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I am pleased to send you the final end-of-session report prepared by the House of Representatives' Office of Program Research.

This "Summary of Legislation Passed by the Washington State Legislature" summarizes all of the bills that passed the Legislature during the 2023 Regular and 1st Special Sessions. This version includes information regarding any bills that have been vetoed, or partially vetoed, by the Governor.

The "Legislative Budget Notes" for 2023 will be available online at <https://fiscal.wa.gov/statebudgets/LBNs> when complete. This publication will contain summary and detail information about enacted operating, transportation, and capital budgets.

If you have any questions about bills or budgets, please feel free to contact committee staff. For your convenience, a committee phone list is included in the report.

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Status indicates the final status of the bill.	
Abbreviations include	
C 2 L 23	Chapter 2, Laws of 2023. This is where the bill will be found in the <u>Session Laws of the State of Washington</u> , which is compiled annually.
Gov Vetoed	Vetoed by Governor.
Partial Veto	Partially vetoed by the Governor.
S Filed Sec/St	Filed with the Secretary of State.
Veto Override	Veto override.

This report includes all House and Senate bills that passed the Legislature. The bills are listed according to the House Committee to which they were initially referred. If a bill was not referred to a House Committee, the bill is included in the list for the committee to which the bill likely would have been referred. A numerical index of bills is located at the end of the report.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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[ESHB 1019](#) **Pesticide Advisory Board**

Sponsors: Dent, Chapman, Ryu

Final Status: C 378 L 23

Creates the Pesticide Advisory Board.

[2SHB 1032](#) **Wildfires/Electric Utilities**

Sponsors: Dent, Chapman, Ryu

Final Status: C 132 L 23

Requires the Department of Natural Resource (DNR) to publish a recommended electric utility wildfire mitigation plan format and list of elements by April 1, 2024. Requires each investor-owned and consumer-owned electrical utility to review and revise its wildfire mitigation plan by October 31, 2024, and at a minimum every three years thereafter. Requires the DNR to submit a summary and compilation of the wildfire mitigation plans to the Legislature by December 31, 2024.

[SHB 1138](#) **Drought Preparedness**

Sponsors: Chapman, Dent, Ramel

Final Status: C 287 L 23

Provides that projects funded by grants issued to address drought conditions no longer need to be completed while a drought emergency order is in effect. Directs the State Treasurer, upon the issuance of a drought emergency order, to transfer to the Emergency Drought Response Account the amount needed to bring the balance of the account to up to \$3 million. Modifies the circumstances in which the Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought is authorized to convene.

[2SHB 1322](#) **Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan**

Sponsors: Rude, Chapman, Klicker

Final Status: C 239 L 23

Makes various changes in the water code to allow for implementation of the Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan. Directs the Department of Ecology to evaluate the development of a bistate legal regulatory framework for the allocation of developed water resources in collaboration with the State of Oregon. Requires that water supplies developed under the act be apportioned between Oregon and Washington consistent with any written agreements entered into with the State of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

ESHB 1498 Aviation Assurance Funding

Sponsors: Dye, Dent, Christian

Final Status: C 457 L 23

Directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to prepare and submit an appendix on aviation usage by local fire departments for initial attack as a part of its annual wildfire report to the Legislature. Requires the DNR to consult with the State Fire Defense Committee, fire service representatives, and the State Fire Marshal's Office annually to review aviation program performance and determine aviation needs for the following fire year. Directs the DNR, subject to appropriation, to use wildfire suppression funding to assist local fire departments with aerial fire response capabilities during the initial attack phase of fighting a wildland fire, subject to certain specified requirements. Requires the DNR to convene a work group to evaluate the costs and benefits of a state certification program for aircraft and pilots used in wildfire suppression.

SHB 1500 Cottage Food Sales Cap

Sponsors: Eslick, Chapman, Jacobsen

Final Status: C 352 L 23

Partial Veto

Increases the cap on annual gross sales for cottage food operations. Directs the Department of Agriculture to review and increase the cap on annual gross sales every four years. Requires cottage food licenses to be renewed every two years instead of annually.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section requiring the Department of Agriculture to employ sufficient full-time equivalent staff to ensure timely processing of cottage food permit applications and provide improved service to cottage food businesses.

HB 1552 Urban Agriculture Study

Sponsors: Reeves, Ramel, Springer

Final Status: C 178 L 23

Directs the State Conservation Commission (Commission) to conduct a study of urban agricultural opportunities and barriers in the state. Establishes required elements of the study, including how urban agriculture can provide economic development, food access, and education opportunities in local communities. Requires the Commission to submit the report to the Legislature by June 30, 2024.

2SHB 1578 Wildland Fire Safety

Sponsors: Springer, Kretz, Reeves

Final Status: C 385 L 23

Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to complete decadal assessments of areas at significant risk of wildfire. Requires the DNR to cooperate with and provide support to various local entities to develop public safety evacuation strategies for incorporation into local emergency response plans. Requires the DNR to take certain actions to expand its community resilience programming and supporting programs within the wildland urban interface in areas of Western Washington where the DNR determines that risk of wildfires and smoke exposure exist. Requires the DNR to implement a Post-Wildfire Debris Flow Program and establish a structure for a state-sponsored burned area emergency stabilization and response team.

SHB 1753 **Derelict Vessel Notices**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Leavitt, Reed

Final Status: C 304 L 23

Modifies the timing for notices of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel. Provides that notice of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel no longer needs to be published in a newspaper prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.

HB 1775 **Salmon Recovery/Liability**

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Chapman, Ramel

Final Status: C 260 L 23

Eliminates civil liability for property damage resulting from habitat projects performed by a Regional Fishery Enhancement Group under certain conditions, except when damage is due to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

HB 1792 **Water Rights Procedures**

Sponsors: Timmons, Dent, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 160 L 23

Prescribes certain timelines in any general water rights adjudication filed in Water Resource Inventory Area 1 after June 1, 2023.

ESSB 5143 **Pesticide Registration Commission**

Sponsors: Torres, Dhingra, Rolfes

Final Status: C 37 L 23

Changes the name of the Commission on Pesticide Registration to the Commission on Integrated Pest Management (Commission). Adds a representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 as a nonvoting member of the Commission.

SB 5192 **Derelict Vessel Appeals**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Hunt, Nguyen

Final Status: C 39 L 23

Authorizes administrative law judges employed by the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) to substitute for PCHB members in hearing certain appeals brought under the Derelict Vessel Removal Program.

SB 5330 **Pesticide Application**

Sponsors: Torres, Muzzall, Shewmake

Final Status: C 186 L 23

Allows the Director of the Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to suspend or revoke a pesticide license or certification based on a license or certification from another jurisdiction when notified that the person's original certification was terminated under certain circumstances. Requires applicants for certain applicator licenses to be at least 18 years old on the date the application is submitted, rather than 16 years old. Requires the WSDA to adopt by rule standards for pesticide applications made by noncertified applicators of restricted use pesticides under the direct supervision of a certified applicator.

ESB 5341 **Washington Food & Agriculture Products**

Sponsors: Muzzall, Shewmake, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 276 L 23

Requires the Department of Agriculture to convene an advisory committee to identify the appropriate scope and nature of a voluntary location-based program to promote local food and agricultural products. Repeals the From the Heart of Washington Program.

ESSB 5371 **Orca Vessel Protection**

Sponsors: Lovelett, Shewmake, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 452 L 23

Partial Veto

Establishes a 1,000-yard vessel setback distance from southern resident orcas for most kinds of vessels and provides additional exemptions from the distance restrictions. Directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to develop and conduct various outreach and education efforts on the distance restrictions. Directs the WDFW to report to the Legislature within one year of the southern resident orca population reaching 70 or fewer animals with updates on pod health and enforcement of 1,000-yard distance requirements. Modifies licensing and enforcement provisions for whale watching.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the sections requiring the Department of Licensing and WDFW to mail information regarding required orca protection vessel setbacks and speed limits, and whale warning flags to vessel owners upon issuance or renewal of a vessel license; and requiring the WDFW to develop a transboundary and statewide plan to implement the vessel distance regulations.

SB 5390 **Forestlands/Safe Harbor**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Warnick, Rolfes

Final Status: C 119 L 23

Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to enter into and administer a programmatic safe harbor agreement for the northern spotted owl for any forestland owner. Authorizes the Forest Practices Board to adopt or amend rules as necessary to implement the programmatic safe harbor agreement.

SSB 5433

Derelict Aquatic Structures

Sponsors: Muzzall, Shewmake, Liias

Final Status: C 227 L 23

Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase or acquire lands and facilities related to derelict aquatic structures, and to remove, refurbish, or dispose of derelict aquatic structures. Requires the DNR to submit all derelict aquatic structure removal projects to a mitigation credits program in order to generate conservation credits. Requires any payments received for the sale of conservation credits to be deposited into the Derelict Structure Removal Account. Directs the DNR to establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who need financial assistance to comply with the DNR's habitat stewardship measures for the construction and maintenance of aquatic structures. Authorizes the DNR to acquire aquatic structures that do not meet the definition of derelict aquatic structures but that could provide habitat benefits or amenities for the local community if the structure were refurbished or repurposed.

SSB 5439

Livestock Identification

Sponsors: Warnick, Dozier, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 46 L 23

Extends the current livestock identification fees, the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee), and the requirement that the Department of Agriculture report on the Livestock Identification Program (Program) to July 1, 2026. Requires the Advisory Committee to review the costs and operations of the Program. Eliminates the call-out fee for an inspection done by a certified veterinarian or field livestock inspector.

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[SHB 1007](#) **Military Service Credit**

Sponsors: Paul, Stokesbary, Bergquist

Final Status: C 18 L 23

Expands the definition of "veteran" to include members that were awarded an expeditionary medal for purposes of veterans' benefits in state pension systems, legal assistance, scoring criteria on civil service exams, and other programs.

[HB 1008](#) **Plan 2 Members/Insurance**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Simmons, Goodman

Final Status: C 164 L 23

Permits specified individuals separating—but not retiring—from positions covered by the Public Employees', School Employees', and Teachers' Retirement System Plans 2 the opportunity to participate in the retiree benefits of the Public Employees' Benefits Board. Limits participation to individuals who: separate from service on or after January 1, 2024; are at least age 55; and have at least 20 years of service in the applicable pension plans.

[HB 1055](#) **Public Safety Telecommunicators Retirement Benefits**

Sponsors: Stokesbary, Ormsby, Leavitt

Final Status: C 199 L 23

Shifts public employees with the primary responsibility of responding to and processing 911 emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, medical, or other public safety services from the Public Employees' Retirement System Plans 2 and 3 to the Public Safety Employees' Retirement System.

[SHB 1056](#) **Postretirement Employment Restrictions**

Sponsors: Stokesbary, Fitzgibbon, Leavitt

Final Status: C 410 L 23

Changes the postretirement employment restrictions on benefits eligibility for members of the Public Employees' Retirement System, Teachers Retirement System, and School Employees Retirement System Plans 2 and 3 that retired under the 2008 Early Retirement Factors (ERFs). Permits 2008 ERF members to work in retirement system-covered employment for up to 867 hours per year without suspension of retirement benefits. Adjusts benefits for members who chose the 3 percent per year early retirement reduction to the level of reduction in the 2008 ERFs for future benefit payments.

