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## Weekly Overview

Last week the focus remained largely on policy committee hearings as committees continued hearing bills that have been passed by the opposite house. For some bills, the committees had already heard a companion bill, so a lot of testimony was shorter than the first time around. The committees were also getting updated if and how the companion bill had been changed by the house of origin. For other bills that had no companion, the committee members were hearing the bills and testimony for the first time.

Going into the upcoming week there will continue to be hearings and executive session. Policy committees will begin passing bills out of committee as we get closer to the next big milestone this session – opposite house policy cutoff. All bills must pass out of their opposite house policy committee by April 3<sup>rd</sup> or they will be considered dead (unless they are deemed Necessary to Implement the Budget (NTIB)).

The most anticipated events coming up this week is the release of budgets. The House has announced that they will be releasing their proposed budgets on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be releasing their proposed operating, capital, and transportation budgets all on that day. The Senate is expected to release their transportation budget on Wednesday and their proposed operating and capital budgets sometime within the next week.

At this point [over 2,300 bills](#) have been introduced this session:

- About 1,500 bills made it through the house of origin policy cutoff
- 1,010 bills made it through the house of origin fiscal cutoff
- 684 bills made it through house of origin cutoff. You can see a list of bills still alive [here](#) (this does not count bills that have been deemed NTIB).

### Upcoming Dates of Note:

April 3, 2019	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 9, 2019	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 17, 2019**	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
April 28, 2019	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

\*\* After the 94th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

## March 20<sup>th</sup> – Budget and Revenue Forecast Special Update

In the first year of the biennium (odd-numbered years), the Washington State Legislature passes three budgets, Operating, Capital, and Transportation. The Operating Budget funds ongoing state activity and is written by the House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means Committees. The Capital Budget is written by the House Capital Budget Committee and Senate Ways & Means, funding construction in areas such as public schools, parks, prisons, affordable housing, and environmental clean-up. The Transportation Budget is written by the Transportation Committees in each chamber and is largely user-funded with gas taxes, permits, and other licensing fees. In the second year of the biennium (even-numbered years), the Legislature passes three supplemental bills. Bills that have failed to meet fiscal deadlines but can be deemed by leadership to be “Necessary to Implement the Budget” and find new life due to a positive or negative effect on the budget or to earn the vote of a particular member. The budgets are negotiated and passed late in the session and then shuffled between the chambers for amendments and concurrence before arriving at the Governor’s desk. The Governor may issue line item vetoes rather than vetoing an entire budget bill. A 2/3 majority in each chamber is required to override such a veto.

While the Office of Financial Management releases the Governor’s budget in December prior to the start of the biennium, majority party House and Senate budget writers wait until after the formal release of the spring revenue forecast. Washington is unique in its approach to revenue forecasting. The forecast is nonpartisan and is used for budget preparation by both the executive and legislative branches. The work is guided by Washington State Chief Economist Stephen Lerch Ph.D. and the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, made up of State Treasurer Duane Davidson (R), Senate Ways & Means Chair Senator Christine Rolfes (D-Bainbridge) and Ranking Member Senator John Braun (R-Chehalis), House Finance Ranking Member Ed Orcutt (R-Kalama), House Appropriations Chair Timm Ormsby (D-Spokane), Office of Financial Management Director David Schumacher, and Department of Revenue Director Vikki Smith. Revenue forecasts are to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature on or before March 20<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup> in odd-numbered years. In even numbered years, they are submitted on prior to November 20<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>.

This morning, the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council announced state revenues will continue to grow through mid-2021. Projections show an increase of nearly \$307 million for the current cycle ending this summer, and \$554 million for the next two-year cycle. In total, this is an increase of roughly \$861 million more than was previously expected, bringing the state budget to \$50.6 billion. Senate Ways & Means Ranking Member Senator John Braun (R-Chehalis) suggested this increase is proof that no new revenue is needed. House Appropriations Chair Representative Timm Ormsby (D-Spokane) disagreed, claiming the budget growth will not adequately address current funding levels or the education investments promised in the resolution of the McCleary court case.

Governor Inslee and Legislative Democrats have for months planned to raise additional revenue through closure of tax preferences, collection of sales tax from out-of-state retailers (adoption of the Wayfair decision in already signed SSB 5581), a capital gains tax, REET (real estate excise tax) or B&O increases on services. Last week’s forecast will be a constant topic of conversation for the rest of the session, majority Democrats are working to create momentum to have sufficient votes in one chamber to agree with the other chamber on the more contentious revenue strategies (capital gains, REET, or B&O increases).

## Education

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">2SHB 1303</a> Child care/higher education	S Ways & Means	Shewmake

Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to exempt certain full-time students from work requirements for Working Connections Child Care program benefits. This bill passed out of the House with a vote of 90-6 (2 excused).

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**Child care access work group**

S RecComm

Reeves

[2SHB 1344](#)  
(SB 5436)

Directs the Department of Commerce to contract for a regional assessment of the child care industry to be completed by July 1, 2020. Requires the Child Care Collaborative Task Force (CCCTF) to develop a child care cost estimate model to determine the full costs providers would incur when providing high quality child care, including recommended teacher-child ratios based on research and best practice. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 72-24 (2 excused).

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**Early achievers program**

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[E2SHB 1391](#)  
(2SSB 5484)

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 3:30 pm

Adjusts rating levels and associated deadlines for participants in the Early Achievers (EA) program. Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to adopt policies related to providing incentives and removing barriers for child care and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program providers participating in the EA program. Establishes a Cost of Child Care Regulations Work Group. This bill was voted out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).

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**Youth development work group**

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[SHB 1644](#)  
(SSB 5665)

Upcoming Events: Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 1:30 pm

Creates a youth development work group in the Department of Children, Youth, and Families with the purpose of developing a mission, vision, and goals to support youth ages five to young adulthood with a racial equity and inclusion lens. HB 1644 passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 90-7 (1 excused).

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**Vuln. children ed. opport.**

S Ways &  
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[SHB 1791](#)  
(SSB 5851)

Modifies the use of the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability (PSTA) account to include facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations and to start endowments to support improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. HB 1791 passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 64-33.

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**Day care prof dev compliance**

S EL/K-12

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[HB 1866](#)

DCYF must allow all child day care centers until at least August 1, 2024, to comply with any changes made to the professional development requirements. Professional development means any professional credentials including academic degrees, coursework, or certificates, attendance at conferences, informal learning, or other education required for licensure by DCYF. This bill was voted out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).

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[SSB 5089](#)

**Early learning access**

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Allows enrollment, as space is available, in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) for children who turn three at any time during the school year if the children's family income is at or below 110 percent of the federal poverty level and the children have received early intervention services or have participated in Early Head Start. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 48-0 (1 excused).

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**Special education funding**

H Education

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Upcoming Events: Education (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm

[E2SSB 5091](#)

Would increase the special education excess cost multiplier from the current 0.9609 to 1.00. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 9th with a vote of 46-0 (3 excused).

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**School levies**

S Ways &  
Means

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[SSB 5313](#)

Changes the levy lid from the lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil to the lesser of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil for school districts with fewer than 9,600 FTE students. Changes the levy lid from the lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil to the lesser of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$3,000 per pupil for school districts with 9,600 FTE students or more. Changes the local effort assistance (LEA) threshold from \$1,500 per pupil to \$2,100 per pupil. Adds an LEA hold harmless provision for eligible school districts receiving less LEA in calendar year 2020 than in calendar year 2019, not to exceed the 2020 LEA threshold.

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**Career connected learning**

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Upcoming Events: College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 1:30 pm, College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[E2SSB 5327](#)  
[\(SHB 1336\)](#)

Creates a multi-agency work group to coordinate career connected learning (CCL) opportunities, collect data, provide recommendations, and perform other duties. Creates a competitive grant program to support regional networks and program intermediaries in expanding CCL opportunities. Requires school districts to be funded up to 1.2 full-time equivalents for students in certain CCL programs, subject to amounts appropriated. Requires the institutions of higher education to have CCL coordinators to engage faculty and institutional leadership in expanding the number of certain CCL programs, subject to amounts appropriated. The bill will create high quality career connected learning opportunities and provide opportunities for people and communities that have been left out of career pathway experiences. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 45-3.

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**College promise scholarship**

H Coll & Wkf  
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[E2SSB 5393](#)  
[\(SHB 1340\)](#)

Upcoming Events: College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 1:30 pm, College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

Establishes the Washington College Promise Scholarship Program (WCPS) and replaces the State Need Grant. Makes the WCPS program an entitlement for eligible students with family incomes at or below 110 percent of the federal poverty level. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 9th with a vote of 27-18 (4 excused).

