



**City of Seattle  
2019 State Legislative Bulletin**

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Almost 1,500 bills have been introduced so far this session. Despite this large number of bills having been introduced, we are seeing an interesting trend this session of some bills being slower to be introduced. It is not abnormal for bills to take awhile to get drafted, secure sponsors, and then get introduced. But for being through the second week of session, we are still hearing a lot of bills not being introduced yet. Some bills even had hearings on the draft version without an official bill being introduced, which is fairly uncommon. Bills might get scheduled before they're introduced, but usually the bill ends up being officially introduced in time for the hearing.

The first cutoff date is not until the February 22 policy committee deadline. This is the date by which a bill must be passed out of its house of origin committee in order to stay alive. There are exceptions to this cutoff for bills in fiscal committees and bills necessary to implement the budget but this will cut back on the number of bills that are still up for consideration. Our priority is to work to ensure our critical legislation is introduced and begins to move through the legislative process.

**Priority Areas**

**Education**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Community &amp; Technical College tuition waiver program</b></p> <p>Establishing the Washington promise, providing for affordable access to postsecondary education.</p> <p>Upcoming Events: College &amp; Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 1/29 @ 1:30 pm, College &amp; Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 1/30 @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>Creates the Washington promise program to make the first two years of college affordable and accessible to low-income and moderate-income residents by offering a tuition waiver for eligible students enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program offered by the community and technical colleges.</p>	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Pollet
<p><b>Child care assessment</b></p> <p>Requiring an assessment of Washington's child care industry.</p> <p>Upcoming Events: Human Services &amp; Early Learning (House) Public Hearing 1/30 @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Enter into a contract for the development of a regional assessment of the child care industry to better understand issues affecting child care access and affordability for families; and (2) Conduct one or more competitive solicitations to select a third-party entity to conduct the industry assessment.</p>	H H Svcs & Erly	Reeves

**College promise scholarship** H Coll & Wkf Dev Hansen

[HB 1340](#)  
(SB 5393)

Establishing a statewide free college program by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise scholarship.

Upcoming Events: College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 1/29 @ 1:30 pm, College & Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 1/30 @ 1:30 pm

Creates the Washington college promise scholarship program to replace the state need grant program and provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants and greater access to postsecondary education for state residents.

**Concerning school levies.** S EL/K-12 Wellman

[SB 5313](#)

Relating to school levies.

Modifies the formula for the determination of the allocation of state matching funds to eligible school districts for local effort assistance.

**Higher ed. child care** S EL/K-12 Randall

Improving access and completion for students at public institutions of higher education, especially at community and technical colleges, by removing restrictions on subsidized child care.

Upcoming Events: Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) Public Hearing 1/28 @ 1:30 pm

[SB 5341](#)

Prohibits the department of children, youth, and families from requiring an applicant or consumer who is a full-time student of a community, technical, or tribal college to meet work requirements as a condition of receiving working connections child care benefits. Requires the department to offer working connections child care benefits to otherwise qualified students of community, technical, and tribal colleges who are pursuing all associate degree programs.

## Environment

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Greenhouse emission limits</b></p> <p>Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1113</a></p> <p>Upcoming Events: Environment &amp; Energy (House) Exec Session 1/31 @ 8:00 am</p> <p>Reduces greenhouse gas emissions at a rate that is consistent with the intended nationally determined contribution submitted by the United States to the United Nations.</p>	H Env & Energy	Slatter
<p><b>Distributed energy</b></p> <p>Enabling electric utilities to prepare for the distributed energy future.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1126</a></p>	H Env & Energy	Morris

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 1/31 @ 8:00 am

Declares that the policy of the state, that a distributed energy resources planning process engaged in by an electric utility, should accomplish identify the data gaps that impede a robust planning process; propose monitoring, control, and metering upgrades; identify potential programs to fairly compensate customers for the value of their distributed energy resources; and include the distributed energy resources in the plan in the utility's integrated resource plan. Requires the legislature to, by January 1, 2023, conduct an initial review of the state's policy pertaining to distributed energy resources planning.

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**Clean energy**

H Env & Energy

Tarleton

Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

**[HB 1211](#)**  
**(SB 5116)**

Upcoming Events: SB 5116 - Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Exec Session 1/29 @ 10:00 am

Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act. Addresses the elimination of coal-fired electricity and the transition of the state's electricity supply to one hundred percent carbon neutral by 2030. Provides that it is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to the state's customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030.