[HB 1128](#) **Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid Recipients in Long-Term Care**

Sponsors: Bateman, Reed, Taylor

Final Status: C 201 L 23

Increases the baseline personal needs allowance for Medicaid recipients residing in medical institutions or residential care settings from \$75.26 to \$100 per month.

HB 1218 **Caseload Forecast Council - Working Families Tax Credit**

Sponsors: Bergquist, Stokesbary, Tharinger

Final Status: C 244 L 23

Requires the Caseload Forecast Council to forecast the number of persons eligible for the Working Families' Tax Credit, beginning with the official forecast submitted in November 2023.

EHB 1336 **Volunteer Firefighter and Reserve Officer Pensions**

Sponsors: Stokesbary, Springer, Reeves

Final Status: C 73 L 23

Divides the Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension System into two separate plans, one for volunteer firefighters and one for reserve officers. Requires any tax liability resulting from the division of the plan to be paid by the principal fund for the appropriate plan.

ESHB 1361 **State Employment**

Sponsors: Abbarno, Rule, Reeves

Final Status: C 148 L 23

Removes certain obsolete salary schedule provisions related to comparable worth and locally competitive higher education salary schedules. Removes several temporary salary freeze provisions dating from February 18, 2009, until July 31, 2013. Eliminates annual reporting requirements from each state agency to the Office of Financial Management on the number of specified types of employees and the use of bonus or incentive awards. Requires that state employees appointed on or after July 1, 2023, be paid only through electronic transfers of funds. Suspends the right of a civil service exempt employee to revert to a classified position if the employee has been notified in writing that he or she is the subject of a specified workplace investigation.

ESHB 1436 **Special Education Funding**

Sponsors: Pollet, Berry, Simmons

Final Status: C 417 L 23
Partial Veto

Increases special education excess cost multipliers for pre-kindergarten students from 1.15 to 1.2, for kindergarten through age 21 (K-21) from 1.0075 to 1.12 for students who spend at least 80 percent of the school day in a general education setting, and from 0.995 to 1.06 for those who spend less than 80 percent by the 2026-27 school year. Increases the enrollment limit for special education funding from 13.5 percent to 15 percent. Reduces the threshold for high-need individuals to access the special education safety net from 2.3 to 2.2 times the average per-pupil expenditure (APPE) for school districts with more than 1,000 students, and to 2.0 times the APPE for school districts with less than 1,000 students. Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review data for disproportionate identification of students and assist school districts to support inclusionary teaching practices. Requires the percentage of special education students' general apportionment allocations used for special education to stay at least at 2022-23 levels, with some exceptions. Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) and the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the state's special education system. Requires the Office of Education Ombuds to delegate special education ombuds in each educational service district region to serve as a resource for students and their parents, subject to appropriations.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section that requires the JLARC and the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit and that establishes certain accounting requirements.

HB 1481 **Tribal Peace Officers/Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2**

Sponsors: Cortes, Stearns, Chopp

Final Status: C 77 L 23

Permits federally recognized tribes in Washington to opt in to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2 (LEOFF 2). Requires a tribe opting to participate in LEOFF 2 to enter a state-tribal compact containing provisions relating to: Reporting records and allowing audits; waiving sovereign immunity for enforcing LEOFF 2 rules; and dissolution procedures for tribes ceasing participation in LEOFF 2, including withdrawal liability. Limits participation in LEOFF 2 to full-time General Authority Peace Officers currently certified by the Criminal Justice Training Commission and employed in the police department of a participating tribe. Provides tribal law enforcement officers participating in LEOFF 2 the chance to purchase specified periods of past service at full cost.

SHB 1682 **Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account**

Sponsors: Maycumber, Chapman, Barnard

Final Status: C 388 L 23

Requires the Office of the State Treasurer to annually deposit \$7 million of the revenue from the insurance premium tax into the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account (Account). Eliminates the requirement for revenue from traffic infraction surcharges to be deposited into the Account.

SHB 1784 **Hunger Relief**

Sponsors: Gregerson, Ormsby, Duerr

Final Status: C 63 L 23

Appropriates \$28 million to the State General Fund in fiscal year 2023 to support food assistance programs operated by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Social and Health Services, and Department of Health.

SHB 1804 **Public Employees Benefits Board Health Benefits Program/Subdivision Retirees**

Sponsors: Steele

Final Status: C 312 L 23

Permits the retirees of local government employers that ceased participating in the Public Employees Benefits Board health benefits program (PEBB program) for active employees to continue to purchase coverage in the PEBB program. Requires Medicare-eligible retirees from local government employers that have ceased participation to purchase the coverage without the explicit subsidy provided in the state biennial operating budget. Requires employers ceasing participation in the PEBB program to pay the Health Care Authority the actuarial equivalent value of the projected pre-Medicare retiree implicit subsidies for their retired employees.

SHB 1850 **Hospital Safety Net Program**

Sponsors: Macri, Schmick, Tharinger

Final Status: C 430 L 23

Changes the Hospital Safety Net Assessment (HSNA) to the Hospital Safety Net Program. Allows intergovernmental transfers for designated public hospitals. Creates a Medicaid directed payment program. Increases the amount of assessments imposed on hospitals. Changes the amounts of payments to hospitals from the HSNA Fund. Increases the amount of assessment revenues that the state may use in lieu of General Fund-State Medicaid payments to hospitals.

SB 5122 **Quality Assurance Fee Program and Ambulance Transport Fund**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Muzzall, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 11 L 23

Extends the expiration date for the ambulance transport Quality Assurance Fee Program and the Ambulance Transport Fund from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2028.

ESSB 5142 **HIV Medication Rebate Revenue**

Sponsors: Lias, Rivers, Dhingra

Final Status: C 12 L 23

Creates an account for revenue generated by HIV medications rebates and other related federal grant funds.

ESSB 5187 Operating Budget

Sponsors: Rolfes, Robinson, Nguyen

Final Status: C 475 L 23
Partial Veto

Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 biennium and supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2021-23 biennium. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes several items in the 2023-25 biennial budget and the 2023 supplemental budget. (See veto message.)

E2SSB 5258 Condos & Townhouses

Sponsors: Shewmake, Gildon, Billig

Final Status: C 337 L 23

Establishes certain requirements and restrictions for legal disputes and claims involving construction defects. Modifies requirements regarding deposits for the purchase of units. Modifies requirements for local governments regarding impact fees and short plat regulations. Creates the Down Payment Assistance Account (Account) and specifies that moneys in the Account may only be used for payment towards down payment assistance loans offered by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission for persons purchasing a condominium or townhouse. Requires the Legislature, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to appropriate from the State General Fund to the Account the lesser of: (1) an amount equal to the real estate excise tax revenue collected on specified sales of condominiums or townhouses during the previous calendar year; or (2) \$250,000 per fiscal year.

SSB 5275 School Employees Benefits Board/Benefits Access

Sponsors: Robinson, Hunt, Keiser

Final Status: C 13 L 23

Allows tribal compact schools, employee organizations representing school employees, and school board directors to provide health care through the School Employees Benefits Board.

ESSB 5293 Modifying Accounts

Sponsors: Rolfes, Robinson, Kuderer

Final Status: C 435 L 23

Creates the Opioid Abatement Settlement Account, the State Hazard Mitigation Revolving Loan Account, and the GOV Central Service Account, and establishes allowable uses for these accounts. Modifies the Personnel Service Fund, Higher Education Personnel Service Fund, and the Office of Financial Management Central Service Account. Revises the dedicated uses of Community Reinvestment Account and Foundational Public Health Services Account. Allows transfers between the Public Employees' and Retirees' Insurance Account and the School Employees' Insurance Account for short-term cash management and cash balance purposes. Allows school districts to balance a borrowing fund with an interfund loan for school fiscal year 2024. Changes the date the for the State Treasurer to transfer moneys from the Climate Investment Account into other accounts. Reenacts the Electric Vehicle Incentive Account.

ESSB 5294 Retirement System Funding

Sponsors: Rolfes, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 396 L 23

Reduces the minimum contribution rates for the Plan 1 Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) in the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System Plans 1 (PERS 1 and TRS 1) to 0.5 percent. Sets UAAL rates for PERS 1 and TRS 1 for fiscal years 2024 through 2027. Reduces the scheduled payment of \$800 million into the TRS 1 fund to \$250 million.

SB 5295 Eliminating Accounts

Sponsors: Wilson, L., Rolfes, Gildon

Final Status: C 41 L 23

Eliminates certain accounts.

SB 5350 Public Employees' Retirement System/Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 Benefit Increase

Sponsors: Conway, Hasegawa, Lovick

Final Status: C 397 L 23

Provides a one-time, 3 percent increase to the retirement benefits of retirees in the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1, up to \$110 per month. Directs the Select Committee on Pension Policy to study and recommend an ongoing cost-of-living adjustment during the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

SSB 5490 Public Employees Benefits Board/Deferred Coverage

Sponsors: Rolfes, Conway, Hunt

Final Status: C 15 L 23

Establishes a time-limited opportunity for certain retired or disabled public employees previously denied retiree health care coverage by the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) based on certain factors to enroll in a health care plan through the PEBB Program

SSB 5538 Postretirement Employment in Nursing

Sponsors: Cleveland, Dhingra, Wilson, C.

Final Status: C 99 L 23

Allows certain retirees of the state's pension systems returning to work in a nonadministrative nursing position for a state agency to work up to 1,040 hours while collecting a retirement benefit until July 1, 2026.

SSB 5561 Law Enforcement Community Grants

Sponsors: Conway, Pedersen, Lovick

Final Status: C 189 L 23

Extends the expiration date for the Law Enforcement Community Engagement Grant Project (Project) from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2029. Expands the scope of the Project to include all rural and urban counties across Washington.

ESB 5650 **K-12 Salary Allocation Inflationary Increases**

Sponsors: Rolfes, Robinson, Kuderer

Final Status: C 50 L 23

Changes the inflationary adjustment index for state salary allocations to 3.7 percent in the 2023-24 school year, and to the Implicit Price Deflator for the previous calendar year as of the beginning of the school year thereafter.

ESSB 5702 **Students Experiencing Homelessness Program**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Nobles, Dhingra

Final Status: C 339 L 23

Shifts the Students Experiencing Homelessness Program (Program) from a pilot project to an ongoing program without an expiration date and allows any public four-year institution or community and technical college to participate in the Program.

SB 5768 **Department of Corrections/Abortion Medications**

Sponsors: Keiser, Dhingra, Cleveland

Final Status: C 195 L 23

Authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to engage in any activity constituting the practice of pharmacy or wholesale distribution of abortion medications for the benefit of any person. Requires the DOC to establish and operate a program to deliver, dispense, and distribute abortion medications individually or wholesale at cost plus a fee of \$5 per dose to offset the cost of secure storage and delivery of the medication. Exempts the DOC from obtaining a wholesaler license for purposes of delivering, dispensing, and distributing abortion medications.

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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[ESHB 1050](#) **Apprenticeship Utilization**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Berry, Simmons

Final Status: C 342 L 23

Requires public works contracts awarded by a municipality estimated to cost more than \$2 million, which is phased down to \$1 million, to specify that no less than 15 percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to study and report on public works project outcomes related to apprenticeship utilization requirements, access to apprentices, and participation by women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses.