<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5395</u></a> (HB 1407)	<b>Sexual health education</b>	H Education	Wilson	Requires every public school to provide comprehensive sexual health education as an integral part of the curriculum that is "evidence-informed. The bill passed out of the Senate on February 27th with a vote of 28-21.
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5437</u></a> (2SHB 1351)	<b>ECEAP eligibility</b>	H H Svcs & Erly	Wilson	Allows the enrollment of a child in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) who has a family income above 110 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) but less than or equal to 200 percent of the FPL. Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to plan for the implementation of a birth to three ECEAP pilot project. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 47-1.
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5532</u></a>	<b>Special education</b>	H Education	Braun	Upcoming Events: Education (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm
This bill would require school districts to provide at least a half day of professional learning on special education topics and convene an ongoing special education advisory committee to advise the district of special education needs. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 9th with a 46-0 vote (3 excused).				
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5774</u></a>	<b>Student debt</b>	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Lias	Upcoming Events: College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm
Enacts the Student Loan Relief and Reform Act. Creates the Washington Income Share Agreement Pilot Program. Establishes the Washington Student Loan Refinancing Program in which the state contracts with financial institutions to refinance student loans by buying down the interest rate or providing partial risk coverage. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 40-8 (1 excused).				
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5820</u></a> (SHB 1574)	<b>Vulnerable children/care</b>	H H Svcs & Erly	Nguyen	Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to designate homeless children as a vulnerable population to allow eligibility and 12- month authorizations for Working Connections Child Care subsidies. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 11th with a vote of 45-3 (1 excused).
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5846</u></a> (HB 2104)	<b>International medical grads</b>	H HC/Wellness	Saldaña	Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm
Creates the international medical graduate (IMG) work group to develop recommendations for the creation of an IMG assistance program. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 13th with a vote of 44-4 (1 excused).				
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5851</u></a> (SHB 1791)	<b>Vuln. children ed. opport.</b>	H Approps	Froct	The RTA counties' authorized uses of the PSTAA distributions are broadened. Permitted expenditures are expanded from "educational services" to improving education outcomes, including programs or facilities for children or youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations. The RTA counties may use PSTAA distributions to start endowments to provide support for improving

education outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 42-2.

<a href="#">SB 5991</a>	<b>Grad. real estate excise tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<p>The bill would replace the current flat REET with a tiered system - with higher priced property having higher tax rates than lower priced property. The revenue generated would be divided between the Education Legacy Trust Account (~20 percent), the Public Works Assistance Account, the City-County Assistance Account, and the State General Fund.</p>			

## Environment

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">E2SHB 1110 (SB 5412)</a>	S Transportation	Fitzgibbon
<p><b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b></p> <p>This legislation will reduce carbon emissions and harmful tail pipe emissions, improve air quality, generate revenue for local utilities, and keep economic benefits from WA state produced bio fuels, in our state. Directs the Department of Ecology (ECY) to adopt a rule establishing a Clean Fuels Program (CFP) to limit the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of transportation fuel energy to 10 percent below 2017 levels by 2028 and 20 percent below 2017 levels by 2035. The bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 53-43 (2 excused).</p>		
<a href="#">3SHB 1257 (2SSB 5293)</a>	H Rules R	Doglio
<p><b>Energy efficiency</b></p> <p>The bill establishes large commercial building performance standards; 2) natural gas energy efficiency targets; 3) requirement for new buildings to be “EV-Ready”; and 4) the option for local governments to voluntarily adopt energy codes for residential buildings beyond the minimum state energy codes - also known as a stretch code.</p>		
<a href="#">2SHB 1444 (2SSB 5115)</a>	S Environment, En	Morris
<p><b>Appliance efficiency</b></p> <p>Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy &amp; Technology (Senate) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am</p> <p>Repeals federally-preempted appliance efficiency and testing standards. Amends the state appliance efficiency and testing standards for certain state- covered appliances. Establishes new minimum efficiency and testing standards for certain appliances. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 57-41.</p>		
<a href="#">SHB 1512</a>	S Rules 2	Fey
<p><b>Transp. electrification</b></p> <p>Provides clear legislative authority for all utilities, public and private, to be able to offer incentive programs and services in electrification of transportation for its customers and rate payers. This bill will provide the clear authority language municipal and publicly-owned utilities have needed to be able to offer incentive programs in the electrification of transportation for its customers, including advertising programs to promote the utility's service, incentives or rebates. The bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 64-33 (1 excused).</p>		

**Recycling**S Environment,  
En Mead

Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy &amp; Technology (Senate) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am

[E2SHB  
1543 \(SSB  
5545\)](#)

Establishes the Recycling Development Center within the Department of Ecology (ECY) to further the development of markets and processing for recycled commodities and products. Changes the distributions and uses of funds in the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 64-32 (2 excused).

**Product degradability**S Environment,  
En Ramos

Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy &amp; Technology (Senate) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am

[ESHB 1569](#)

Restricts the labeling and marketing of the degradability of certain products, including plastic products, film bags, food service products, and film products. Empowers the Attorney General, cities, and counties to enforce marketing and labeling requirements. Establishes penalties for violations and a revolving account in the custody of the State Treasurer for state receipts of penalties, for use in enforcement of marketing and labeling requirements. The bill passed out of the House on March 11th with a vote of 60-37 (1 excused).

**Oil transportation safety**S Environment,  
En Lekanoff

Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy &amp; Technology (Senate) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am

[ESHB 1578  
\(SSB 5578\)](#)

Requires a tug escort in Rosario Strait and connected waterways to the east for laden oil tankers of between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons and for articulated tug-barges and certain towed waterborne vessels of at least 5,000 deadweight tons, beginning in 2020. Directs the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC), in consultation with the Department of Ecology (ECY), to adopt tug escort rules by 2025 addressing certain oil tankers of between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons, articulated tug-barges, and towed waterborne vessels or barges of at least 5,000 deadweight tons operating in Puget Sound. Directs the ECY to develop and maintain a model to assess oil spill risks in Washington waters and the oil spill risk reduction potential of an emergency response towing vessel serving waterways located near the San Juan Islands. This bill passed out of the House with a vote of 70-28.

**Chinook abundance**S  
Ag/Water/Natura Fitzgibbon

Upcoming Events: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources &amp; Parks (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 1:30 pm

[2SHB 1579](#)

Implements recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing chinook abundance. This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 59-39.

**Orca whales/vessels**S  
Ag/Water/Natur Blake[2SHB 1580  
\(2SSB  
5577\)](#)

Increases the distance within which a vessel or other object may not approach a southern resident orca whale (orcas). Establishes commercial whale watching and alternate operator licenses, sets fees for the licenses, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to report on the license program. Directs the DFW to convene an independent science panel to analyze the most current and best available science regarding noise impacts to orcas by small vessels and whale watching vessels. Requires the topic of

sustainable whale watching to be included in the statewide tourism marketing plan. This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 78-20.

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<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5077</u></a>	<b>Single-use plastic straws</b>	H Env & Energy	Kuderer
	The current language requires food service establishments must provide straws upon request to persons with disabilities along with any other local ordinances restricting plastic straws to at least meet the requirements of the bill. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 4th with a vote of 27-21 (1 excused).		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5116</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(2SHB 1211)</u></a>	<b>Clean energy</b>	H Finance	Carlyle
	Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 8:00 am, Finance (House) Exec Session 3/29 @ 8:00 am		
	This "100% clean electricity" legislation would transition Washington State to clean energy future by removing carbon emissions from the generation of electricity. If passed, the bill would require utilities to gradually transition away from fossil-fuel generated electricity. It includes a coal elimination deadline of 2025 and final clean grid deadline of 2045. The bill requires all electric utilities to eliminate from electric rates all costs associated with delivering electricity generated from coal-fired power plants by December 31, 2025; requires each electric utility to make all retail sales of electricity greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030; requires each electric utility to meet 100 percent of its retail electric load using non-emitting and renewable resources by January 1, 2045; establishes an administrative penalty equal to \$60 for each MWh for noncompliance with the three standards. This bill was voted out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 28-19 (2 excused).		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5223</u></a> (HB <a href="#"><u>1862</u></a> )	<b>Electrical net metering</b>	H Env & Energy	Palumbo
	Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm		
	Creates a process for each electric utility to create a new standard rate or tariff schedule once June 30, 2029, or the 4 percent for the cumulative generating capacity available for net metering systems is reached, whichever comes first. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 4th with a vote of 29-19 (1 excused).		
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5323</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(2SHB 1205)</u></a>	<b>Plastic bags</b>	H Env & Energy	Das
	Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 3/29 @ 8:00 am, Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm		
	Prohibits a retailer from providing a customer a single use plastic bag, a paper or reusable plastic bag that does not meet recycled content requirements. Requires a retailer to collect a pass-through charge of \$0.08 for each recycled content large paper or plastic carryout bag provided. Preempts local carryout bag ordinances, except for ordinances establishing a \$0.10 pass-through charge in effect as of January 1, 2019. Specifies recycled content requirements for paper and plastic bags. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 31-44 (4 excused).		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5397</u></a> (HB <a href="#"><u>1204</u></a> )	<b>Plastic packaging</b>	H Env & Energy	Rolfes
	Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm		
	Requires Department of Ecology (DOE) to hire a third party independent contractor to conduct a study on the amount and types of plastic, the management and disposal of plastic packaging in the state, identify		

alternatives to achieve certain goals for recycled packaging, and provide a report with findings and recommendations, including product stewardship, to the Legislature by October 31, 2020. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 48-0 (1 excused).