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**Clean energy**

H Env & Energy

DeBolt

Encouraging investment in and reducing the costs of transitioning to the clean energy future.

**[HB 1226](#)**

Establishes the carbon free Washington act. Reduces the cost of transitioning to electric generation sources that have very low or zero carbon dioxide emissions. Provides sales and use tax preferences to reduce the cost to ratepayers of constructing and operating new renewable energy generation capacity equal to or greater than necessary to serve projected electricity load growth.

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**Hydroelectricity/renewable**

H Env & Energy

Griffey

Recognizing hydroelectricity as an eligible renewable resource in the energy independence act.

**[HB 1232](#)**

Revises the definition of "eligible renewable resource," for purposes of the energy independence act, to include electricity from a generation facility powered by water that commenced operation before March 31, 1999, where the facility is located in the Pacific Northwest.

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**Energy efficiency**

H Env & Energy

Doglio

Concerning energy efficiency.

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 3:30 pm

**[HB 1257](#)**  
**(SB 5293)**

Increases energy efficiency and the use of renewable fuels that reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and provides a public utility tax credit against the taxes owing by utilities for the incentives provided for the implementation by eligible building owners of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Permits a city, town, or county to adopt additional residential energy code requirements as developed by the state building code council. Requires the state building code council to adopt certain optional efficiency appendices and include them in the state energy code for residential buildings.

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**[SB 5077](#)**

**Single-use plastic straws**

S Environment, E

Kuderer

Prohibiting single-use plastic straws.

Prohibits the sale and distribution of plastic beverage straws. Requires the department of health and the department of social and health services to consult with community health groups, advocates for persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders to determine how to address the need for plastic straws by health care facilities and individuals with disabilities. Requires the local health jurisdiction, a jurisdictional health department, a combined city and county health department, or a health district to enforce this act.

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**School compost & recycling**

S EL/K-12

Kuderer

Concerning school composting and recycling.

[SB 5187](#)

Allows public schools to offer students the opportunity to compost their food waste and to recycle. Authorizes the state to provide free pickup of compost and provide supplies for public schools that do not currently have the pickup and supplies needed.

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## General Government

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

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**Underground facilities**

H Local Govt

Appleton

Dig Law

[HB 1006](#)

Revises underground facilities provisions regarding the requirements of facility operators and excavators and the one-number locator service.

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**Capital gains tax/property tax**

H Finance

Santos

Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief.

[HB 1172](#)

(SB 5314)

Imposes a tax, beginning January 1, 2020, on all individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains.

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**Ballots, prepaid postage**

S Ways &  
Means

Nguyen

[SB 5063](#)

(HB 1209)

Providing prepaid postage for all election ballots.

Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections. Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage.

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**Campaign finance**

S State  
Govt/Tri

Hunt

[SB 5112](#)

(HB 1195)

Concerning the efficient administration of campaign finance and public disclosure reporting and enforcement.

Revises the fair campaign practices act regarding the efficient administration of campaign finance and public disclosure reporting and enforcement.

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**City retirement/state invest**

S Ways &  
Means

Carlyle

Authorizing the state investment board to invest the assets of the first-class cities' retirement systems.

[SB 5240](#)

Authorizes the state investment board to enter into agreements with the city councils or commissions of first-class cities to assume the duties of investing the retirement funds of the first-class cities' retirement systems. Changes the composition of the state investment board.

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**Driver's license suspensions**

S Law & Justice

Salomon

Concerning driver's license suspensions and revocations.

[SB 5328](#)

([HB 1282](#))

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 1/31 @ 10:00 am

Addresses department of licensing requirements with regard to the relicensing program; the suspension and/or revocation of a driver's license; and failure to comply with the terms of a criminal complaint or criminal action.

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## Health Care

### Bill Details

### Status

### Sponsor

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**Opioid medications/schools**

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HC/Wellness

Pollet

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

[HB 1039](#)

Increases access to opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and institutions of higher education. Authorizes a school to obtain and maintain opioid overdose medication through a standing order.

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**Tobacco & vapor products/age**

H  
HC/Wellness

Harris

Protecting youth from tobacco products and vapor products by increasing the minimum legal age of sale of tobacco and vapor products.