[ESHB 1148](#) **State General Obligation Bonds**

Sponsors: Tharinger, Callan, Wylie

Final Status: C 473 L 23

Authorizes the State Finance Committee to issue up to \$4.186 billion in general obligation bonds to finance capital projects. Expires three unissued remaining bond authorizations. Authorizes a one-time adjustment of \$400 million to debt limit bond capacity to reflect the difference between prior bond authorizations remaining and the amount of appropriation authority remaining.

[SHB 1250](#) **Low-Income Home Rehabilitation Program**

Sponsors: Steele, Eslick

Final Status: C 380 L 23

Converts the Low-Income Home Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program into a grant program and forgives the outstanding balance of existing loans.

[SHB 1460](#) **Department of Natural Resources Land**

Sponsors: Hackney, Waters, Simmons

Final Status: C 383 L 23

Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create and manage a Trust Land Transfer program and to acquire replacement trust land property. Modifies the DNR's authority to exchange state forestlands on behalf of counties and creates a related agreement process. Eliminates a restriction that the DNR may not hold more than 1,500 acres in a land bank.

[HB 1777](#) **Energy Contracting**

Sponsors: Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Duerr

Final Status: C 309 L 23

Authorizes state agencies, school districts, public universities, and municipalities to enter into performance-based contracts for energy equipment and services under certain conditions. Requires the Department of Enterprise Services to report contract implementation and effectiveness data to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2031. Expires June 30, 2033.

ESB 5017 (2022) School District Procurement

Sponsors: Wellman, Honeyford, Mullet

Veto Override: C 4 L 23

Modifies the list of school district purchases that require public notification and bidding to include construction work by a contractor that meets the public works responsible bidder criteria, rather than "other work" generally. Provides an enumerated list of services that are not "construction work" and requires that such services meet certain procurement requirements, beginning January 1, 2023.

Please note: ESB 5017 was initially passed by the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor in 2022.

ESSB 5200 Capital Budget

Sponsors: Mullet, Schoesler, Nguyen

Final Status: C 474 L 23

Partial Veto

Authorizes \$8.66 billion in new capital projects for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium; of this total, \$4.67 billion is financed with state general obligation bonds. Includes \$295 million in authorizations for state agencies and institutions of higher education to enter alternative financing contracts. Reappropriates \$7.57 billion in total funding for projects authorized in prior biennia. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes funding for Substitute House Bill 1044 that did not pass, funding for a study and report on changing the building code cycle from three to six years, and language directing the Department of Enterprise Services to give legislators and their guests access to the top of the Capitol dome.

ESSB 5301 Commerce Housing Programs

Sponsors: Mullet, Kuderer, Nguyen

Final Status: C 275 L 23

Consolidates the Housing Assistance Program into the Affordable Housing Program (Program) at the Department of Commerce. Modifies activities and organizations eligible for the Program. Increases the cap on administrative costs used for the Program. Expands activities eligible for legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds.

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[HB 1023](#) **Wire Tap Reports/Courts**

Sponsors: Walen, Goodman, Reeves

Final Status: C 129 L 23

Repeals certain reporting requirements concerning operation of the Privacy Act and court authorizations for the interception and recording of private communications and conversations under the Privacy Act.

[HB 1066](#) **Technical Corrections**

Sponsors: Goodman, Abbarno, Simmons

Final Status: C 470 L 23

Partial Veto

Makes technical corrections to various provisions of the Revised Code of Washington.
Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes sections of the bill that merge multiple amendments; update references to the “Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development” with the “Department of Commerce”; decodify groups that are no longer active; update a subsection reference in criminal statutes related to intimidating a judge; and replace an erroneous usage of the word “county” with “country” in a statute related to nonresident vessel permits.

[SHB 1077](#) **Courthouse Facility Dogs**

Sponsors: Thai, Walen, Simmons

Final Status: C 59 L 23

Modifies the legal authority and standard for permitting the use of a courthouse facility dog. Establishes areas a courthouse facility dog is authorized to access. Supplements requirements for courthouse facility dogs and their handlers.

[SHB 1088](#) **Uniform Family Law Arbitration**

Sponsors: Walen, Reeves

Final Status: C 61 L 23

Adopts the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act and creates a statutory scheme for the arbitration of family law disputes.

[HB 1102](#) **Judge Pro Tempore Compensation**

Sponsors: Taylor, Timmons

Final Status: C 24 L 23

Increases the daily compensation for work as a judge pro tempore for retired judges of a court of the State of Washington to be consistent with compensation paid to practicing attorneys in that role.

E2SHB 1143 **Firearms/Purchase & Transfer**

Sponsors: Berry, Walen, Reed

Final Status: C 161 L 23

Provides that a dealer may not transfer any firearm to a purchaser or transferee until: the person provides proof of completion of a firearms safety training program; completion of a background check indicating the person is eligible to possess firearms; and 10 business days have elapsed since the dealer requested the background check. Updates firearm transfer and background check processes. Requires certain notices and procedures for revocation of a concealed pistol license when a person is convicted of an offense that makes the person ineligible to possess firearms under federal law.

ESHB 1155 **Consumer Health Data**

Sponsors: Slatter, Street, Reed

Final Status: C 191 L 23

Establishes consumer rights with regard to consumer health data and defines obligations of regulated entities and small businesses that collect, process, share, and sell consumer health data. Prohibits selling consumer health data without a valid authorization. Prohibits implementing a geofence around entities that provide in-person health care services if the geofence is used to identify or track consumers, collect consumer health data, or send notifications to consumers.

SHB 1165 **Intimate Images/Civil Remedy**

Sponsors: Orwall, Reeves, Wylie

Final Status: C 65 L 23

Adopts the Uniform Civil Remedies for the Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act.

ESHB 1169 **Legal Financial Obligations**

Sponsors: Simmons, Taylor, Berry

Final Status: C 449 L 23

Eliminates the victim penalty assessment for juveniles and indigent adults, requires the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to assess the fiscal impact of this change, and establishes a new account to support county crime victim and witness programs. Eliminates the DNA database fee and establishes alternative state funding for the DNA database. Prohibits courts from imposing or enforcing any fine, fee, cost, or other legal financial obligation against a juvenile or juvenile's parent or guardian in a juvenile offender proceeding, or from paying costs of an evaluation or treatment ordered in connection with juvenile offender proceeding. Requires the AOC to review the grant program that provides funds for county clerk collection budgets.

ESHB 1187 **Employee-Union Privilege**

Sponsors: Hackney, Berry, Bateman

Final Status: C 202 L 23

Creates a privilege from examination and disclosure for a union representative and a union employee concerning communications between the union representative or union employee made during union representation. Applies the privilege from examination and disclosure to the union members and organizations that represent the members.

SHB 1234 **Civil Forfeiture of Animals**

Sponsors: Goodman, Eslick, Peterson

Final Status: C 246 L 23

Clarifies the authority for law enforcement agencies and local animal care and control agencies to take possession of an abused or neglected animal. Authorizes the forfeiture of a seized animal as a matter of law under certain circumstances. Establishes a uniform petition process for a civil hearing for the return of a seized animal.

SHB 1240 **Firearms/Assault Weapons**

Sponsors: Peterson, Senn, Alvarado

Final Status: C 162 L 23

Prohibits the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or offer for sale of assault weapons, subject to various exceptions for licensed firearm manufacturers and dealers, and for individuals who inherit assault weapons. Provides a violation of these restrictions constitutes a gross misdemeanor and is actionable under the Consumer Protection Act.

HB 1262 **Lump Sum Reporting System**

Sponsors: Walen, Reed, Davis

Final Status: C 248 L 23

Requires an employer to notify the Division of Child Support (DCS) before making any lump sum payment of \$500 or more to a parent who is responsible for child support. Requires the DCS to respond to the notifying employer by releasing the lump sum payment for disbursement to the responsible parent or by specifying the amount of the lump sum payment to be remitted to the DCS on behalf of the responsible parent.

HB 1312 **Jury Service**

Sponsors: Rude, Entenman, Goodman

Final Status: C 205 L 23

Allows a person who is 80 years of age or older to be excused from jury service based on an attestation that the person is unable to serve due to health reasons.

ESHB 1335 **Personal Identifying Information**

Sponsors: Hansen, Berry, Farivar

Final Status: C 381 L 23

Prohibits publication of an individual's personal identifying information without consent when done with intent or knowledge the information will be used to harm the individual, or reckless disregard for the risk of such harm, and the publication causes physical injury, significant economic injury, mental anguish, fear of serious bodily injury or death, or a substantial life disruption. Establishes a civil cause of action for violations, subject to various exceptions.

HB 1420 **Lien Priority/Mortgages**

Sponsors: Hackney, Corry, Walen

Final Status: C 76 L 23

Establishes the first in time, first in right rule of lien priority for mortgages and deeds of trust.

ESHB 1469 **Health Care Services/Access**

Sponsors: Hansen, Thai, Chopp

Final Status: C 193 L 23

Defines protected health care services in Washington to include reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment. Restricts Washington courts from issuing, law enforcement from enforcing, and certain Washington businesses from complying with subpoenas, warrants, criminal process, extradition, and other court orders for civil or criminal liability that is based on the provision or receipt of protected health care services. Creates a cause of action for interference with protected health care services when certain civil or criminal actions are filed against an aggrieved party or a subpoena is issued to a person in Washington. Allows a protected health care services provider or employee to apply to the Secretary of State's Address Confidentiality Program. Authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action to enjoin any person from violating the act and to recover costs for such action.

SHB 1562 **Unlawful Possession of Firearms/Restoration of Firearm Rights**

Sponsors: Thai, Lekanoff, Taylor

Final Status: C 295 L 23

Makes changes to the crime of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, including by adding additional crimes that prohibit a person from possessing a firearm. Revises provisions governing the restoration of firearm rights, including by establishing additional eligibility requirements and procedures applicable to the petition process.

SHB 1572 **Recovery of Taxes/Venue**

Sponsors: Springer, Orcutt

Final Status: C 81 L 23

Provides legal actions against a county for the recovery of taxes paid under protest may be filed in the superior court of either of the two nearest judicial districts if the action is solely against one county, in addition to other existing venues authorized by law.

HB 1599 **Firearm Background Checks**

Sponsors: Goodman, Berry, Ramel

Final Status: C 298 L 23

Allows the Washington State Patrol Firearms Background Check Program to access files and records of Involuntary Treatment Act court proceedings for purposes of conducting firearms-related background checks.

ESHB 1600 **Firearms/Juvenile Records**

Sponsors: Goodman, Berry, Ramel

Final Status: C 180 L 23

Allows for the sharing of sealed juvenile records with non-Washington criminal justice agencies solely for the purpose of conducting firearms-related background checks, and prohibits these agencies from further disclosure of the records to third parties.

HB 1657 **Marriages by Federal Judges**

Sponsors: Street, Cheney, Simmons

Final Status: C 86 L 23

Authorizes federal justices, judges, and judicial officers to solemnize marriages.

ESHB 1766 **Protection Orders/Hope Cards**

Sponsors: Griffey, Davis, Senn

Final Status: C 308 L 23

Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a program for the issuance of protection order Hope Cards in a scannable electronic format. Requires a Hope Card to contain specified information about a full protection order. Provides that, beginning on January 1, 2025, a person who has been issued a valid full protection order may request a Hope Card from the clerk of the issuing court.