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**Environ. health disparities**

H State Govt & Tr Saldaña

Upcoming Events: State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 1:30 pm

[2SSB 5489](#)

Creates a task force to recommend strategies for state agencies to incorporate environmental justice principles into their responsibilities. Requires state agencies to adopt the cumulative impact analysis for the purposes of identifying highly impacted communities. Provides that the task force provide guidance to agencies, the Legislature, and the Governor regarding how to use the cumulative impact analysis for designating highly impacted communities. Requires the Department of Health to initiate a process to develop model policies for implementing task force recommendations. Requires state agencies to submit a report on progress made towards reducing environmental burdens and attaining environmental health targets. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 27-21 (1 excused).

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**Orca whales/vessels**

H RDev, Ag&NR Rolfes

Upcoming Events: Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 8:00 am

[2SSB 5577](#)  
(2SHB  
1580)

Makes it unlawful for a person to cause a vessel to approach or fail to disengage a vessel within 300 yards of a southern resident orca and specifies that it is unlawful to position a vessel within 400 yards behind a southern resident orca. Makes it unlawful for a person to cause a vessel to exceed a seven knot speed limit within one-half nautical mile of a southern resident orca. Establishes a commercial whale watching license and sets fees for the license. Requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt rules by January 1, 2021, for holders of a commercial whale watching license to reduce the daily and cumulative impacts on southern resident orca whales and consider the economic viability of license holders. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 7th with a vote of 46-3.

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**Clean car standards & prog.**

H Env & Energy Nguyen

[SB 5811](#)  
(HB 1999)

Authorizes the Department of Ecology (DOE) to adopt California zero emission vehicle program regulations. Expands the types of vehicles required to meet California standards to include medium duty vehicles. Expands the types of vehicles on which a manufacturer is required to affix a label that discloses comparative greenhouse gas emissions for that new vehicle to include medium duty vehicles. This bill passed the Senate on March 4th with a vote of 26-22 (1 excused).

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**Greenhouse gas cap and trade**

S Environment, E Carlyle

[SB 5981](#)

Establishes a cap and trade program for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to be implemented by the Department of Ecology. Requires the program to limit GHG emissions to meet statewide GHG emission levels as revised for 2035 and 2050. Specifies distribution of auction revenues to specified energy efficiency projects, assistance to low-income households and highly impacted communities, and climate change impacts and natural resource resiliency.

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## General Government

Bill Details

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Sponsor

<a href="#">2SHB 1059</a>	<b>B&amp;O return filing due date</b>	S Ways & Means	Van Werven
Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 3/25 @ 3:30 pm			
<a href="#">ESHB 1325</a> (SSB 5378)	<b>Personal delivery devices</b>	S Transportation	Kloba
Establishes a regulatory framework for the operation of personal delivery devices, which are automated devices intended to deliver property via sidewalks and crosswalks. This bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote count of 94-3 (1 excused).			
<a href="#">SHB 1403</a>	<b>Municipal B&amp;O tax apportion.</b>	S Ways & Means	Frame
Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 3/25 @ 3:30 pm			
Modifies the apportionment formula for local business and occupation tax. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).			
<a href="#">3SHB 1498</a> (2SSB 5511)	<b>Broadband service</b>	S Environment, E	Hudgins
Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am			
Creates the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office. Requires the Public Works Board to establish a competitive grants and loans program for broadband. Authorizes public utility districts to temporarily provide retail Internet services. Authorizes port districts to provide wholesale Internet services outside of the district. Modifies and extends the Universal Communications Services program. This bill passed out of the House on March 8th with a vote of 95-1 (2 excused).			
<a href="#">SHB 1575</a> (SSB 5623)	<b>Collective bargaining/dues</b>	S Labor & Commer	Stonier
Provides that public employers and public employee organizations are not liable in claims or causes of action for deducted union fees that were permitted by law and deducted before the Janus v. AFSCME decision. Eliminates public employees' right to make a legal claim or seek judicial enforcement of a right related to membership dues under the new provisions of the act. Removes union security provisions from various collective bargaining statutes. Creates provisions for employees to provide electronic or recorded voice authorization to deduct membership dues. Authorizes a cross-check process to determine union representation for certain public employees, upon a showing of interest of 50 percent of the employees in the bargaining unit. This bill passed out of the House on March 11th with a vote of 57-41.			
<a href="#">HB 1743</a> (SSB 5766)	<b>Prevailing rate of wages</b>	S Rules 2	Ormsby
Provides that prevailing wage rates for residential construction are established by wage and hour surveys, unless survey information is insufficient. Provides for interim rates pending the establishment of rates based on surveys. This bill passed out of the House on March 1st with a vote of 95-0 (3 excused).			

<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1839</u></a> (SB 5813)	<b>Arena projects/taxes</b>	S Ways & Means	Sullivan
Requiring eligible arena projects to fully pay the state and local sales tax within ten years of commencing construction. Passed House: 3/11/19, 94-4.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1847</u></a>	<b>Aircraft noise abatement</b>	S Rules 2	Pellicciotti
Expands the dimensions of existing impacted areas established to alleviate and abate the impact of aircraft noise on areas surrounding an airport. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 55-41 (2 excused).			
<a href="#"><u>HB 1918</u></a>	<b>Community preservation auth.</b>	S Local Governmen	Santos
Establishes the purposes for which a Community Preservation and Development Authority (CPDA) must be formed. Modifies the process by which a CPDA and its initial board of directors is established. Authorizes the Central District CPDA within the city of Seattle. Passed House: 3/9/19, 96-0.			
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5024</u></a>	<b>Local taxing districts</b>	H Local Govt	Hasegawa
Upcoming Events: Local Government (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm			
Requires certain local utility districts that serve 10,000 or more customers to disclose state and local tax rate information by September 1, 2019. Requires certain local utility districts with less than 10,000 but more than 5000 customers to begin disclosing tax rate information upon their next billing system update or by January 1, 2024, whichever is sooner. Requires tax rate information be made available upon request for services for which no billing statements are issued. Requires each electric utility to provide either written or electronic notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the Utilities and Transportation Commission or governing body. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 11th with a vote of 46-2 (1 excused).			
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5063</u></a> (HB 1209)	<b>Ballots, prepaid postage</b>	H State Govt & Tr	Nguyen
Requires prepaid postage on return envelopes for all elections, with county costs for the postage to be reimbursed by the state. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 42-3 (4 excused).			
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5163</u></a> (SHB 1135)	<b>Wrongful injury or death</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Hasegawa
Removes the requirements that second tier beneficiaries—parents and siblings—reside in the United States at the time of the decedent's death and be dependent on the decedent for financial support in order to recover in a wrongful death or survival action. Clarifies damages that may be recovered in wrongful death and survival causes of action.			
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5376</u></a> (2SHB 1854)	<b>Consumer data</b>	H Inn, Tech & Ec	Carlyle
Requires controllers to facilitate requests to exercise consumer rights regarding access, correction, deletion, restriction of processing, data portability, and objection for targeted advertising. Requires controllers to conduct risk assessments under certain conditions. Specifies the thresholds a business must satisfy for the requirements set forth in this act to apply. Provides that violation of this act violates the Consumer Protection Act. Requires controllers using facial recognition for profiling to meet certain			

requirements. Prohibits the use of facial recognition technology by all state and local government agencies to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified individuals in public spaces unless in support of law enforcement or in an emergency. Requires the Office of Privacy and Data Protection to conduct an analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition technology. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 46-1 (2 excused).

**Broadband service**

H Inn, Tech & E Wellman

Upcoming Events: Innovation, Technology & Economic Development (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 8:00 am, Innovation, Technology & Economic Development (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[2SSB 5511](#)  
**(3SHB 1498)**

Creates the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office. Requires the Public Works Board to establish a competitive grants and loans program for broadband. Authorizes public utility districts (PUDs) to temporarily provide retail Internet services. Authorizes port districts to provide wholesale Internet services outside of the district. Modifies and extends the Universal Communications Services program. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 47-0 (2 excused).

**Retirement savings program**

H ConsPro&Bus Mullet

Upcoming Events: Consumer Protection & Business (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 1:30 pm

[E2SSB 5740](#)

Requires certain employers to automatically enroll its employees into an individual retirement account in the Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program at the Department of Commerce. Passed Senate: 3/08/19, 31-17.