[HB 1074](#)

([SSB](#)

[5057](#))

Raises the legal age to twenty-one years for the lawful sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products. Authorizes the governor, in recognition of the sovereign authority of tribal governments, to seek government-to-government consultations with Indian tribes regarding raising the minimum legal age of sale in certain compacts.

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**Medicaid services access**

H Approps

Stonier

[HB 1186](#)

Continuing access to medicaid services.

Requires medical assistance to be provided for pregnant women who are state residents and whose family income at the time of application is no greater than one hundred ninety-three percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the federal department of health and human services. Requires the state health care authority to take such actions as may be necessary to assure the receipt of federal financial participation under the medical assistance program and any other federal funding sources that are currently available or may become available in the future.

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**Opioid use disorder**

H  
HC/Wellness      Cody

Concerning opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services.

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 1:30 pm

[HB 1331](#)  
(SB 5380)

Declares that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis. Requires state agencies to: (1) Increase access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services; (2) Promote coordination of services within the substance use disorder treatment and recovery support system; (3) Strengthen partnerships between opioid use disorder treatment providers and their allied community partners; (4) Expand the use of the state prescription drug monitoring program; and (5) Support comprehensive school and community-based substance use prevention services.

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**Forensic mental health care**

H Civil R &  
Judi      Jinkins

Providing timely competency evaluations and restoration services to persons suffering from behavioral health disorders within the framework of the forensic mental health care system consistent with the requirements agreed to in the Trueblood settlement agreement.

[HB 1513](#)  
(SB 5444)

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**Individual health insurance market**

H  
HC/Wellness      Cody

Increasing the availability of quality, affordable health coverage in the individual market.

[HB 1523](#)  
(SB 5526)

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Public Hearing 1/30 @ 1:30 pm

Every county will have access to an affordable plan that the state will contract for through the Exchange. The public option plans will be standardized to increase consistency of benefits and transparency in costs. The plan will aim to bring down health care costs for patients. Patients will spend no more than 10% of their income on premiums.

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**Feminine hygiene products tx**

S Ways &  
Means      Wilson

Providing tax relief to females by exempting feminine hygiene products from retail sales and use tax.

Provides a retail sales and use tax exemption on feminine hygiene products.

[SB 5147](#)

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**Involuntary treatment procedures**

S Law &  
Justice      Kuderer

Concerning certain procedures upon initial detention under the involuntary treatment act.

[SB 5181](#)

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 1/31 @ 10:00 am

Revises the involuntary treatment act. Prohibits the possession or control of a firearm by a person who has been detained at a facility for seventy-two-hour evaluation and treatment on the grounds that the person presents a likelihood of serious harm, but has not been subsequently committed for involuntary treatment. Requires the department of licensing, in the case of a person whose right to possess a firearm has been suspended for six months, to forward notification of the restoration order to the licensing authority, and upon receipt of the notification, the licensing authority must immediately lift the suspension, restoring the license.

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<a href="#"><b>SB 5206</b></a>	<b>Feminine hygiene/sales tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Dhingra
	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.		

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### Housing & Homelessness

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	
<a href="#"><b>HB 1044</b></a>	<b>Seniors/property taxes</b>	H Finance	Santos
	Concerning senior citizen property taxes.		
	Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 8:00 am		
	Revises property tax provisions regarding senior citizens.		
<a href="#"><b>HB 1090</b></a>	<b>Senior citizens/property taxes</b>	H Finance	MacEwen
	Providing property tax relief to senior citizens.		
	Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 8:00 am		
	Provides a decreased rate for property taxes to certain senior citizens.		
<a href="#"><b>HB 1181</b></a>	<b>Seniors &amp; veterans/property tax</b>	H Finance	Lekanoff
	Providing property tax relief for senior citizens and qualifying veterans.		
	Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 8:00 am		
	Provides senior citizens and qualifying veterans with property tax relief.		
<a href="#"><b>HB 1219</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(SB 5195)</b></a>	<b>Real estate taxes/housing</b>	H Hous, Com Dev	Walen
	Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.		
	Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Public Hearing 2/1 @ 10:00		

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Authorizes the use of real estate excise taxes, by cities and counties, to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

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**Homeless student support**

H Education Fey

Concerning support for students experiencing homelessness.