SB 5003 **Snohomish County Judges**

Sponsors: Lovick, Robinson, Dhingra

Final Status: C 5 L 23

Increases the number of district court judges in Snohomish County from eight to nine.

SB 5004 **Business Corporations**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Padden, Dhingra

Final Status: C 432 L 23

Amends the Washington Business Corporation Act to specify procedures for implementing stock splits, authorize and establish requirements for holding company reorganization transactions, and clarify when shareholder approval of a merger or share exchange is not required.

SSB 5005 **Real Property**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Padden, Dhingra

Final Status: C 6 L 23

Adopts the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act to supplement existing state law on partitioning real property held by tenants in common. Adopts the Uniform Easement Relocation Act.

SSB 5006 **Waiver of Firearm Rights**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Rivers, Dhingra

Final Status: C 262 L 23

Creates a new civil infraction for possessing or controlling a firearm after filing a voluntary waiver of firearm rights. Modifies the firearm rights waiver and revocation process by allowing electronic filing and establishing new notice requirements. Encourages mental health and substance use disorder professionals to discuss firearm rights waivers with their patients.

SSB 5028 **Name Changes**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Wagoner, Dhingra

Final Status: C 34 L 23

Allows a person to file a name change petition in any district court and eliminates the requirement that a name change petition state the reasons for the requested name change. Expands the circumstances under which a name change petition may be filed in the superior court. Requires the superior court to seal a granted name change file and prohibits opening the file to inspection except for good cause shown or upon request of the person whose name change was granted.

2SSB 5046 **Postconviction Counsel**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Nguyen, Trudeau

Final Status: C 261 L 23

Authorizes the Office of Public Defense (OPD) to provide access to counsel for indigent persons to file and prosecute a first, timely personal restraint petition and requires the OPD to establish eligibility criteria to prioritize access to counsel for youth and certain adult petitioners. Authorizes the OPD to appoint counsel if the Legislature or a final decision of an appellate court creates an ability to petition the sentencing court or to challenge a conviction or sentence. Requires the OPD to examine and evaluate barriers to providing postconviction counsel to file and prosecute a collateral attack and report findings and recommendations to the Legislature.

SB 5058 **Multiunit Residential Buildings**

Sponsors: Padden, Pedersen, Billig

Final Status: C 263 L 23

Excludes buildings with 12 or fewer units that are no more than two stories from the definition of "multiunit residential building" and thereby exempts these buildings from certain building enclosure design and inspection requirements and alternative dispute resolution provisions applicable to actions alleging breaches of implied or express warranty.

SSB 5077 **Uniform Commercial Code**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Wagoner

Final Status: C 266 L 23

Amends general provisions and definitions that apply throughout the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) to replace and update terms that apply only to transactions on paper. Amends various UCC articles to address emerging technologies and clarify the UCC's applicability to hybrid transactions. Establishes a new Article 12 in the UCC to govern "controllable electronic records," a new type of digital assets that include virtual currencies and nonfungible tokens.

SSB 5078 **Firearm Industry Duties**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Dhingra, Frame

Final Status: C 163 L 23

Requires firearm industry members to establish, implement, and enforce certain reasonable controls and take certain reasonable precautions. Prohibits firearm industry members from creating a public nuisance, and from designing, selling, and marketing certain firearm industry products. Establishes that violations constitute a public nuisance and are actionable under the Consumer Protection Act. Authorizes the Attorney General to investigate violations and bring enforcement actions.

SSB 5087 **Defects & Omissions**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Mullet, Billig

Final Status: C 102 L 23

Repeals or amends numerous statutes to remove laws that have been identified by the Washington Supreme Court as containing defects or omissions, including laws that have been found unconstitutional such as the death penalty, two-thirds majority vote for tax increases, moral nuisance regulations, forced sterilization of certain sex offenders, seditious activities and organizations regulations, and violent video game restrictions.

2SSB 5128 **Jury Diversity**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Dhingra, Billig

Final Status: C 316 L 23

Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide the courts with a method to collect data on juror demographics and to establish a work group to make recommendations for the creation of a childcare assistance program available to jurors. Permits electronic service of jury service summons.

SSB 5145 **Liability/Hydroelectric Projects**

Sponsors: Short, Salomon, McCune

Final Status: C 183 L 23

Exempts a landowner who releases water or flows and makes waterways available for recreational use from liability for injuries sustained by the public while boating, swimming, or fishing.

SB 5155 **Court of Appeals**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Dhingra

Final Status: C 184 L 23

Removes certain administrative requirements from state law for the Court of Appeals.

SB 5163 **Medicaid Fraud False Claims**

Sponsors: Rivers, Dhingra, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 90 L 23

Makes the qui tam provisions of the Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act permanent by repealing provisions that would terminate the qui tam provisions on June 30, 2023.

ESSB 5173 **Property Exempt from Execution**

Sponsors: Stanford, Hasegawa, Kuderer

Final Status: C 393 L 23

Modifies and increases the value of certain property exemptions from execution, attachment, and garnishment. Provides married persons are each entitled to their own exemptions, which may be taken separately or combined. Modifies the garnishment writ form sent to garnishees and the garnishment notice & exemption claim forms sent to debtors.

ESSB 5231 **Emergency Domestic Violence Orders**

Sponsors: Salomon, Dhingra, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 320 L 23

Addresses requirements for courts and peace officers in domestic violence cases relating to issuance of pretrial no-contact orders. Expands the relief a court may include in a pretrial no-contact order and requires the court to consider whether to issue an extreme risk protection order against the defendant. Allows a peace officer to request an emergency no-contact order, order to surrender and prohibit weapons, or extreme risk protection order on behalf of a victim, and establishes standards for the issuance and service of emergency orders.

SB 5392 **Overpayments/Courts**

Sponsors: Schoesler, Pedersen

Final Status: C 278 L 23

Permits courts to retain overpayments in amounts of \$10 or less in connection with any litigation, including traffic, criminal, and noncriminal matters.

SSB 5415 **Public Defense/Insanity**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Pedersen, Dhingra

Final Status: C 120 L 23

Transfers the responsibility to provide representation for persons not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to state psychiatric care from the counties to the Office of Public Defense (OPD). Directs the OPD to contract with attorneys and other entities for legal representation for such persons throughout their term of commitment.

SSB 5436 **Firearm Transfers to Museums**

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Dozier, Fortunato

Final Status: C 403 L 23

Exempts the transfer, gift, loan, sale, or bequest of a firearm to a museum or historical society from the background check requirements for a transfer of a firearm where neither party is a licensed dealer.

E2SSB 5440 **Competency Evaluations**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Nguyen, Saldaña

Final Status: C 453 L 23

Makes a number of changes to provisions governing competency evaluation and competency restoration procedures and requirements. Expands the duties of forensic navigators and requires appointment of a forensic navigator for certain defendants charged with a nonfelony or certain class C felonies. Requires jails to allow clinical intervention specialists access to persons referred for competency evaluation or restoration services and specifies their duties. Prohibits jails or juvenile detention facilities from discontinuing or substituting a person's drugs for a serious mental health disorder if the person is medically stable on the drug. Establishes requirements relating to persons who have been found incompetent to stand trial based on an intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD), dementia, or traumatic brain injury, and creates a pilot project addressing short-term stabilization and transition support for individuals found incompetent due to an I/DD. Requires the Health Care Authority to take steps to increase compensation of staff in outpatient competency restoration programs, subject to funding. Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to engage in certain data collection and to identify locations that may be commissioned or renovated for use in providing forensic or civil conversion treatment.

SB 5606 **Illegal Racing**

Sponsors: Lovick, Conway, Keiser

Final Status: C 283 L 23

Expands the crime of illegal racing to include: racing on any off-street facility; and demonstrating, exhibiting, or comparing speed, maneuverability, or power. Provides any person aiding or abetting illegal racing may be charged and prosecuted as an accomplice. Establishes procedures for the seizure, impoundment, redemption, and forfeiture of vehicles used in illegal racing. Encourages law enforcement agencies to undertake a public education campaign regarding illegal racing.

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Hazing Penalty

Sponsors: Leavitt, Thai, Ryu

Final Status: C 196 L 23

Modifies the offense of Hazing. Reclassifies Hazing from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor, or, in cases involving substantial bodily harm, to a class C felony. Adds felony Hazing to the statutory lists of crimes against persons and crimes of harassment.

[2SHB 1028](#)

Crime Victims and Witnesses

Sponsors: Orwall, Mosbrucker, Ryu

Final Status: C 197 L 23

Reestablishes the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Advisory Group. Extends the period that certain medical disclosure authorizations regarding forensic examinations remain valid, subject to certain exceptions. Extends the statute of limitations for the prosecution of sex offenses under certain conditions. Modifies certain training programs offered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC). Requires the CJTC to administer a program to establish a statewide resource prosecutor for sexual assault cases, and to develop related training. Expands the list of proceedings where the statutory rights of crime victims, survivors, and witnesses apply. Modifies requirements and procedures for the collection of biological samples from persons required to provide such samples. Provides that evidence of a victim's social media account depicting past sexual behavior is inadmissible for certain purposes in prosecutions for sex offenses.

[HB 1112](#)

Negligent Driving

Sponsors: Harris, Santos, Ramel

Final Status: C 471 L 23

Establishes the new gross misdemeanor offense of Negligent Driving with a Vulnerable User Victim in the first degree. Requires the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to produce and disseminate materials explaining the penalties for Negligent Driving with a Vulnerable User Victim in the first degree.

[HB 1114](#)

Sentencing Commission Members

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Simmons, Reed

Final Status: C 241 L 23

Changes the membership of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

SHB 1132 **Limited Authority Officers**

Sponsors: Goodman, Rude, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 168 L 23

Requires limited authority peace officers, except for Department of Corrections' personnel, to comply with Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) requirements, including background investigations, certification, and basic training, subject to limited exceptions. Requires certain agencies to reimburse the CJTC for training costs.

SHB 1177 **Indigenous Women**

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Orwall, Reed

Final Status: C 104 L 23

Creates a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Cold Case Investigations Assistance Unit within the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of assisting law enforcement agencies with solving applicable cold cases.

EHB 1209 **Controlled Substance Equipment**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Griffey, Fey

Final Status: C 66 L 23

Makes it a felony offense to possess, purchase, deliver, sell, or possess with intent to sell a tableting machine or encapsulating machine knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be used to manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance, other than cannabis, in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

HB 1290 **Tribal Police Training**

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Goodman, Ortiz-Self

Final Status: C 72 L 23

Requires tribal agencies with tribal officer certification agreements with the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) to reimburse the CJTC for 25 percent of the cost of training its personnel. Provides that tribes without current written tribal officer certification agreements with the CJTC must pay the CJTC the full cost of providing such training.

EHB 1324 **Prior Juvenile Offenses**

Sponsors: Hackney, Senn, Simmons

Final Status: C 415 L 23

Excludes certain juvenile dispositions from offender score calculations.

HB 1345 **Department of Corrections/Costs of Privileges**

Sponsors: Farivar, Senn, Simmons

Final Status: C 177 L 23

Removes extended family visitation from the list of the Department of Corrections (DOC) capital costs of providing privileges for which incarcerated individuals must contribute. Provides that the DOC may require incarcerated individuals to contribute to the cost of specific privileges designated by the DOC to ensure that incarcerated individuals contribute a portion of the DOC's costs directly associated with providing designated privileges.

