. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 28-19, March 9)

3 SB 5963 (final passage)—Permanently lowers employers’ unemployment insurance taxes, but fails to restore the benefit formula to 4.0 and removes commissioner discretion on good-cause voluntary quits. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 38-11, March 11)

4 E2SSB 5943 (final passage)—Requires Children’s Administration to contract out all child welfare services and prohibits state workers from bidding to provide these services. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 33-15, March 11)

5 SB 6035 (final passage)—Reform of the retrospective rating program in the workers’ compensation system. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 25-24, March 12)

6 HB 1709 (final passage)—As amended by Sen. Benton’s striker, this removed references to minimum loan terms, repayment installment plans, and restricts public disclosure of loan information. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 40-8, April 13)

7 ESHB 1244 (final passage)—The 2009-2011 operating budget. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 54-42, April 24)

8 SB 5963 (striker)—Rep. Condotta’s amendment to strike down the committee amendment, which would have restored the UI benefit formula to 4.0 and extended commissioner discretion in determining good-cause quits. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 50-47, April 9)

9 ESHB 1244 (striker)—Revote of Rep. Condotta’s striker. “Right” vote: NO. (Failed 47-51, April 10)

10 E2SSB 5850 (final passage)—Protecting workers from human trafficking violations by way of a disclosure statement of “worker rights.” Agricultural “guest workers” [H2A] were added to the protected class of workers. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 50-48, April 17)

11 SHB 1329 (concurrence vote)—The amendment strikes underlying provisions to provide collective bargaining rights for child care center directors and workers. “Right” vote: NO. (Passed 50-48, April 17)

HOUSE Vote Descriptions

1 ESHB 1966 (final passage)—See Senate Vote #1. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 91-2, Feb. 6)

2 SB 1402 (final passage)—See Senate Vote #6. “Right” vote: YES. (Passed 55-42, March 11)