**Legislature/code of conduct**

H State Govt & Tr Dhingra

Upcoming Events: State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 1:30 pm

[SSB 5861](#)

Directs the Public Disclosure Commission to create a training course for lobbyists on the legislative code of conduct. Requires notification of a lobbyist's clients if the lobbyist is suspended for a violation of the legislative code of conduct. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 29-18 (2 excused).

**Health Care**

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

**Opioid medications/schools**

S Ways & Means

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Concerning opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and higher education institutions.

[2SHB 1039](#)

Requires high schools in school districts with over 2,000 students, and allows other public schools, to obtain and store opioid overdose medication to assist a person at risk for an opioid-related overdose. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop opioid-related overdose guidelines and training requirements for public schools and school districts. Requires certain public

institutions of higher education to develop a plan to maintain and administer opioid overdose medication in residence halls. Passed out of the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 20th and has been referred to Ways & Means.

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[2SHB 1394](#)  
(2SSB 5431) **Behavioral health facilities** S Behavioral Heal Schmick  
Relates to behavioral health facilities and programs needed to ensure a continuum of care for behavioral health patients. Passed out of the Senate Committee on Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care on March 22nd.

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[2SHB 1497](#)  
(SB 5732) **Foundat. public health servs** S Rules 2 Robinson  
Addresses the governmental public health system which is comprised of the department of health, state board of health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs. Requires funding for the governmental public health system to be restructured to support foundational public health services, and in restructuring, there must be efforts to reinforce current governmental public health system capacity and implement service delivery models allowing for system stabilization and transformation. Passed off of the House floor on March 5th 98-4. The bill received a due pass on March 20th and will be forwarded to Rules.

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[E2SHB 1523](#)  
(ESSB 5526) **Individual health ins market** S Health & Long T Cody  
Upcoming Events: Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm  
Requires the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to develop standardized health plans. The standardized plans must be designed to reduce deductibles, make more services available before the deductible, provide predictable cost sharing, maximize subsidies, limit adverse premium impacts, reduce barriers to maintaining and improving health, and encourage choice based on value, while limiting increases in health plan premium rates. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 28th.

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[SHB 1531](#)  
(SB 5530) **Medical debt** S Rules 2 Jinkins  
Lowers the prejudgment interest rate on medical debt and bans certain actions in supplemental proceedings related to medical debt. Amends the prohibited practices section of the Collection Agency Act with respect to medical debt. Prohibits health care providers and facilities from selling or assigning medical debt to any person licensed as a collection agency until at least 120 days after the initial billing statement has been transmitted to the patient or other responsible party. Passed out of the House on March 1st with a 90-4 vote; executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice on March 21st. Currently in Rules.

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[E2SHB 1593](#) (SSB 5516) **UW behavioral health campus** S Behavioral Heal Chopp  
Upcoming Events: Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Public Hearing 3/29 @ 1:30 pm  
Creates a behavioral health innovation and integration campus within the University of Washington School of Medicine (UW School of Medicine). Directs the UW School of Medicine to submit a development and siting plan to the Office of Financial Management and Legislature by December 1,

2019. Preempts local land use regulations if the behavioral health teaching hospital is sited in Seattle. Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care on March 29th.

<a href="#"><u>EHB 1638</u></a>	<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>	S Health & Long T	Harris
	Upcoming Events: Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Public Hearing 3/29 @ 8:00 am		
	would repeal the personal belief exemption for the Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) vaccine. The bill has been scheduled for a hearing in Senate Health & Long Term Care on March 29th.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1869</u></a>	<b>Emerging therapies work grp</b>	S Health & Long T	Schmick
	Establishes the Emerging Therapies Work Group to develop a comprehensive analysis of emerging therapies, defined as health care treatments that cost over \$100,000 annually, and their impacts on patients. Passed out of the House 97-0 on March 4th; Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 20th.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1870</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5805)</u></a>	<b>Afford. care act protections</b>	S Rules 2	Davis
	Puts key patient protections such as banning pre-existing condition exclusions from the Affordable Act into state law. Both bills were amended as they moved out of the policy committees with the same changes. The House version passed off the House floor with a vote of 56 to 38 on March 1st. The House version passed out of Senate Health & Long Term Care on March 20th and has been referred to Senate Rules for further consideration.		
<a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1874</u></a> (SSB 5904)	<b>Adolescent behavioral health</b>	S Behavioral Heal	Frame
	Implementing policies related to expanding adolescent behavioral health care access as reviewed and recommended by the children's mental health work group.		
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1879</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5806)</u></a>	<b>Rx drug utilization mngmt</b>	S Health & Long	Jenkins
	Upcoming Events: Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm		
	Requires clinical review criteria used to establish a prescription drug utilization management protocol be evidence-based. Requires a health carrier or review organization that restricts coverage of a prescription drug through a prescription drug utilization management protocol to provide the patient and the prescribing practitioner with access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to request an exception. Establishes requirements and timelines for step therapy exception requests. Passed out of the House on March 8th. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 27th.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1930</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5911)</u></a>	<b>Expression of breast milk</b>	S Rules 2	Doglio
	Concerning reasonable accommodation for the expression of breast milk in the workplace.		
	<b>Opioid use disorder</b>	H HC/Wellness	Cleveland

[SSB 5380](#)  
(2SHB  
1331)

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

The bill had a hearing in House Health Care & Wellness on March 19th and is scheduled for executive session on March 27th.

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**Behavioral health, integrate**

H HC/Wellness Dhingra

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[E2SSB](#)  
[5432](#) (SHB  
1393)

Concerning fully implementing behavioral health integration for January 1, 2020, by removing behavioral health organizations from law; clarifying the roles and responsibilities among the health care authority, department of social and health services, and department of health, and the roles and responsibilities of behavioral health administrative services organizations and medicaid managed care organizations; and making technical corrections related to the behavioral health system. The bill had a hearing in House Health Care & Wellness on March 19th and is scheduled for executive session on March 27th.

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**Forensic mental health care**

H Civil R & Judi Dhingra

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[E2SSB](#)  
[5444](#)  
(2SHB  
1513)

Related to the Trueblood settlement agreement, which was agreed on by the parties in the lawsuit, would provide timely competency evaluations and restoration services to persons suffering from behavioral health disorders within the forensic mental health care system. The Senate version is scheduled for a hearing in House Civil Rights & Judiciary on March 20th.

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**Individual health ins market**

H HC/Wellness Frockt

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 1:30 pm, Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[ESSB 5526](#)  
(E2SHB  
1523)

Governor requested public option bills, which include establishing a public option (called Cascade Care), establishing standard plan design for health insurance plans sold on the Exchange, and looking into other options to control costs such as cost sharing reductions. The House version had a hearing in Senate Health & Long Term Care on March 20th. The Senate version is scheduled for a hearing in House Health Care & Wellness on March 26th and executive session on March 27th.

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**Reproductive health care**

H HC/Wellness Randall

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[2SSB 5602](#)  
(HB 1612)

Establishes the reproductive health care access for all act. Finds and declares that: (1) In 2018, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6219 was passed which mandated a literature review of barriers to reproductive health care; (2) The report submitted to the legislature on January 1, 2019, stated that young people, immigrants, people living in rural communities, transgender and gender nonconforming people, and people of color face significant barriers in getting reproductive health care; and (3) State law should be enhanced to ensure greater coverage of and timely access to reproductive health care for the benefit of all, regardless. Passed out of the Senate on March 7th; Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on March 27th.

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**Universal health care system**

H HC/Wellness Randall

[2SSB 5822](#)  
(HB 1877)

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 1:30 pm, Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

Directs the Health Care Authority to convene a work group to study the establishment of a universal health care system in Washington, and for the workgroup to report its findings by November 15, 2020. Passed out of the Senate on March 13th with a 28-21 vote. Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM

[SB 5826](#)  
(HB 1900)

**Federal funding/family serv.**

H H Svcs & Erly  
L Darneille

Expands the use of federal funding to provide foster care prevention services, increase placements in family settings, and encourage family reunification. Referred to Human Services & Early Learning on March 7th.

[SSB 5839](#)

**Personal care services pilot**

H H Svcs & Erly Darneille

Creating a pilot project to provide personal care services for homeless seniors and persons with disabilities. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Human Services & Early Learning on March 22nd.

**Children's mental health**

H H Svcs & Erly  
L Darneille

Upcoming Events: Human Services & Early Learning (House) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 1:30 pm, Human Services & Early Learning (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 1:30 pm

[2SSB 5903](#)  
(SHB 1876)

Requires educational service districts to coordinate behavioral health services and trainings in school districts in their regions. Expands the Partnership Access Line to include consultation in schools. Establishes certificate programs in evidence-based practices for children and adolescents at the University of Washington. Expands psychiatric residencies in Eastern and Western Washington for residents specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. Establishes pilot programs related to early identification and intervention for psychosis, trauma-informed early care and intervention, and infant and early child mental health consultation. Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Human Services & Early Learning on March 28th.