ESHB 1369 **Fish and Wildlife Officers**

Sponsors: Griffey, Bronoske, Riccelli

Final Status: C 250 L 23

Allows Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) officers to engage in off-duty private law enforcement employment. Requires the WDFW law enforcement Chief to adopt guidelines for such employment. Requires certain training and tribal permission prior to employment on certain tribal lands. Specifies the state is not liable for tortious conduct by off-duty WDFW officers.

2SHB 1470 **Private Detention Facilities**

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self, Chopp, Simmons

Final Status: C 419 L 23

Requires the Department of Health to adopt health and sanitation rules for private detention facilities and to conduct inspections. Specifies operational standards for facilities that contract with a governmental agency for contracts enacted or amended after January 1, 2023. Creates a private right of action and civil penalties for violations. Creates a penalty account and allows the Office of the Attorney General to enforce violations. Exempts certain types of facilities from rules, inspections, operational standards, and enforcement. Subjects private detention facilities to the Public Records Act.

SHB 1501 **Family Counseling/Homicide**

Sponsors: Steele, Caldier, Santos

Final Status: C 152 L 23

Allows the Crime Victims Compensation Program to provide more than 12 counseling sessions to the immediate family members of a homicide victim.

HB 1512 **Missing Persons**

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Orwall, Simmons

Final Status: C 212 L 23

Requires the Office of the Attorney General to publish and maintain a Missing Persons Toolkit that contains regularly updated information related to locating and recovering missing persons.

HB 1564 Over-the-Counter Sexual Assault Kits

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Orwall, Chambers

Final Status: C 296 L 23

Prohibits the sale, offering for sale, or provision of sexual assault kits in specified circumstances, including when marketed or presented as over-the-counter, self-collected, or as capable of being used for the collection of evidence of sexual assault without the involvement of law enforcement or health care providers. Allows for enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act.

HB 1696 Stalking-Related Offenses

Sponsors: Davis, Mosbrucker, Orwall

Final Status: C 461 L 23

Modifies the conduct that constitutes the crime of Stalking and certain conditions and exceptions related to Stalking. Repeals the crime of Cyberstalking.

E2SHB 1715 Domestic Violence

Sponsors: Davis, Mosbrucker, Duerr

Final Status: C 462 L 23

Requires the adoption of rules on electronic monitoring with victim notification technology. Requires the development of plans to expand access to attorneys for victims of domestic violence in state and tribal courts. Makes changes to civil protection orders. Makes changes to provisions regarding crimes of domestic violence. Makes changes to the firearms or dangerous weapons surrender process. Makes changes to the Address Confidentiality Program and personal financial affairs reports filed with the Public Disclosure Commission. Creates a pilot program for domestic violence high-risk teams. Requires the creation of a plan to establish a Center of Excellence in Research, Policy, and Practice to Reduce Domestic Violence at the University of Washington. Expands training for law enforcement and judicial officers regarding domestic violence.

SSB 5033 Custodial Sexual Misconduct

Sponsors: Padden, Van De Wege, Dhingra

Final Status: C 7 L 23

Reclassifies the offense of Custodial Sexual Misconduct in the first degree from a class C felony to a class B felony, and increases the seriousness level from V to VII. Reclassifies the offense of Custodial Sexual Misconduct in the second degree from a gross misdemeanor to a class C felony, and ranks the offense as a seriousness level V offense.

SB 5070 Nonfatal Strangulation

Sponsors: Nobles, Dhingra, Frame

Final Status: C 108 L 23

Strikes the June 30, 2023, expiration date for the Crime Victim's Compensation Program coverage of forensic examinations of domestic violence nonfatal strangulation victims.

SSB 5081 **Victim Notification**

Sponsors: Nobles, Trudeau, Dhingra

Final Status: C 391 L 23

Expands the crimes that require the Department of Corrections to provide victims and witnesses with notification when certain incarcerated individuals are released or escape. Exempts notifications from public disclosure.

SSB 5101 **Department of Corrections Medical Placements**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Warnick, Dhingra

Final Status: C 358 L 23

Modifies the eligibility criteria and electronic monitoring requirements for an extraordinary medical placement granted by the Department of Corrections.

SB 5131 **Commissary Funds**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Frame, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 111 L 23

Provides that money received by the Department of Corrections on behalf of an incarcerated person from family or other outside sources for the purchase of commissary items is exempt from certain deductions.

2SSB 5134 **Reentry Services and Supports**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Dhingra, Frame

Final Status: C 467 L 23
Partial Veto

Requires that the money provided to an individual for subsistence upon the individual's release from confinement be no less than \$40. Requires the Department of Corrections to develop an individual discharge plan and provide specified reentry services within one year prior to any incarcerated individual's release or discharge.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section that requires the Department of Corrections to develop an individual discharge plan and provide specified reentry services within one year prior to any incarcerated individual's release or discharge, and vetoes the intent section.

ESB 5352 **Vehicular Pursuits**

Sponsors: Lovick, MacEwen, Cleveland

Final Status: C 235 L 23

Modifies the evidentiary threshold required for engaging in a vehicular pursuit by allowing an officer to conduct the pursuit if there is reasonable suspicion of a violent offense, sex offense, Vehicular Assault, Assault involving domestic violence, Escape, or Driving Under the Influence offense. Limits pursuits to situations where the subject of the pursuit poses a serious risk of harm to others. Modifies certain pursuit requirements related to supervisory authorization and control, and establishes new requirements related to direct communication with specified entities, the development of a plan to end the pursuit, and the pursuing officer's training and certifications.

SSB 5453 **Female Genital Mutilation**

Sponsors: Keiser, Dhingra, Cleveland

Final Status: C 122 L 23

Establishes a civil cause of action for victims of female genital mutilation (FGM). Makes it unprofessional conduct for a health care professional to perform FGM on a minor and requires the Department of Health to establish an education program to prevent FGM. Includes FGM in the definition of child "abuse or neglect." Creates the crime of Female Genital Mutilation.

2SSB 5502 **Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

Sponsors: Gildon, Boehnke, Torres

Final Status: C 405 L 23

Requires the Department of Corrections to assess incarcerated individuals for a substance use disorder prior to participation in the graduated reentry program and assist individuals in enrolling in treatment. Requires monthly reports identifying the number of individuals assessed with a substance use disorder and the type of treatment provided.

2E2SSB 5536 **Controlled Substances**

Sponsors: Robinson, Lovick, Rolfes

Final Status: C 1 L 23 E1

Modifies certain prohibitions under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and related provisions of state law, including by modifying the conduct that constitutes certain drug possession offenses and the related penalties, and establishing new offenses. Modifies the scope of the civil infraction for giving or selling drug paraphernalia, and establishes the state's preemption of drug paraphernalia regulation, subject to certain exceptions. Establishes a pretrial diversion opportunity for persons charged with a qualifying offense. Requires the court to vacate a person's conviction for a qualifying offense if the person either completes a substance use disorder program or substantially complies with certain treatment and services for six months. Repeals the requirement that law enforcement offer a person who would otherwise be subject to arrest for qualifying offenses two referrals to assessment and services prior to booking the person into jail and referring the case for prosecution. Requires the Washington State Patrol, beginning January 1, 2025, to aim to analyze evidence submitted for suspected violations of certain drug possession offenses within 45 days of receiving the request. Establishes new programs and services and modifies the scope of existing programs and services related to substance use disorder outreach, treatment, recovery, and data reporting.

ESB 5623 **Hate Crimes**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Conway, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 52 L 23

Modifies the conduct that constitutes a Hate Crime offense to include when a person maliciously and intentionally assaults a victim because of the person's perception of certain characteristics about the victim. Modifies the circumstances where a trier of fact may infer that a person intended to threaten a victim to include when the person defaces property with a Nazi emblem, symbol, or Hakenkreuz. Provides that a Hate Crime offense is a crime against persons.

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[HB 1017](#) **Cosmetologists, etc/Licenses**

Sponsors: Ryu, Leavitt, Chambers

Final Status: C 55 L 23

Permits a cosmetologist, hair designer, barber, manicurist, or esthetician seeking licensure to register for or take their final examination before completing their instruction if within 100 hours of completion.

[ESHB 1051](#) **Robocalls & Telephone Scams**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Walen, Simmons

Final Status: C 103 L 23

Prohibits a person from assisting in the transmission of a telephone solicitation using an automatic dialing and announcing device. Prohibits a person from initiating a telephone solicitation to a telephone number on the federal do not call registry or that violates federal law which prohibits misleading or inaccurate caller identification information. Makes violations of the Telephone Solicitation Act and violations on the use of an automatic dialing and announcing device to make a commercial solicitation subject to the Consumer Protection Act. Permits persons injured by a commercial solicitation by an automatic dialing and announcing device to bring civil action to enjoin further violations and recover actual damages or \$1,000 per violation, whichever is greater.

[SHB 1060](#) **Mutual Insurer Reorganization**

Sponsors: Corry, Berry, Walen

Final Status: C 20 L 23

Permits a mutual insurer to reorganize into a mutual holding company. Establishes a mutual holding company structure, outlines the steps required for a mutual insurer to convert to a mutual holding company, and establishes reorganization plan requirements. Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to review and approve all potential mutual insurer reorganizations.

[HB 1061](#) **Insurance Producer Education**

Sponsors: Ryu, Corry, Reeves

Final Status: C 21 L 23

Eliminates preclicensing education requirements for insurance producer license applicants.

[HB 1082](#) **Physical Therapist & Occupational Therapist Service Corporations**

Sponsors: Simmons, Jacobsen, Goodman

Final Status: C 60 L 23

Permits physical therapists and occupational therapists to share an ownership interest in a health care practice with other health care professionals, rather than only within their scope of practice.

HB 1120 **Annuity Transactions**

Sponsors: Reeves, Corry, Ryu

Final Status: C 64 L 23

Adopts a best interest standard of conduct for producers and insurers recommending and selling annuities based on model guidelines adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Establishes four areas of obligation that a producer owes to consumers and sets forth regulations for each: care, disclosure, conflict of interest, and documentation. Expands safe harbor provisions to any producer that is regulated as a broker-dealer, investment advisor, or plan fiduciary.

SHB 1266 **Insurance Commissioner/Email**

Sponsors: Santos, Corry, Reeves

Final Status: C 27 L 23

Establishes new procedures the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) must follow to communicate with licensees by email. Creates a process by which licensees may obtain a refund of fines incurred for prior failures to respond to an email from the OIC.

HB 1301 **License Review & Reporting**

Sponsors: McClintock, Cheney

Final Status: C 412 L 23

Directs the Department of Licensing (DOL) to review and analyze 10 percent of professional licenses each year and complete a review of all licenses within 10 years and every 10 years thereafter. Requires the DOL to submit an annual report to the Legislature with recommendations as to whether the professional licenses reviewed should be terminated, continued, or modified.

ESHB 1311 **Credit Repair Services**

Sponsors: Reeves, Corry, Chapman

Final Status: C 144 L 23

Modifies the Credit Services Organization Act and adds additional definitions, regulations, and prohibited practices. Requires credit services organizations to receive a consumer's explicit written approval before using a consumer's signature for credit repair services. Requires credit services organizations to provide consumers with a notice about their rights and how to file complaints with the Attorney General. Specifies situations when a consumer reporting agency, creditor, or collection agency do not need to communicate with a credit services organization.