[HB 1263](#)  
(SB 5324)

Addresses homeless students; a competitive grant process to evaluate and award state-funded grants; geographic diversity across the state; local housing and community-based organizations; development of sustainable strategies to improve academic outcomes for homeless students; and collaborative strategies between housing and education partners.

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**TANF & WorkFirst programs**

H H Svcs & Erly Senn

Updating standards of need, revising outcome measures and data collected, reducing sanctions, and expanding reasons for time limit extensions in the temporary assistance for needy families and WorkFirst programs.

[HB 1268](#)

Revises provisions relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program; the pregnant women assistance program; and state family assistance.

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[HB 1406](#)

**Encouraging investments in affordable housing**

H Hous, Com Dev Robinson

Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Public Hearing 2/1 @ 10:00 AM

Allows a county legislative authority to authorize, fix, and impose a sales and use tax, however, if a county has not imposed the full tax rate by July 1, 2020, a city legislative authority in that county may authorize, fix, and impose the sales and use tax.

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**Real estate taxes/housing**

S Rules 2 Kuderer

Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

[SB 5195](#)  
(HB 1219)

Authorizes the use of real estate excise taxes, by cities and counties, to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

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**Condominium warranties**

S Law & Justice Padden

Concerning condominium construction warranties.

[SB 5219](#)

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 1/28 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 1/31 @ 10:00 am

States that condominium construction warranties, under the state uniform common interest ownership act, do not apply to condominiums with less than seven units.



**Redevelopment/density**S Local  
Government

Zeiger

Promoting redevelopment of certain areas to encourage transit supportive densities and efficient land use.

**[SB 5353](#)**

Requires the following criteria to be met before an area may be designated as a residential targeted area: The area must be in a county seeking to promote transit supportive densities and efficient land use in an area that is located within an urban growth area, a city's potential annexation area of a certain city, one-quarter of a mile of a corridor with bus service that has an acceptable schedule and is in service or is planned for service to begin within five years of designation.

**Tiny house comm. locations**S Local  
Government

Zeiger

Concerning the location of tiny house communities.

**[SB 5384](#)**

Permits a county that is required or choosing to plan under the growth management act, to establish a process for reviewing proposals to authorize tiny house communities located outside of the initially designated urban growth areas or limited areas of more intense rural development when, upon review, a shortage of affordable housing within a reasonable distance from urban services has been identified.

**Public Safety****Bill Details****Status****Sponsor****Sexual assault kit notice**

H HC/Wellness Calder

Concerning hospital notification of availability of sexual assault evidence kit collection.

**[HB 1016](#)**

Requires a hospital that does not provide sexual assault evidence kit collection, or have appropriate providers available to provide the collection at all times, to develop a plan by July 1, 2020, to assist individuals with obtaining the collection. Requires a hospital that does not perform the collection or have appropriate providers available to, beginning July 1, 2020: (1) Provide notice, within two hours of a request, to an individual who presents in the emergency department and requests a collection that the hospital does not perform the collection or does not have appropriate providers available; and (2) Coordinate care with the local community sexual assault agency and assist the patient in finding a facility with an appropriate provider available.

**Law enforcement**

H Passed 3rd Goodman

Concerning law enforcement.

**[SHB 1064](#)****(SB 5029)**

Requires the criminal justice training commission, when developing curricula, to consider inclusion of alternatives to the use of physical or deadly force so that de-escalation tactics and less lethal alternatives are part of the decision-making process leading up to the consideration of deadly force.

**[HB 1068](#)****(SSB****5062)****High capacity magazines**

H Civil R &amp; Judi Valdez

Concerning high capacity magazines.

Prohibits a person from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling,

offering to sell, or purchasing a large capacity magazine. Defines "large capacity magazine" as an ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition.

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**Undetectable firearms** H Civil R & Judi Valdez  
Addressing undetectable and untraceable firearms.

[HB 1073](#)  
(SSB  
5061)

Prohibits a person from knowingly or recklessly allowing, facilitating, aiding, or abetting the manufacture or assembly of an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Prohibits a person from discharging, or menacing or threatening another person, in the commission or furtherance of a felony, with an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Declares undetectable firearms and untraceable firearms as contraband and subjects them to seizure.