### Housing & Homelessness

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

**Home foreclosure/taxes**

S Local  
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Orwall

[E2SHB 1105](#)

Modifies home foreclosure provisions regarding the protection of taxpayers. Creates the counselor referral hotline account and the housing counseling activities account. Passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 39-48. Public hearing was held in the Senate Committee on Local Government on March 21st.

**Real estate taxes/housing**

S Housing Stabil

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[EHB 1219](#)  
(SB 5195)

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Exec Session 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

Counties and cities may use REET II revenue for the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities serving the homeless and affordable housing projects. House version passed on March 5th. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability on March 25th.

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**Affordable housing/sales tax**

S Housing Stabil     Robinson

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Exec Session 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

[SHB 1406](#)  
(SB 5646)

Authorizes a county or city to impose a local sales tax, credited against the state sales tax, for affordable or supportive housing. Passed out of the House on March 5th with a 66-32 vote. Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability on March 27th.

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**Residential tenants**

S Housing Stabil     Macri

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Public Hearing 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[ESHB 1453](#)

Makes a number of changes to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, including: affording tenants 14 days (up from three days) to comply with a notice to pay rent or vacate prior to commencement of an unlawful detainer action; defining "rent," and providing that continued tenancy or relief from forfeiture may not be conditioned on the payment of any amount other than rent; and authorizing the use of judicial discretion in unlawful detainer proceedings. Passed out of the House March 5th.

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**Housing tax/councilmanic**

H Rules C     Doglio

[HB 1590](#)

Authorizes county or city legislative authorities to impose the local sales and use tax for housing and related services and eliminates the requirement that the imposition of the tax be subject to the approval of a majority of county or city voters at a general or special election.

[SHB 1656](#)  
(SSB 5733)

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**Residential tenants**

H Rules C     Macri

Amends the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act in a variety of ways, including specifying what constitutes cause for eviction.

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**Homeless youth services**

S Housing Stabil     Callan

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Exec Session 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

[HB 1657](#)  
(SB 5470)

Defines "street outreach services" to mean a program that provides services and resources either directly or through referral to street youth and unaccompanied young adults and authorizes the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs to provide these services. Eliminates the 75-bed cap for HOPE centers and the prohibition on youth who are subject to a child in need of services petition receiving HOPE center services. Eliminates educational and experiential qualifications for HOPE center staff, but requires licensure of HOPE center staff by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. Allows innovative youth and young adult homelessness approaches to serve both youth and young adults. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability on March 25th.

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**Public facilities mitigation**

S Rules 2     Santos

[SHB 1724](#)  
(SB 5679)

Requires a city with a population greater than 550,000 that permits, constructs, or operates a public facility in a neighborhood with a high poverty level and high rate of ethnic diversity to request the entity (local government agency, transit authority, or public facility district) operating or constructing the facility to assess and mitigate the negative impacts that the facility has had, or may have, on the surrounding neighborhood. Requires the entity operating or constructing the facility to develop a mitigation plan and consider the potential or actual disparate racial, social, and economic impacts of the public facility on nearby residents, including paying for residential parking necessitated by the facility causing the impact. Authorizes an entity to negotiate with other local jurisdictions who have a direct interest in having created the negative impacts, but the residents must be held harmless. The bill has been passed to the Rules Committee for second reading

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**Prevailing rate of wages**

S Rules 2

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[HB 1743](#)  
(SSB 5766)

Provides that prevailing wage rates for residential construction are established by wage and hour surveys, unless survey information is insufficient. Provides for interim rates pending the establishment of rates based on surveys. Passed to the Rules Committee for second reading.

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**Short-term rentals**

S Financial Inst,

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[SHB 1798](#)  
(SB 5870)

Requires short-term rental owners and online platforms to register with the Department of Revenue, collect and remit taxes, and comply with certain consumer safety requirements. Passed out of House on March 7th. Public hearing was held on March 19th in the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade

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**Urban residential building**

S Housing Stabil

Fitzgibbon

Upcoming Events: Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) Public Hearing 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[E2SHB 1923](#)

Requires cities with a population of less than 10,000 that are planning fully under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to either take certain actions to increase residential building capacity and housing affordability, or make certain updates to the housing element of their comprehensive plan. Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability on March 27th.

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**Sr's, disab. vets/prop tx ex**

H Finance

Dhingra

Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 8:00 am, Finance (House) Exec Session 3/29 @ 8:00 am

[ESSB 5160](#)

Modifies the qualifying income thresholds for the property tax exemption and deferral programs for low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and veterans beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2022. Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Finance on March 29th.

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**Homeless student support**

H Education

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Upcoming Events: Education (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 3:30 pm

[SSB 5324](#)  
(SHB 1263)

Modifies a competitive grant program of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction that assists districts in identifying and supporting homeless students. Modifies a competitive grant program of the Department of Commerce, including changing who is eligible to receive funds, that links homeless students and their families with stable housing in the student's school district. Requires all kindergarten through grade 12 public schools to establish a building point of contact who is responsible for identifying homeless and unaccompanied homeless youth and connecting them with the school district's homeless

student liaison. Passed out of the Senate and now scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Education on March 26th.

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**Common interest ownership**

H Civil R & Judi Pedersen

[ESB 5334](#)  
[\(HB 1306\)](#)

Requires each K-12 public school to establish a building point of contact to identify and support homeless and unaccompanied homeless youth. Makes changes to two grant programs supporting students experiencing homelessness. Passed out of the Senate on February 25th.

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**Residential tenants**

H Civil R & Judi Kuderer

[ESSB 5600](#)

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

Extends the 3-day notice to pay and vacate for default in rent payment to 14 days notice for tenancies under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act. Creates a uniform 14-day notice to pay and vacate that includes information on how tenants can access legal and advocacy resources. Requires the Department of Commerce to provide translated versions of the uniform 14-day notice on its website in at least the top 10 languages used in the state. Requires a landlord to first apply any tenant payment to rent before applying the payment toward other charges. Prohibits continued tenancy and relief from forfeiture to be conditioned upon tenant payment or satisfaction of any monetary amount other than rent. Provides the court with discretion to provide relief from forfeiture or to stay a writ of restitution based upon the required consideration of certain factors and with the burden of proof for relief on the tenant. Authorizes the court to consider the reasonableness of late fees and costs and attorneys' fees before awarding such fees. Passed out of Senate March 9th. Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary on March 28th.

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**Accessory dwelling units**

H Local Govt Palumbo

[ESSB 5812](#)  
[\(SHB 1797\)](#)

Upcoming Events: Local Government (House) Public Hearing 3/27 @ 8:00 am

Requires cities and counties to adopt ordinances and development and zoning regulations that authorize creating accessory dwelling units within designated urban growth areas. Passed out of the Senate on March 11th. Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government on March 27th.

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**SEPA/shelters & encampments**

H Env & Energy Nguyen

[ESSB 5946](#)

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

SB 5946 was introduced last and received a public hearing in the Senate Housing Stability & Affordability Committee and then executive action on February 20th, where it passed out of Committee. During the public hearing, the state team spoke to how the legislation would help local jurisdictions permit shelters and encampments as short term or transitional places for the homeless while they await permanent housing, how SEPA review of shelters and encampments can delay the stand up of shelters for as much as six months to a year while adding to the cost. Other stakeholders who testified in support included King County, Housing Alliance, DESC, and the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. Passed out of Senate March 5th. Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy on March 25th.