HB 1370 **Securities Whistleblowers**

Sponsors: Reeves, Corry, Reed

Final Status: C 149 L 23

Establishes the Whistleblower Award and Protection Act, which authorizes awards to whistleblowers who provide information regarding securities fraud and prohibits acts of retaliation against whistleblowers. Allows whistleblower awards to be paid from the Securities Prosecution Fund and increases the fund limit to \$1 million.

ESHB 1424 **Dogs & Cats/Consumers**

Sponsors: Berg, Walen, Simmons

Final Status: C 208 L 23

Permits a retail pet store in business before July 25, 2021, to sell dogs only if the retail pet store meets certain conditions. Requires retail pet stores to disclose certain information before the sale of a dog. Establishes penalties for retail pet stores who violate the requirements for selling dogs. Limits all dog breeders to possession of no more than 50 intact dogs over the age of 6 months at one time. Prohibits the use of consumer leases, retail installment transactions, and consumer loans for the purchase of a dog or cat.

EHB 1797 **Real Estate Appraisers**

Sponsors: Cheney, Goodman, Hutchins

Final Status: C 464 L 23

Requires the Department of Licensing to adopt rules to require education on valuation bias and fair housing laws and regulations as a part of both initial registration and licensure and continuing education standards for real estate appraisers. Permits a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser to perform evaluations of real estate for financial institutions as long as a disclaimer is provided.

SSB 5191 **Real Estate Agency**

Sponsors: Stanford, Dozier, Gildon

Final Status: C 318 L 23

Modifies the Washington Real Estate Agency laws by requiring certain disclosures and requiring a written services agreement between a real estate firm and a buyer. Provides that certain legal duties of real estate brokers apply to all parties to the transaction. Modifies the Washington real estate brokerage pamphlet to include changes to the law and improvements in readability.

SSB 5261 **Cemetery Authority Deadlines**

Sponsors: Braun

Final Status: C 185 L 23

Makes licenses, endorsements, certificates, and permits related to cemeteries, prearrangement certificates, and burial or scattering of human remains expire on March 31 of each year, rather than January 31.

SB 5283 **Engineer Comity Applicants**

Sponsors: Van De Wege

Final Status: C 274 L 23

Requires the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to waive the fundamentals examination for out-of-state applicants for a certification of registration as a professional engineer or land surveyor if the applicant has met certain requirements.

SB 5319 Pet Insurance

Sponsors: Stanford, Dozier, Mullet

Final Status: C 42 L 23

Establishes certain requirements for selling and issuing pet insurance. Prohibits certain marketing practices for pet wellness programs. Requires pet insurers and insurance producers to be licensed and receive appropriate training before selling, soliciting, or negotiating a pet insurance product.

SSB 5399 Future Listing Contracts

Sponsors: Mullet, Dozier

Final Status: C 367 L 23

Establishes limits for contracts that obligate an owner of residential real estate to commit to a future real estate listing agreement. Makes future listing right purchase contracts subject to the Consumer Protection Act. Requires the Washington Real Estate Commission to convene a work group to examine practices regarding future listing right purchase contracts.

SSB 5542 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Rolfes, Fortunato

Final Status: C 125 L 23

Expands the definition of commercial metal property to include components of electric vehicle supply equipment made available for commercial or public use.

SSB 5720 Risk Mitigation

Sponsors: Stanford

Final Status: C 446 L 23

Allows property insurers to include specified risk mitigation and prevention goods and services as part of commercial property insurance policies. Increases the maximum value of specified goods and services that insurers can provide to an insured in a 12-month period.

SSB 5810 (2022) Legal Service Plans

Sponsors: Mullet, Dozier

Veto Override: C 3 L 23

Establishes that legal service contractors are not insurers and legal service plans are not insurance.

Please note: SSB 5810 was initially passed by the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor in 2022.

SJM 8001 National Infrastructure Bank

Sponsors: Hasegawa, Kuderer, Wellman

Final Status: SFiled Sec/St

Requests that the United States Congress pass and the President of the United States sign the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2021 or similar legislation.

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[2SHB 1013](#) **Regional Apprenticeship Programs**

Sponsors: Maycumber, Santos, Ybarra

Final Status: C 128 L 23

Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and Educational Service Districts to establish the Regional Apprenticeship Preparation Pilot Program (Program) with five program sites located statewide. Directs the OSPI, in collaboration with specified entities, to evaluate the Program and other issues and prepare a report by June 30, 2027. Extends the expiration date of the Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee to June 30, 2027.

[SHB 1015](#) **Paraeducator Requirements**

Sponsors: Santos, Ybarra, Bergquist

Final Status: C 19 L 23

Directs the Paraeducator Board to adopt, and set passing scores, for paraeducator assessments. Provides that paraeducators may meet certain minimum employment requirements by passing such an assessment.

[SHB 1207](#) **Harassment/Schools**

Sponsors: Senn, Rude, Fey

Final Status: C 242 L 23

Requires distribution of information about policies and complaint procedures related to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in public schools. Codifies requirements for the designation of a school's primary contact for compliance with nondiscrimination laws. Replaces the term "emergency expulsion" with "emergency removal" and permits certain students to request that their education record be revised to use the new term.

[HB 1230](#) **School Websites/Drug Information**

Sponsors: Callan, Harris, Thai

Final Status: C 173 L 23

Requires the Department of Health to post and periodically revise information on its website about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition. Requires school districts to post a prominent link on their homepage, and the homepage of each school within the district, to the information and to also make it accessible through other communication means. Makes comparable posting requirements for educational service districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools.

E2SHB 1238 **No-Charge School Meals**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Harris, Alvarado

Final Status: C 379 L 23

Requires school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to provide breakfast and lunch without charge to requesting students at qualifying schools serving kindergarten through grade 4. Phases in the meal provision requirements over two years, beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Requires school districts to implement breakfast programs in schools subject to the meal provision requirements. Repeals a requirement that public schools with an identified student percentage of less than 40 percent participate in the Community Eligibility Provision if permitted by federal law. Makes temporary modifications to funding provisions for the Learning Assistance Program and National Board Certification bonuses for school districts and schools subject to the meal provision requirements.

HB 1308 **Graduation Pathway Options**

Sponsors: Stonier, Dye, Ortiz-Self

Final Status: C 349 L 23

Establishes a performance-based learning experience graduation pathway. Establishes requirements for the pathway, including duties for the State Board of Education (SBE) and school districts. Directs school districts to annually provide students in grades eight through 12, and their parents or legal guardians, with information about the graduation pathway options offered by the district. Directs the SBE to review and monitor the implementation of graduation pathway options to ensure school district compliance with requirements.

2SHB 1316 **Dual Credit Program Access**

Sponsors: Paul, Ortiz-Self, Stonier

Final Status: C 350 L 23

Allows students participating in Running Start programs to be funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 full-time equivalents, including enrollment during the summer academic term. Limits state funding for Running Start students' summer enrollment to 10 college credits per student per summer academic term.

SHB 1346 **Purple Star Designation**

Sponsors: Shavers, Berry, Couture

Final Status: C 450 L 23

Establishes the Purple Star designation (designation) to recognize school districts that demonstrate educational and social-emotional supports to students of military service members. Establishes related administrative duties for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), including authorizing the OSPI to collaborate with a qualifying entity in administering the designation.

HB 1536 **High School Diplomas/Withholding**

Sponsors: Timmons, Harris, Bergquist

Final Status: C 384 L 23

Makes changes to the authority of school districts to withhold the diplomas of students who lose or willfully damage property, and modifies related reporting requirements. Requires community service by a student performed in lieu of the payment of monetary damages to be credited at the applicable local or state minimum wage, whichever is greater.

2SHB 1550 **Transition to Kindergarten**

Sponsors: Santos, Senn, Ortiz-Self

Final Status: C 420 L 23

Codifies and renames the Transitional Kindergarten Program as the Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) Program and declares that the TTK Program is not part of the state's statutory program of basic education. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to adopt rules for the administration and state funding of the TTK Program. Provides minimum requirements for the operation of TTK Programs by school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools. Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to make administrative changes to align state-funded early learning programs and then report to the Legislature.

HB 1622 **Students/Homelessness**

Sponsors: Fey, Rude, Simmons

Final Status: C 386 L 23

Makes various changes to provisions governing the state grant programs of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Department of Commerce for students who are experiencing homelessness, including aligning program goals, establishing common reporting requirements, and establishing examples of permitted expenditures for the OSPI program.

HB 1624 **Educational Service District Election Administration**

Sponsors: Ybarra, Waters

Final Status: C 83 L 23

Removes provisions requiring Educational Service District board member elections to be conducted only by mail.

SHB 1658 **Work Experience/High School Credit**

Sponsors: Shavers, Santos, Morgan

Final Status: C 154 L 23

Authorizes high school students aged 16 and over to earn up to two elective credits through paid work experience if specified requirements are met. Provides that proposals for earning elective high school credit through paid work experience may only be approved at high schools that provide students with the opportunity to learn and master the state financial education learning standards. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt and periodically revise rules to implement the elective credit through paid work experience provisions.

SHB 1701 **Institutional Education Programs**

Sponsors: Callan, Stonier, Simmons

Final Status: C 303 L 23

Makes the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI), beginning September 1, 2027, responsible for the delivery and oversight of basic education services to justice-involved students who are under the age of 21 and served through institutional education programs in facilities that are not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Social and Health Services or the Department of Corrections. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a timeline and plan for assuming the delineated basic education responsibilities. Establishes a Joint Select Committee on Governance and Funding for Institutional Education and directs it to examine and evaluate revisions to statutes and other provisions as necessary to assign the delineated basic education responsibilities to the SPI.

ESHB 1744 **Charter School Oversight**

Sponsors: Rude, Santos, Schmidt

Final Status: C 356 L 23

Makes various changes to provisions governing the administration and oversight of charter schools, including new and modified duties for charter schools, charter school boards, charter school authorizers, the Charter School Commission, and the State Board of Education.

SB 5065 **Bone Marrow Donation/Schools**

Sponsors: Short, Wellman, Lovick

Final Status: C 219 L 23

Encourages high schools to offer instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation in a health class necessary for graduation. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to post a link on its website to programs that provide bone marrow awareness instruction.

SSB 5072 **Highly Capable Students**

Sponsors: Nobles, Wellman, Hunt

Final Status: C 265 L 23

Requires school districts to conduct universal Highly Capable Program (HiCap Program) screenings to find students who need further assessment for potential placement in the HiCap Program. Establishes new requirements for the identification and placement of students who may be eligible for HiCap Program services. Modifies related data collection and reporting requirements for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

ESB 5175 **School Principal Contracts**

Sponsors: Wellman, Mullet, Hunt

Final Status: C 362 L 23

Permits the maximum duration of a school principal's contract to be extended from one to three years if specified requirements are met.

E2SSB 5243 **High School & Beyond Plans**

Sponsors: Wellman, Hunt, Kuderer

Final Status: C 271 L 23

Establishes new and revised requirements for High School and Beyond Plans (HSBPs). Prescribes duties for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) related to transitioning to a universal online HSBP platform (universal platform). Establishes numerous requirements for the universal platform. Requires school districts to transition to the universal platform within two years of its adoption. Directs the OSPI, after selection of the universal platform vendor, to recommend policy changes for transitioning the HSBP and the universal platform into more robust online learning platforms. Requires the State Board of Education to develop recommendations for modifying the HSBP to further support students in meeting graduation requirements and preparing for postsecondary education and training.

