

# Memorandum

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**Re:** Legislative Update

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This Week at The Capitol:

Both the House and Senate were in session Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Time is beginning to slip away and both Chambers have a tremendous amount of work left on their respective Calendars including the budget and many other major pieces of legislation.

On Tuesday, the House took up HB 6112, AA Requiring a Survey of Court-Involved Youths. Children's Committee Chairwoman Liz Linehan offered LCO #8375, designated House Amd. A, which added Juvenile Court technical language. The amendment passed on a voice vote and the bill passed on a Roll Call Vote of 128-19-4

Also on Tuesday, the Senate acted on five large bills including Democrat Leadership's SB 1, AA Equalizing Comprehensive Access to Mental, Behavioral and Physical Health Care in Response to the Pandemic. Sen. Abrams offered LCO #8687 which was a strike all amendment and became the bill upon adoption. The bill passed 30-5-1

Both Chambers are scheduled to be back in session on Monday for a full week of business.

Budget negotiations began in earnest this week after just scratching the surface. There is still a wide gulf between what the Democrat controlled Legislature wants and what the Governor of the same party will accept. He has drawn specific lines in the sand, and we will have to wait to see who blinks first!

As always, please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.