## Public Safety

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Rape in the third degree</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1002</u></a> Eliminates the evidentiary requirement that the victim clearly expressed their lack of consent by words or conduct in order to prove rape in the third degree. This bill passed out of the House on February 7th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).</p>	S Rules 2	Orwall
<p><b>Sexual assault kit notice</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1016 (SB 5910)</u></a> Requires a hospital that does not perform sexual assault evidence kit collection or does not have an appropriate provider available, to notify any individual who presents at the emergency department requesting a sexual assault evidence kit collection that it does not provide the service, and to coordinate care with the local community sexual assault agency to assist the patient in finding a facility with an appropriate provider available. Creates a civil penalty of \$2,000 for failure to comply with this requirement. This bill passed out of the House on February 7th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).</p>	S Health & Long T	Caldier
<p><b>Certificates of discharge</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1041</u></a> Upcoming Events: Law &amp; Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am</p> <p>Modifies the process for obtaining a certificate of discharge for felony convictions. Expands eligibility criteria for vacating criminal convictions. This bill passed out of the House on March 1st with a vote of 95-0 (3 excused).</p>	S Law & Justice	Hansen
<p><b>No-contact orders/arrest</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1055</u></a> Authorizing law enforcement to arrest persons in violation of certain no-contact orders involving victims of trafficking and promoting prostitution offenses. This bill passed out of the House on February 14th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).</p>	S 2nd RdConsCal	Entenman
<p><b>Sex. assault protect. orders</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1149</u></a> HB 1149 clarifies requirements to obtain a sexual assault protection order. This important legislation passed the House floor with a vote of 81 yeas, 14 nays, and 3 excused. The bill responds to the State Supreme Court's decision in Roake v. Delman, 189 Wn.2d 775 (2018) by clarifying requirements to obtain a sexual assault protection order.</p>	S Rules 2	Jinkins
<p><b>Sexual assault</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>2SHB 1166</u></a> The bill address rape kits need by outlining time frames for testing, provides \$13 million in funding and places a moratorium on the destruction of unreported kits. It is a comprehensive bill that furthers the work WA state has done to address testing of rape kits and enhancing sexual assault responses. The bill was heard in Senate Law and Justice on March 18. All parties who testified spoke in support of the bill. The bill has a \$13 million fiscal note to pay for a renovation at the Vancouver crime lab to make it a high frequency lab. This will allow for expedited testing of rape kits. If passed, the bill will create time frames for testing and provide monies for the lab renovation, scientists and equipment at</p>	S Ways & Means	Orwall

the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab. It also funds law enforcement training on victim notification. The bill places a moratorium on the destruction of kits belonging to survivors not yet ready to press charges (unreported kits) and enumerates rights of sexual assault victims. If passed, the backlog for our state could be eliminated by 2020. The bill is scheduled for executive action on March 21.

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<a href="#">2SHB 1216</a> (2SSB 5317)	<b>School safety &amp; well-being</b>	S RecComm	Dolan
	Establishes a statewide network for school safety with a state center, regional centers through the educational service districts, and an advisory committee, subject to appropriations. Requires school districts to establish school-based threat assessment programs. Directs OSPI to monitor safety plans and threat assessment programs, subject to appropriations. Tasks the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee with completing a study on the first responder building mapping information system. Adds safe school plan and safety drill requirements. This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 83-14 (1 excused).		
<a href="#">SHB 1225</a>	<b>Domestic violence/law enf.</b>	S Law & Justice	Jenkins
	SHB 1225 strengthens our protections for law enforcement and domestic violence victims by authorizing law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms when making an arrest for domestic violence, creates protocols for inquiring of the victim regarding the abuser's access to and past use of firearms and requires that firearms secured in connection with a domestic violence call may not be returned to the owner or person from whom it was obtained until five business days have elapsed since the firearm was obtained;. SHB 1225 also requires courts to consider all information in a domestic violence incident report regarding the defendant's possession of and access to firearms, and allows the court to include a firearm prohibition as a condition of release and order the defendant to surrender all firearms upon release. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 60-38.		
<a href="#">SHB 1231</a>	<b>Sex offenses/modify SOL</b>	S Law & Justice	Griffey
	Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/28 @ 10:00 am		
	HB 1231 eliminates or extends the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 89-7 (2 excused).		
<a href="#">HB 1382</a>	<b>Emergency aid/prostitution</b>	S Law & Justice	Pellicciotti
	Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/28 @ 10:00 am		
	Provides immunity from prosecution for Prostitution if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of a person seeking emergency assistance in certain circumstances. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused).		
<a href="#">SHB 1383</a>	<b>Patronizing a prostitute</b>	S Law & Justice	Pellicciotti
	Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/28 @ 10:00 am		
	Raises the classification for any second or subsequent conviction for the crime of patronizing a prostitute from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused).		
<a href="#">EHB 1465</a>	<b>Pistol sales or transfers</b>	S Law & Justice	Goodman

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Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am

Removes a provision allowing a dealer to deliver a pistol to a purchaser who produces a valid concealed pistol license prior to the completion of a state background check. Expires the provisions of the bill six months after the date on which the Washington State Patrol determines that a single point of contact firearm background check system is operational in the state. The Senate bill was heard in Civil Rights & Judiciary. The Washington State Patrol was the only testifier. 4 people were signed in-in support. There was no opposition. The bill is scheduled for executive action on March 28th.

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**Impaired driving**

S Law & Justice Klippert

[ESHB 1504](#)

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am

This bill passed out of the House on March 13th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused).

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**Domestic violence**

S Ways & Means Goodman

[E2SHB 1517 \(SB 5681\)](#)

Modifies definitions to distinguish domestic violence (DV) between family and household members from intimate partner DV to allow for enhanced data collection. Requires development of a new DV risk assessment module for the Washington ONE risk assessment tool. Adds requirements for DV offenders participating in the Special Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative. Establishes requirements for a DV offender participating in deferred prosecution. Modifies community custody conditions for DV offenders and the length of time a DV no-contact order remains in effect when it is a sentencing condition. Authorizes enforcement of Canadian civil DV protection orders. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused).

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**Native American women**

S Ways & Means Mosbrucker

[2SHB 1713](#)

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 3:30 pm

Establishes two liaison positions within the Washington State Patrol (WSP) for the purpose of building relationships between government and native communities. Requires the WSP to develop a best practices protocol for law enforcement response to missing persons reports for indigenous women and other indigenous people. Requires the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs to provide the WSP with government-to-government training. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 98-0.

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**Firearms/undetectable, etc.**

S Law & Justice Valdez

[SHB 1739](#)

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am

Establishes criminal penalties applicable to undetectable firearms and untraceable firearms. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 55-41 (2 excused).

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[2SHB 1767](#)

**Arrest & jail alternatives**

S Behavioral Heal Lovick

Creates a grant program administered through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to support local initiatives to properly identify criminal justice system-involved persons with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs and engage those persons with therapeutic interventions and other services. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 89-8 (1 excused).

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**Protection, etc. orders**

S Law & Justice     Jinkins

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am

[SHB 1786](#)

This bill aligns our standards and procedures for firearm surrender for all protection orders, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and anti-harassment. The standards reflected in this policy are based on best practices to ensure that guns are removed from dangerous, volatile situations. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 56-42.

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**Marijuana retailer penalties**

S Law & Justice     Pettigrew

Creates a gross misdemeanor crime applicable when an employee of a marijuana retail outlet sells marijuana products to a person under age 21 in the course of their employment. Provides that an employee of a marijuana retailer may still be prosecuted under applicable felony provisions of the Controlled Substances Act in certain circumstances, including when the employee makes the sale to the underage person outside the course of the person's employment. Creates a misdemeanor crime applicable when a marijuana retailer or employee of the retailer allows a person under the age of 21 to enter or remain on the premises of the retail outlet (unless otherwise authorized in law). This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 89-8.

[HB 1792](#)

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**Firearm background checks**

S Rules 2     Hansen

Conducting a feasibility study to examine and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a single point of contact firearm background check system. This bill is the first step towards centralizing our firearms background check system which is important for uniform checks and background check enforcement. The bill was heard on March 18 in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice. Executive action was taken on March 21st and the bill has been passed to Rules.

[SHB 1949](#)

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**Harassment**

S Law & Justice     Stokesbary

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am

[HB 2129](#)

Changes the name of the crime of "Cyberstalking" to "Cyber Harassment" and narrows the type of conduct that is criminalized under the offense; makes changes to the elements of the crime of Stalking to include placing another person under electronic surveillance and intending to unlawfully surveil another person; and modifies the circumstances in which Cyber Harassment and Stalking offenses elevate from a gross misdemeanor to a felony. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 98-0.

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**Extreme risk protect. orders**

H Civil R & Judi     Frockt

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[ESSB 5027](#)

Authorizes the court to enter an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) against a person under the age of eighteen years and requires notice to the person's parent or guardian of the legal obligation to safely secure any firearms. Allows a restrained party under the age of eighteen to petition the court to seal from public view court records relating to an ERPO proceeding. Passed Senate: 3/05/19, 43-5.

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**School resource officers**

H Education

Wellman

Upcoming Events: Education (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 8:00 am

[2SSB 5141](#)

Defines school resource officer (SRO). Requires school districts that choose to have a SRO program to confirm that the SRO has received training on specific topics; directs school districts with a SRO program to annually review and adopt an agreement with local law enforcement that incorporates certain elements; and creates a grant program to fund SRO training. Passed the House yeas; 48; nays, 0.

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**Trafficking victims assist.**

H Approps

Saldaña

[SSB 5164](#)  
(HB 1971)

Expands eligibility of the state Food Assistance Program for legal immigrants, the state family assistance programs, and the Medical Care Services (MCS) program to include certain victims of human trafficking. Requires the Health Care Authority to monitor expenditures for MCS and freeze new enrollment if expenditures exceed amounts appropriated in the state's operating budget. Provides definitions for the terms "victim of human trafficking" and "qualifying family member," which limit the scope to noncitizens and their family members who have taken steps to obtain special status with the federal government. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 48-0.