ESSB 5257 **Elementary School Recess**

Sponsors: Nobles, Wilson, C., Billig

Final Status: C 272 L 23

Requires public schools, beginning with the 2024-25 school year, to provide at least 30 minutes of daily recess for elementary school students. Directs the Washington State School Directors' Association, with the assistance of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to revise a model policy and procedure on nutrition, health, and physical education. Requires school districts to adopt or amend their policies and procedures to incorporate the revised model policy.

E2SSB 5315 **Special Education/Nonpublic Agencies**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Billig, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 436 L 23

Expands the duties of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) regarding authorizing, monitoring, and investigating specified entities that contract with school districts to provide special education services to students with disabilities. Modifies the required contract elements and other responsibilities of school districts and authorized entities. Requires the OSPI to report annually to the Legislature regarding student placement at authorized entities. Directs the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit of authorized entities and contracting school districts and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by November 30, 2026.

ESB 5355 Sex Trafficking Awareness & Prevention

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Kuderer, Lovelett

Final Status: C 328 L 23

Requires school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools, beginning no later than the 2025-26 school year, to offer students instruction in sex trafficking awareness and prevention. Provides that the instruction may be offered beginning in grade 7 and that each student must be offered the instruction at least once before completing grade 12. Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), subject to funding provisions, to review curricula related to the awareness and prevention of sex trafficking. Requires the OSPI, to the extent practicable, to make curricular resources related to the awareness and prevention of sex trafficking available in a library of openly licensed courseware. Establishes the Child Sexual Abuse and Sex Trafficking Prevention and Identification Public-Private Partnership Account and specifies permitted expenditures from the account.

SB 5403 School Depreciation Subfunds

Sponsors: Schoesler, Wellman, Torres

Final Status: C 402 L 23

Requires school districts with fewer than 2,000 students to establish a depreciation subfund to reserve funds for facility and equipment needs, and establishes limits on deposits into the subfund.

2SSB 5593 Student Data Sharing Agreements

Sponsors: Liias, Holy, Mullet

Final Status: C 406 L 23

Requires the state's public institutions of higher education to enter into student data-sharing agreements with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for purposes of informing students about postsecondary educational opportunities. Permits certain minority-serving private institutions of higher education to enter into the student data sharing agreements with the OSPI. Requires school districts to annually transmit directory information for high school students to the OSPI and directs the OSPI to make that information available in accordance with the data-sharing agreements.

SSB 5617 Career & Technical Education Courses

Sponsors: Wellman, Nguyen, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 407 L 23

Requires agreements for the operation and governance of skill centers to stipulate that approved state and local equivalency career and technical education (CTE) courses offered by the host school district must be honored as equivalency courses by all districts participating in the skill center. Requires approved local or state equivalency CTE courses offered at a skill center, satellite skill center, or branch campus to be offered for academic credit to all students participating in courses at those sites. Establishes notification requirements for schools regarding student opportunities to meet graduation requirements through CTE equivalency courses. Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a technical working group to develop a course equivalency crosswalk for technology-based competitive student activities and to update a list of approved curriculum frameworks based on the work of the technical working group.

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[ESHB 1033](#) **Compostable Product Usage**

Sponsors: Walen, Ryu, Reed

Final Status: C 236 L 23

Requires the Department of Ecology to contract with a facilitator to convene a stakeholder advisory committee regarding development of compostable product management standards for organic materials management facilities. Requires the facilitator to submit a report with recommendations to the Legislature by September 15, 2024.

[SHB 1047](#) **Cosmetic Product Chemicals**

Sponsors: Mena, Ryu, Berry

Final Status: C 455 L 23

Restricts the manufacture, sale, and distribution of cosmetic products containing nine chemicals or classes of chemicals, beginning January 1, 2025. Directs the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to perform a hazard assessment for chemicals in cosmetic products that can serve similar functions in cosmetic products to the restricted chemicals. Directs Ecology to implement safer cosmetic product initiatives to support small businesses that manufacture cosmetic products and to support independent cosmetologists and small cosmetology businesses.

[SHB 1085](#) **Plastic Pollution**

Sponsors: Mena, Bateman, Reed

Final Status: C 135 L 23

Prohibits the sale, distribution, and installation of certain plastic foam overwater structures and of plastic foam blocks and floats used in overwater structures. Prohibits lodging establishments from providing personal health or beauty products in certain plastic containers or wrappers. Requires any construction in which a drinking fountain is required under the International Building Code to also require a bottle filling station for each required drinking fountain.

[SHB 1117](#) **Power Supply Inadequacy**

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Dye, Leavitt

Final Status: C 200 L 23

Extends the requirement for the Department of Commerce and the Utilities and Transportation Commission to convene energy resource adequacy stakeholder meetings from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2031. Requires the 2023 energy resource adequacy stakeholder meeting to specifically address the risk of rolling blackouts and inadequacy events, discuss how proposed laws and regulations may require new state policy for resource adequacy, and identify incentives to enhance and ensure resource adequacy.

E2SHB 1170 Climate Response Strategy

Sponsors: Street, Couture, Berry

Final Status: C 169 L 23

Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to update the state's Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy (Strategy) by September 30, 2024, and every four years thereafter. Requires Ecology to provide recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding funding and implementation of the Strategy. Expands Ecology's collaboration and engagement requirements with regard to updating the Strategy, including working with the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group. Modifies the scope of content that must be contained within the Strategy. Requires Ecology to coordinate a state response to climate resilience-related federal funding opportunities. Requires the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group to provide an examination of existing best practices and new methods to measure and evaluate climate change resilience to the Legislature by June 1, 2024.

ESHB 1173 Light Pollution

Sponsors: Connors, Klicker, Rude

Final Status: C 344 L 23

Partial Veto

Requires new and existing wind energy facilities to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration to install a light pollution mitigation system.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the provision that provided authority for counties to adopt specifications for light mitigating technology systems for wind energy facilities and vetoes the section containing the emergency clause.

ESHB 1175 Petroleum Storage Tanks

Sponsors: Doglio, Dye, Leavitt

Final Status: C 170 L 23

Directs the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) to establish and administer a state financial assurance program (program) for owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks. Establishes payment limits for remedial actions and for compensating third parties under the program. Authorizes the PLIA to take specified actions in order to implement the program, including conducting remedial actions and adopting rules. Changes the rate of the Petroleum Products Tax from .15 percent to .30 percent.

SHB 1213 Wipe Labeling

Sponsors: Ybarra, Fitzgibbon, Ramel

Final Status: C 172 L 23

Delays the compliance deadline for labeling requirements for nonwoven disposable wipes that are also regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Clarifies that nonflushable, nonwoven disposable wipes that were manufactured prior to July 1, 2022, may be sold so long as the product is labeled consistent with requirements.

E2SHB 1216 **Clean Energy Siting**

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Berry

Final Status: C 230 L 23

Establishes an Interagency Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council to be co-chaired by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Department of Commerce (Commerce). Directs Commerce to establish a new program for the designation of Clean Energy Projects of Statewide Significance. Makes certain clean energy projects eligible for a fully coordinated permitting process to be overseen by Ecology. Amends provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for certain types of clean energy projects. Directs Ecology to prepare nonproject EISs for solar energy projects, onshore wind energy projects, green electrolytic or renewable hydrogen projects, and any co-located battery storage. Directs the Washington State University Energy Program to conduct a pumped storage siting process. Directs Commerce to study and report on rural clean energy and resilience. Changes the name of the Joint Committee on Energy Supply, Energy Conservation, and Energy Resilience, and requires the committee to review and report on rural clean energy and resilience.

SHB 1236 **Clean Fuel/Public Transportation**

Sponsors: Hackney, Abbarno, Senn

Final Status: C 234 L 23

Authorizes all public transit agencies to produce, use, sell, or distribute green electrolytic hydrogen and renewable hydrogen, and to own and operate related pipelines and dispensing facilities for transportation fuel.

ESHB 1329 **Utility Shutoffs/Heat**

Sponsors: Mena, Alvarado, Berry

Final Status: C 105 L 23

Prohibits utilities and landlords from involuntarily terminating water or electric service to any residential user during days for which the National Weather Service has issued certain heat-related alerts. Requires electric and water utilities and landlords to promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to a dwelling upon receipt of a request to reconnect utility service for a day in which the National Weather Service has issued certain heat-related alerts. Authorizes electric and water utilities and landlords, in connection with a request to reconnect service for a day for which a heat alert has been issued, to require the residential user to enter into a payment plan prior to reconnecting service to the dwelling.

2SHB 1390 **District Energy Systems**

Sponsors: Ramel, Berry, Duerr

Final Status: C 291 L 23

Requires owners of state campus district energy systems to submit decarbonization plans to the Department of Commerce by June 30, 2025, and every five years thereafter. Establishes an alternative compliance pathway to meet the state energy performance standard for an owner of a state campus district energy system if the owner meets certain criteria. Provides owners of non-state owned campus district energy systems the option to pursue the alternative compliance pathway.

HB 1416 **Consumer-Owned Utilities**

Sponsors: Doglio, Ramel, Berry

Final Status: C 233 L 23

Extends the affected market customer provisions of the Clean Energy Transformation Act to market customers of consumer-owned utilities.

HB 1544 **Shoreline Program Review**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Tharinger, Pollet

Final Status: C 80 L 23

Increases the review and revision cycle for Shoreline Master Programs from eight to 10 years. Extends by one year the date by which the next round of Shoreline Master Program reviews and revisions are due.

ESHB 1758 **Hatchery Maintenance Permits**

Sponsors: Mena, Fitzgibbon, Chapman

Final Status: C 305 L 23

Exempts certain fish hatchery maintenance activities undertaken by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, a federally recognized Indian tribe, a public utility district, or a municipal utility from Shoreline Management Act permits, variances, and local government review.

SHB 1779 **Toxic Air Pollution**

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Dye, Pollet

Final Status: C 310 L 23

Establishes an interagency carbon monoxide workgroup to report on state activities to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, and to make recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2024.

SB 5104 **Marine Shoreline Habitat**

Sponsors: Salomon, Rolfes, Liias

Final Status: C 465 L 23

Directs the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to conduct a baseline survey of Puget Sound marine shorelines and a survey to document and map existing shoreline conditions. Requires Ecology to update marine surveys of Puget Sound shorelines on a regular two-year cycle. Requires Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to each maintain a record of all civil or criminal investigations or enforcement actions in which Ecology or the WDFW, respectively, is a participant, that utilize georeferenced imagery or surveys produced pursuant to the act.

E2SSB 5144 **Batteries/Environment**

Sponsors: Stanford, Nguyen, Cleveland

Final Status: C 434 L 23

Requires the producers of certain batteries to participate in a stewardship organization that plans and provides for battery collection and end-of-life management, beginning January 1, 2027, for portable batteries and January 1, 2029, for medium-sized batteries. Directs the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to assess the opportunities and challenges of managing batteries other than covered portable and medium-sized batteries by October 2027. Directs Ecology to report policy recommendations to the Legislature related to the collection and management of electric vehicle batteries by April 2024. Prohibits retailers from selling covered batteries whose producers do not participate in an approved stewardship plan. Requires battery stewardship organizations implementing a stewardship plan to establish performance goals, follow program funding criteria, meet collection and management standards, conduct public education and outreach, and report on program operations to Ecology. Establishes battery disposal and labeling requirements.