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**Lost or stolen firearms** H Civil R & Judi Doglio  
Reporting lost or stolen firearms.

[HB 1203](#)

Requires an owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm that has been lost or stolen to report the loss or theft to the local law enforcement agency within five days after the loss or theft. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a lost or stolen firearm to enter certain information about the firearm into the national crime information center database.

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**Domestic violence/law enforcement** H Civil R & Judi Jenkins  
Establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents to enhance the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers.

[HB 1225](#)

Enhances the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers by establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents.

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**Sex offenses/modify statute of limitations** H Public Safety Griffey  
Modifying the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses.

[HB 1231](#)

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 1/31 @ 8:00 am

Addresses the statute of limitations for certain offenses. Authorizes the following offenses to be prosecuted at any time after their commission: Rape of a child in the first degree; and child molestation in the first degree.

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**Assault weapons ban** H Civil R & Judi Peterson  
Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

[HB 1286](#)  
(SB 5340)

Prohibits a person, unless certain conditions are met, from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering for sale, or purchasing an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

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**Concealed pistol training** H Civil R & Judi Lovick  
Concerning concealed pistol license training requirements.

[HB 1315](#)  
(SSB  
5174)

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 10:00 am

Prohibits an application for a concealed pistol license from being denied unless the person has not provided evidence of handgun proficiency, in the form and manner required by the Washington state patrol. Provides the requirements for when an applicant for a concealed pistol license must submit to a licensing authority. Requires the Washington state patrol to, by rule, establish minimum standards for handgun proficiency and develop a course to teach handgun proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. Authorizes the chief of the Washington state patrol to certify qualified handgun instructors.

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**Firearm open carry/local government**

H Civil R & Judi

Wylie

Expanding local government authority to regulate firearms.

[HB 1319](#)

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Public Hearing 2/1 @ 10:00 am

Authorizes cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that restrict the open carrying of firearms at a public meeting of the governing authority of the city, town, county, or other municipality.

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**Providing assistance to certain victims of human trafficking.**

S Human Svcs,  
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Saldaña

Providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking.

[SB 5164](#)

Authorizes the department of social and health services to establish a food assistance program for victims of human trafficking. Provides eligibility to victims of human trafficking for state family assistance programs, as provided in rule, who otherwise meet program eligibility requirements. Requires medical care services to be provided to victims of human trafficking, who are not eligible for medicaid, who otherwise qualify for the state family assistance program.

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**Firearm possession by those incompetent to stand trial**

S Law & Justice    Dhingra

Concerning provisions governing firearms possession by persons who have been found incompetent to stand trial and who have a history of one or more violent acts.

[SB 5205](#)

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 1/29 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 1/31 @ 10:00 am

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.

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**Death penalty elimination**

S Law & Justice    Carlyle

Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

[SB 5339](#)  
(HB  
1488)

Eliminates the death penalty and requires life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

## Safety Net & Civil Rights

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Certificates of discharge - Hope Act</b></p> <p>Promoting successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1041</a></p> <p>Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 1/31 @ 8:00 am</p> <p>Establishes the new hope act. Modifies the process for obtaining certificates of discharge for an offender who has completed all conditions of his or her sentence and for vacating conviction records.</p>	H Public Safety	Hansen
<p><b>Driver's license suspensions</b></p> <p>Concerning driver's license suspensions and revocations.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1282</a> <a href="#">(SB 5328)</a></p> <p>Addresses department of licensing requirements with regard to the relicensing program; the suspension and/or revocation of a driver's license; and failure to comply with the terms of a criminal complaint or criminal action.</p>	H Trans	Reeves
<p><b>Isolated worker protection</b></p> <p>Preventing the sexual harassment and sexual assault of certain isolated workers.</p> <p><a href="#">SSB 5258</a></p> <p>Requires every hospitality, retail, behavioral health care, or custodial employer, or labor contractor who employs a custodian, security guard, hotel or motel housekeeper, or worker who spends a majority of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home to adopt a sexual harassment policy; provide mandatory training to the managers, supervisors, and employees; provide a list of resources for the employees to use; and provide a panic button to each worker that spends most of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home.</p>	S LBRCDCPS	Keiser
<p><b>LGBTQ commission</b></p> <p>Establishing the Washington state LGBTQ commission.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 5356</a></p> <p>Creates the Washington state LGBTQ commission in the office of the governor. Requires the executive director of the commission to: (1) Monitor state legislation and advocate for legislation affecting LGBTQ people; (2) Work with state agencies to assess programs and policies; (3) Coordinate with the minority commissions, women's commission, and human rights commission to address issues of mutual concern; and (4) Work as a liaison between the public and private sector to eliminate barriers to economic and health equity. Declares that June of each year will be known as LGBTQ pride month.</p>	S State Govt/Tri	Wilson

## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Driving with an electronic device</b></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1256</a></p>	H Transportation	Lovick

Increasing monetary penalties for the unlawful use of a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle in a school, playground, or crosswalk speed zone.

Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 1/28 @ 3:30 pm

Increases the monetary penalty to two times the penalty amount when the following occurs within a school, playground, or crosswalk speed zone: The holder of an intermediate license operates a moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or a person uses a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Requires one-half of the money collected to be deposited into the school zone safety account.

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**RTA additional voter approval**

S Transportation O'Ban

Requiring a regional transit authority to receive additional approval from voters if the cost to complete a regional transit system plan approved by voters in 2016 increases beyond fifty-four billion dollars or any additions or subtractions of projects or significant project scope when compared to the system plan are made.

[SB 5037](#)

Requires a regional transit authority to: once it has expended eighty percent of the funding elements identified in a regional transit system plan adopted by the authority board in June 2016, hire an independent auditor to determine if remaining unspent funding elements are sufficient to complete the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016; and propose a ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of the authority if the auditor determines remaining unspent funding elements are insufficient to complete the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016.

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**RTA vehicle valuation**

S Transportation O'Ban

Establishing a vehicle valuation method for a regional transit authority collecting a motor vehicle excise tax that is based on Kelley blue book or national automobile dealers association values.

[SB 5042](#)

Requires certain regional transit authorities that impose a motor vehicle excise tax to establish a market value adjustment program to be implemented by December 31, 2019; and provide a credit against the total motor vehicle excise tax due. Authorizes a regional transit authority to contract with the department of licensing for the collection of a motor vehicle excise tax only if the authority has implemented the program.

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**MVET low-income adjustments**

S Transportation Kuderer

Creating a motor vehicle excise tax low-income market value adjustment program.

[SB 5075](#)

Requires a contract entered into with a regional transit authority, for the collection of a motor vehicle excise tax, to provide that the department of licensing receives full reimbursement for the administration and collection of the tax. Requires a regional transit authority that imposes a motor vehicle excise tax to: establish a low-income market value adjustment program for eligible vehicles owned by low-income individuals; and allow an additional one-time low-income individual credit against the tax due with respect to certain vehicles. Authorizes the department of licensing to adopt rules to implement this act.

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**Local government vehicle tolls**

S Transportation Sheldon

Prohibiting local governments from imposing vehicle tolls.

[SB 5104](#)

Upcoming Events: Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 1/30 @ 3:30 pm

Prohibits the imposition of vehicle tolls by local governments.

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**Passenger-only ferry study**

S Transportation      Hunt

Requiring the department of transportation to complete a study on passenger-only ferry services.

[SB 5157](#)

Upcoming Events: Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 1/30 @ 3:30 pm

Requires the department of transportation to complete a consultant study on the feasibility, need, and potential governance and funding structures for passenger-only ferry service between Olympia and Seattle. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

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**Electric transportation**

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[SB 5336](#)

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on electric vehicles. Requires the department of ecology to adopt the zero emission vehicle program regulations. Declares an intent to provide clear authority for utilities to engage in and promote the build out of electric vehicle infrastructure. Requires utilities that are traditionally responsible for providing electric service to customers and for understanding and engineering the electrical grid for safety and reliability to be engaged in the electrification of the transportation system. Authorizes certain cities or towns that are engaged in the generation, sale, or distribution of energy to, for its customers: assist in financing materials and equipment for the electrification of transportation; and offer programs, services, or investments in the electrification of transportation in a way that benefits ratepayers. Permits an electric utility to submit an electrification of transportation plan, to the utilities and transportation commission, that deploys electric vehicle supply equipment or provides other electric transportation programs, services, or incentives to support electrification of transportation. Creates the electric vehicle account.