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**Invol. treatment procedures**

H Civil R & Judi

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Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[SSB 5181](#)

Prohibits a person detained for 72 hours under the involuntary treatment act from possessing a firearm for six months following detention on the basis that the person presents a likelihood of serious harm. Restores a person's firearm rights automatically six months after detention and requires returning the person's firearms and their concealed pistol license. Allows the person to petition the court for restoring of their firearm rights before the end of the six-month period. heard in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary on March 20th.

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**Incomp. for trial/firearms**

H Civil R & Judi

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Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[SB 5205](#)

Prohibits a person from possessing a firearm if his or her charges are dismissed based on incompetency to stand trial and the court makes a finding indicating that the person has a history of one or more violent acts. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 30-17. Heard in the House Committee on Civil Rights and Judiciary on March 20th. There were 14 pro sign-ins and none opposed. The bill is scheduled for executive action on March 26th.

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[SB 5339](#)  
(HB 1488)

**Death penalty elimination**

H Public Safety

Carlyle

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

Eliminates the death penalty and provides that all persons convicted of aggravated first degree murder must be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of release or parole. Passed Senate: 2/15/19, 28-19.

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**Weapons in certain locations**

H Civil R & Judi Wilson

[ESSB 5434](#)  
(HB 1530)

Prohibits possession of firearms on the premises of any licensed child care center, child care center provided-transportation, or other child care center facility. Requires a family day care provider to secure firearms on the premises in a locked gun safe or unloaded in a locked room with a trigger lock or other disabling device. Passed Senate: 3/11/19, 26-21.

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**Concealed pistol licenses**

H Civil R & Judi Palumbo

[SB 5508](#)  
(HB 1464)

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

Clarifies the background check for an original concealed pistol license must be conducted through the Washington State Patrol Criminal Identification Section and must include a fingerprint background check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Passed Senate: 3/04/19, 47-0.

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**Marijuana misdemeanors**

H Public Safety Nguyen

[SB 5605](#)  
(SHB 1500)

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

Requires a court to vacate a misdemeanor marijuana possession conviction upon request if the applicant was age twenty-one or older at the time of the offense. Passed Senate: 3/11/19, 29-19.

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**Sexual assault/adjust SOLs**

H Public Safety Dhingra

[SB 5649](#)

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 8:00 am

SB 5649 eliminates the statute of limitations for most sex offenses against children 16 years of age and under. It will also provide longer periods of time to prosecute most other felony sex offenses. It revises the third-degree rape statute to eliminate a requirement that survivors must “clearly express” their non-consent by their words or conduct. The bill was heard in the House Public Safety Committee on 3/20/19. There has been talk on the House side that an amendment with a provision for sentencing adults who committed a crime as a juvenile but would be sentenced as an adult may be introduced. An amendment would not achieve the desired result and takes away from the intent of the bill which is to better meet victims needs and increase community safety. The crime victim service community, prosecutors, Legal Voice, and WAPA oppose amendments to this bill. The next step is for the bill to be voted out of committee. The bill is up for executive action on March 28.

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**Involuntary treatment act**

H Civil R & Judi Dhingra

[E2SSB 5720](#)  
(HB 1814)

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

Increases the initial detention period under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) from 72 hours to five days, excluding weekends and holidays, beginning January 1, 2020. Modifies definitions of likelihood of serious harm, gravely disabled, and violent act under the ITA. Expands single-bed certifications on July 1, 2026, to include patients detained due to a substance use disorder. Applies certain ITA provisions relating to adults to minors. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 46-2.

## Safety Net & Civil Rights

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Certificates of discharge</b></p> <p>Upcoming Events: Law &amp; Justice (Senate) Exec Session 3/28 @ 10:00 am</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1041</u></a></p> <p>The New Hope Act promotes successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records. Passed House: 3/1/19, 95-0.</p>	S Law & Justice	Hansen
<p><b>Domestic violence/workplace</b></p> <p>Creates a Joint Legislative Task Force on domestic violence and workplace resources to identify the role of the workplace in helping to curb domestic violence. The Task Force would include one member from each of the four caucuses in the House of Representatives (House) and Senate, two of whom serve as co-chairs; one member representing each of the following: Association of Washington Business; National Federation of Independent Business; Washington Hospitality Association; Washington Retail Association; Washington State Labor Council; Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs; Washington Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and a federally recognized tribe; a business owner; a survivor of domestic violence; and up to two additional members. Passed House: 3/6/19, 97-0.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>EHB 1056</u></a></p>	S Labor & Commer	Mosbrucker
<p><b>Health care employees</b></p> <p>Upcoming Events: Ways &amp; Means (Senate) Public Hearing 3/26 @ 3:30 pm</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1155</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5190)</u></a></p> <p>Addresses meals and rest periods for licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, surgical technologists, diagnostic radiologic technologists, cardiovascular invasive specialists, respiratory care practitioners, and certified nursing assistants. Health care workers have pursued this bill for more than 10 years. This policy ensures front line health care workers are able to provide the best care possibly by allowing them to have uninterrupted breaks and closing the mandatory call loophole that allows employers to skirt our safety laws around mandatory overtime. Passed House: 3/6/19, 63-34.</p>	S Ways & Means	Riccelli
<p><b>Paid family &amp; medical leave</b></p> <p>Reorganizes the Paid Family and Medical Leave statutes. Makes revisions to definitions, voluntary plans, waiting periods, and other matters. Authorizes employer to waive several statutory provisions and to offer supplemental benefits. Adds provisions concerning privacy and access to confidential records. Passed House: 3/01/19, 71-23.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1399</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5449)</u></a></p>	S Rules 2	Robinson
<p><b>Noncompetition covenants</b></p> <p>After four years of policy development and negotiation, an agreed upon vehicle which addresses experiences of workers are required to sign noncompete agreements which restricts them from taking jobs after employment ends or taking second jobs to supplement their hours and income. The policy will prohibit the use of non-competes for low and mid-wage workers (up to \$100K/year), presumes any</p> <p><a href="#"><u>ESHB 1450</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(ESSB 5478)</u></a></p>	S Labor & Commerc	Stanford

noncompete restricting work for longer than 18 months is unreasonable and prohibits restrictions on moonlighting for any worker earning less than twice the minimum wage. Passed House: 3/12/19, 55-41.

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**Working families' tax credit**

H Finance

Entenman

[HB 1527](#)  
(SB 5810)

Allows low-income and middle-income workers to recover some or all of the sales tax they pay as a way to increase their economic security. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to low-income and middle-income working families. Requires the working families' tax credit to be approved and funded before a person can claim the exemption during a fiscal period, and if authorization and funding is not provided, the employment security department is under no liability for benefit payment or program operation. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Use an individuals' most recent federal tax filing to process the exemption remittance; (2) Review the application and determine eligibility for the credit based on the individuals' most recent federal tax filing; (3) Provide applicants an option for a monthly remittance; (4) Begin rule making, public outreach and education efforts, and preliminary planning in advance of the beginning of benefit payments; and (5) Administer the working families' tax credit.

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**Fruits and vegetables access**

S Ways &  
Means

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[SHB 1587](#)  
(SB 5583)

Creates the Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program at the Department of Health. Passed House: 3/04/19, 82-14.

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**Consumer debt**

S Rules 2

Reeves

[SHB 1602](#)

Changes the post judgment interest rate for unpaid consumer debt to 9 percentage points above the prime rate, unless the judgment interest rate is specified in the contract. Increases the bank account and wage garnishment exemptions for judgments on consumer debt. Modifies the writs and forms for garnishment and continuing lien on earnings to specify whether a writ is for consumer debt, and outlines debtor exemption rights for consumer debt. Passed House: 3/01/19, 72-22.

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**Agency employees/harassment**

S State Govt/Tri

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[ESHB 1692](#)

Protecting information concerning agency employees who have filed a claim of harassment or stalking.

This bill seeks to protect employee information that they may report regarding sexual harassment. The bill outlines that unless by court order, an agency is prohibited from disclosing records concerning an agency employee who has made a claim of workplace sexual harassment or stalking with the employing agency, if the record is requested by a person alleged in the claim to have sexually harassed or stalked the agency employee and the agency reasonably believes, after having conducted an investigation, that the alleged act occurred. It outlines a court process for civil remedy if this were violated. Passed House: 3/7/19, 98-0.

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**Wage and salary information**

S Labor &  
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[ESHB 1696](#)

Upcoming Events: Labor & Commerce (Senate) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 10:00 am

Prohibits an employer from seeking the wage or salary history of an applicant or requiring that the wage or salary history meet certain criteria, with some exceptions. Requires an employer to provide the wage scale or salary range for the job title to an employee both upon hire and annually, and upon request. Passed House: 3/9/19, 56-40.

<a href="#">EHB 1706</a> (SB 5753)	<b>Subminimum wage/disabilities</b>	S Labor & Commerc	Frame	Eliminates special certificates that allow an employer to pay below the minimum wage to workers with disabilities. Passed House: 3/11/19, 81-17.
<a href="#">HB 1730</a>	<b>Payment/limitations period</b>	S Rules 2	Walén	Provides that any payment of principal or interest made after the limitations period for commencing a cause of action has expired shall not revive or extend the limitations period. Provides that an acknowledgement or promise made after the limitations period for commencing a cause of action has expired shall not revive or extend the limitations period. Passed House: 3/1/19, 94-0.
<a href="#">HB 1906</a> (SB 5868)	<b>Dolores Huerta day</b>	Del to Gov	Ortiz-Self	Recognizes April 10 as Dolores Huerta Day. Passed House: 3/4/19, 62-34.
<a href="#">EHB 2020</a> (SB 5929)	<b>Employment investigations</b>	S State Govt/Trib	Dolan	Protects victims and encourages people report reporting of sexual harassment and employment discrimination by exempting the names of complainants, other accusers and witnesses from public disclosure. Floor Activity: Passed House: 3/5/19, 97-1.
<a href="#">ESSB 5035</a> (SHB 1072)	<b>Prevailing wage laws</b>	H LAWSOPA	Saldaña	Extends the time period for filing a prevailing wage complaint from 30 days to 60 days from the acceptance date of the public works project. Modifies the penalty structure for prevailing wage violations, including increasing the minimum penalty for a violation to \$5,000 or an amount equal to 50 percent of the prevailing wage violation, whichever is greater. Requires contractors to retain payroll records for three years and to submit certified payroll records at least once per month. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 40-7 (2 excused).
<a href="#">ESB 5165</a>	<b>Discrimination/immigration</b>	H CRJDP	Saldaña	The Washington Law Against Discrimination is expanded to prohibit discrimination based on a person's citizenship or immigration status, unless differential treatment on the basis of citizenship or immigration status is authorized by federal or state law, regulation, or government contract.
<a href="#">SB 5207</a>	<b>Felony voting rights notices</b>	H SGOVDP	Dhingra	Requires the Department of Corrections to notify an inmate of the process for provisional and permanent restoration of voting rights before the termination of authority over the inmate. Passed Senate: 2/25/19, 37-12.
<a href="#">ESSB 5258</a> (HB 1728)	<b>Isolated worker protection</b>	H Labor & Workpl	Keiser	Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 3/25 @ 1:30 pm  Heard on March 19 in House and Workplace Standards seeks to protect isolated workers from sexual assault and harassment by requiring certain employers of isolated workers to adopt sexual harassment

policies, provide sexual harassment training to all staff and supervisors, and provide panic buttons to staff workers who work alone or without other employees present in the area. Survivors, employees, unions, and employer spoke in support to the bill. The Committee took executive action, the bill received a due pass and has been referred to Senate Ways and Means.

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**LGBTQ commission**

H State Govt & Tr Wilson

Upcoming Events: State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 1:30 pm

[E2SSB 5356](#)  
(HB 2065)

Establishes a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission in the Office of the Governor, subject to appropriations. Designates June of each year as LGBTQ month with the fourth week in June designated as a time to celebrate the contributions LGBTQ people have made to the state. Passed Senate: 3/06/19, 34-14.

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**Referred and diverted youth**

H H Svcs & Erly L Nguyen

Requires the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to allow proposals to receive Community Juvenile Accountability Program (CJAP) funds to be submitted to support programs for youth who are referred to the program by law enforcement rather than being formally diverted or charged within the juvenile justice system. Requires DCYF to implement a stop loss policy preventing a funding shift of more than two percent of CJAP funds away from a single county within a single year. Requires DCYF to implement a stop loss policy limiting the loss in funding for any juvenile court from one year to the next based on funding formula changes. Passed Senate: 2/20/19, 48-0.

[ESB 5429](#)  
(SHB 1246)

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**Noncompetition covenants**

H Labor & Workpla Liias

Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 3/25 @ 1:30 pm

[ESSB 5478](#)  
(ESHB 1450)

After four years of policy development and negotiation, an agreed upon vehicle which addresses experiences of workers are required to sign noncompete agreements which restricts them from taking jobs after employment ends or taking second jobs to supplement their hours and income. The policy will prohibit the use of non-competes for low and mid-wage workers (up to \$100K/year), presumes any noncompete restricting work for longer than 18 months is unreasonable and prohibits restrictions on moonlighting for any worker earning less than twice the minimum wage. Passed Senate: 3/05/19, 30-18.

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**Immigrants in the workplace**

H Civil R & Judi Wellman

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[E2SSB 5497](#)  
(2SHB 1815)

Keep Washington Working Act: The bill would create model policies for limiting immigration enforcement consistent with federal and state law and would prevent state and local law enforcement from using local tax dollars to assist in performing the functions of a federal immigration officer. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 30-16.

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**Youth courts**

H Civil R & Judi Holy

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/26 @ 10:00 am, Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 3/28 @ 3:30 pm

[SB 5640](#)

Expands the jurisdiction of youth courts to include juveniles aged twelve to seventeen. Expands the jurisdiction of youth courts to include civil infractions. Passed Senate: 3/08/19, 48-0.

## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Transportation budget 19-21</b></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1160</a> <b>(SB 5214)</b></p>	<p>H Trans</p>	<p>Fey</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 3/25 @ 3:30 pm, Transportation (House) Exec Session 3/27 @ 3:30 pm</p> <p>Makes transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.</p>		
<p><a href="#">ESHB 1772</a> <b>(SSB 5751)</b></p>	<p>S Transportation</p>	<p>Macri</p>
<p><b>Motorized foot scooters</b></p> <p>Authorizes local authorities to regulate the operation of motorized foot scooters and shared scooters within their jurisdictions. Permits electric-assisted bicycles and motorized foot scooters to park as bicycles are permitted to park. Limits fine maximums for moving and parking violations involving shared scooters to fine amounts assessed to riders of bicycles, and mandates that they be assessed on the person responsible for the violation. Mandates that scooter share operators carry commercial general liability insurance coverage with a limit of at least \$1 million for each occurrence and \$5 million in the aggregate, and automobile liability insurance coverage with a combined single limit of at least \$1 million. Passed House: 3/12/19, 85-13.</p>		
<p><a href="#">SHB 2042</a></p>		<p>Fey</p>
<p><b>Green transportation</b></p> <p>The bill includes major reforms to move away from the costs and pollution of fossil fuels and toward cleaner technology, including: • Making electric vehicles more affordable and accessible for everyone; • Increasing the network of electric car chargers across the state; • Helping transit agencies transition to electric buses; • Solving the last-mile problem in mass transit, to get you from a ferry terminal, bus stop or train station to your final destination; and • Enhancing efforts to get cars off the road through increased carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, walking, biking, or taking mass transit instead of driving alone to work every day.</p>		
<p><a href="#">2SSB 5336</a> <b>(HB 1664)</b></p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Palumbo</p>
<p><b>Electric transportation</b></p> <p>Exempts up to \$1,000 of sales and use tax on certain new or used battery electric vehicle purchases or leases under \$45,000. Limits the cumulative sales and use tax exemptions to \$100 million and the exemption will expire once it hits that aggregate level. Amends tax incentives for clean alternative fuel commercial vehicles. Authorizes (1) the governing bodies of a municipal utility or a public utility district commission to adopt and (2) an electric utility regulated by the Utilities and Transportation Commission to submit an electrification of transportation plan that establishes that utility outreach and investment in the electrification of transportation infrastructure does not increase net costs to ratepayers in excess of 0.0025. Provides the incentive rate of return on investment authorized by the UTC for electric vehicle supply equipment deployed consistent with an electrification of transportation plan expires December 31, 2030.</p>		

<a href="#">SSB 5723</a> <b>(ESHB 1966)</b>	<b>Pedestrian, etc. safety</b> Modifies the rules of the road to clarify how motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists and other users are to share the road. Provides an additional penalty for certain traffic infractions involving a motor vehicle and a vulnerable user of the road, and deposits the penalty monies into a new account dedicated to educating law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judges about opportunities for enforcement of traffic infractions and offenses committed against vulnerable roadway users. Passed Senate: 3/05/19, 48-0.	H Trans	Saldaña
<a href="#">SB 5970</a>	<b>Transportation funding bonds</b> Authorizing bonds for transportation funding.	S Rules 2	Hobbs
<a href="#">SSB 5971</a>	<b>Transportation funding</b> Concerning transportation funding.	S Ways & Means	Hobbs
<a href="#">SSB 5972</a>	<b>Additive trans funding</b> Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.	S Rules 2	Hobbs