SSB 5165 **Electric Transmission Planning**

Sponsors: Nguyen, Mullet, Boehnke

Final Status: C 229 L 23

Requires electric utility Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) to include a 20-year, rather than 10-year, forecast of regional generation and transmission capacity. Adds to IRP transmission assessment requirements. Requires electric utilities to consider conditional firm transmission services when planning and selecting renewable resources. Requires electric utilities to consult with specified entities to plan and develop transmission capacity, and encourages utilities to engage in statewide, multiutility, and interstate transmission planning processes. Requires the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to oversee the siting of certain larger transmission facilities. Directs the EFSEC to prepare nonproject Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for certain larger transmission facilities, and specifies how lead agencies may use these nonproject EISs for a specific project.

SB 5287 **Wind Turbine Blade Recycling**

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Nguyen, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 324 L 23

Requires the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Energy Program to conduct a study on the feasibility of recycling wind turbine blades installed in facilities in Washington. Requires the WSU Energy Extension Program to submit a report of its findings to the Legislature by December 1, 2023.

SB 5369 **Polychlorinated Biphenyls**

Sponsors: Billig, Padden, Short

Final Status: C 399 L 23

Directs the Department of Ecology to petition the United States Environmental Protection Agency to reassess its manufacturing process regulations on polychlorinated biphenyls under the federal Toxic Substances Control Act.

[ESSB 5447](#)

Alternative Jet Fuel

Sponsors: Billig, King, Nguyen

Final Status: C 232 L 23

Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to allow one or more carbon intensity pathways for alternative jet fuel by December 31, 2023. Requires the University of Washington, in collaboration with Washington State University, to calculate emissions of ultrafine and fine particulate matter and sulfur dioxides for alternative jet fuels used from certain international airports. Creates a preferential business and occupation (B&O) tax rate of 0.275 percent for the manufacturing and wholesaling of alternative jet fuels. Establishes a B&O and public utilities tax credit for certain sales and purchases of alternative jet fuel. Provides that the tax incentives begin when there are one or more facilities operating in the state with a cumulative production capacity of at least 20 million gallons of alternative jet fuel per year.

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[HB 1018](#) **Hog Fuel/Tax Exemption**

Sponsors: Tharinger, Chapman, Orcutt

Final Status: C 341 L 23

Extends the sales and use tax exemption for hog fuel from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2034.

[SHB 1163](#) **Leasehold Tax/Arenas**

Sponsors: Fey

Final Status: C 343 L 23

Provides an exemption from the state leasehold excise tax for public or entertainment areas of a qualified arena until January 1, 2024.

[SHB 1254](#) **Periodic Adjustments/Department of Revenue**

Sponsors: Street, Reed, Ramel

Final Status: C 68 L 23

Replaces and updates annual statutory inflationary adjustments.

[HB 1265](#) **Adult Family Homes/Property Tax**

Sponsors: Ramos, Goehner, Chapman

Final Status: C 69 L 23

Modifies the property tax exemption for property owned by a nonprofit entity used as an adult family home for the developmentally disabled to allow the exemption to be claimed whether the services are provided by a nonprofit or another licensed provider.

[HB 1303](#) **Property Tax Administration**

Sponsors: Street, Ramel, Reed

Final Status: C 28 L 23

Allows the Department of Revenue to convert a taxpayer's property tax appeal from informal to formal under additional circumstances. Aligns valuation dates for government-owned property. Provides that a correction of a levy error that is not the fault of the taxing district may exceed the levy's statutory maximum. Allows a taxing district to preserve its existing levy capacity when merging with another district.

[SHB 1318](#) **Aircraft Maintenance/Tax**

Sponsors: Ormsby, Springer, Volz

Final Status: C 414 L 23

Modifies the definition of an eligible maintenance repair operator for the sales and use tax exemption for the construction of new buildings at an aircraft repair station certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

SHB 1355 **Property Tax Exemptions**

Sponsors: Wylie, Slatter, Orcutt

Final Status: C 147 L 23

Expands qualification for the senior citizen, disabled individuals, and qualifying veterans property tax relief (SPTE) program by increasing the income thresholds. Makes adjustments to income thresholds for specified property tax relief programs every three years. Allows individuals to continue to qualify for the SPTE program if their income increases as the result of certain cost of living adjustments for tax year 2024.

SHB 1431 **Senior Living Meals/Tax**

Sponsors: Timmons, Stokesbary, Springer

Final Status: C 416 L 23

Excludes food, drink, or meals provided by a senior living community to tenants as part of a rental or residency agreement from the definition of a "retail sale" for purposes of taxation. Changes the business and occupation taxation classification of food, drink, or meals provided by a senior living community from the retailing activity classification to the service activity classification.

2SHB 1477 **Working Families' Tax Credit**

Sponsors: Thai, Street, Doglio

Final Status: C 456 L 23

Allows individuals filing as "married filing separately" to qualify for the Working Families' Tax Credit. Permits individuals to apply for any Working Families' Tax Credit payments for which they were eligible but did not claim, for up to three years. Requires the Department of Revenue to submit a biennial report to the Legislature containing relevant data about Working Families' Tax Credit program administration.

HB 1527 **Tax Increment Financing**

Sponsors: Wylie, Sandlin, Duerr

Final Status: C 354 L 23

Defines the term "real property" for local tax increment financing areas. Clarifies notice requirements. Provides local taxing districts with authority to increase their property tax levy capacity for increases in assessed value in certain situations.

HB 1573 **Dairy, etc. Tax Preferences**

Sponsors: Rule, Corry, Timmons

Final Status: C 422 L 23

Extends the expiration date of business and occupation tax preferences for dairy, fruit and vegetable, and seafood processors from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2035.

SHB 1711 **Internet Projects/Tribes**

Sponsors: Chapman, Tharinger, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 355 L 23

Provides a state sales and use tax exemption for internet and telecommunications infrastructure projects involving a federally recognized Indian tribe.

HB 1742 **Nontax Statutes/Department of Revenue**

Sponsors: Wylie

Final Status: C 258 L 23

Authorizes the Department of Revenue to: waive a delinquency fee for business licenses; waive a late penalty for businesses reporting unclaimed property; and enter into settlement agreements with unclaimed property holders.

SHB 1756 **Energy/Tax**

Sponsors: Ramel, Klicker, Duerr

Final Status: C 427 L 23

Provides an exemption from the state property tax levy for personal property used to generate renewable energy and owned by a qualified taxpayer. Imposes a production excise tax on the nameplate capacity of qualified renewable energy generating systems. Creates the Renewable Energy Local Benefit Account.

SHB 1764 **Asphalt & Aggregates Valuation**

Sponsors: Wylie, Orcutt

Final Status: C 307 L 23

Establishes a valuation method for asphalt and aggregates manufactured or extracted by providers of public road construction and adds a public road construction market adjustment of 5 percent.

EHB 1812 **Medicaid/B&O Tax Deductions**

Sponsors: Springer, Stokesbary, Chopp

Final Status: C 313 L 23

Updates the business and occupation tax deduction for Medicaid delivery reform incentive payments to capture Medicaid transformation project funding and subsequent project iterations.

SB 5166 **Cooperative Finance Organizations B&O**

Sponsors: Boehnke, Mullet, Conway

Final Status: C 317 L 23

Reauthorizes the business and occupation tax deduction for loan repayments received by cooperative finance organizations from rural electric cooperatives or other utility nonprofit or governmental utility providers.

E2SSB 5199 **Newspaper Publishers/Tax**

Sponsors: Mullet, Conway, Dozier

Final Status: C 286 L 23

Replaces the current preferential business and occupation (B&O) tax rate of 0.35 percent for newspapers with a 10-year B&O tax exemption. Provides a 10-year B&O tax exemption for eligible digital content.

SSB 5218 **Mobility Enhancing Equipment/Tax**

Sponsors: Padden, Mullet, Torres

Final Status: C 319 L 23

Exempts mobility enhancing equipment from retail sales and use tax for complex needs patients.

SSB 5565 **Tax & Revenue Laws**

Sponsors: Schoesler, Rolfes, Dozier

Final Status: C 374 L 23

Partial Veto

Makes several administrative and technical changes to state tax and licensing codes.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes sections to eliminate duplicated numerical clarifications.

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[2SHB 1039](#) **Intramuscular Needling**

Sponsors: Macri, Harris, Corry

Final Status: C 198 L 23

Establishes an endorsement authorizing physical therapists to perform intramuscular needling.

[ESHB 1073](#) **Medical Assistants**

Sponsors: Harris, Tharinger, Ryu

Final Status: C 134 L 23

Extends the expiration of a medical assistant-certified interim permit to the date a medical assistant-certified certification is issued. Allows an applicant for a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential or a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential to work for a period of up to 180 days after filing their application if certain criteria are met. Makes changes to the authorized duties of a medical assistant-certified and a medical assistant-registered.

[E2SHB 1134](#) **988 System**

Sponsors: Orwall, Bronoske, Peterson

Final Status: C 454 L 23

Establishes an endorsement for and a performance program to support mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams that meet staffing, vehicle, and training standards. Directs the University of Washington to develop recommendations for the creation of crisis workforce and resilience training collaboratives to offer voluntary regional trainings for personnel in the behavioral health crisis system. Directs the Department of Health to develop informational materials and a social media campaign to promote the 988 crisis hotline and related crisis lines. Establishes liability protection for several entities and personnel for activities related to the dispatching decisions of 988 crisis hotline staff and the transfer of calls between the 911 line and the 988 crisis hotline.

[2SHB 1168](#) **Prenatal Substance Exposure**

Sponsors: Simmons, Ramel, Callan

Final Status: C 288 L 23

Expands the scope of the Fetal Alcohol Exposure Interagency Agreement to include exposure to prenatal substances other than alcohol, and adds the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) as a party to the agreement. Directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) to contract with a provider with expertise in comprehensive prenatal exposure treatment by January 1, 2024, and up to three providers statewide by January 1, 2025. Requires the HCA to consult with specified stakeholders and submit recommendations to the Legislature on ways to increase access to diagnoses, treatment, services, and supports by June 1, 2024.

ESHB 1222 **Hearing Instruments Coverage**

Sponsors: Orwall, Simmons, Reeves

Final Status: C 245 L 23

Requires nongrandfathered large group health plans to provide coverage for hearing instruments and associated services. Modifies the coverage for hearing instruments and associated services that health plans offered to public employees must provide.

SHB 1247 **Music Therapists**

Sponsors: Reed, Harris, Mena

Final Status: C 175 L 23

Establishes music therapists as a new health profession licensed by the Department of Health to provide clinical and evidence-based music interventions. Creates the Music Therapy Advisory Committee within the Department of Health to provide expertise on practice standards and professional responsibilities for music therapists.

SHB 1255 **Health Care Professionals SUD Program**

Sponsors: Simmons, Harris, Peterson

Final Status: C 141 L 23

Prohibits the Department of Health and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (Nursing Commission) from posting information on a public website regarding an enforcement action taken against an individual licensed by the Nursing Commission if the individual has complied with an agreement or order requiring the individual to contact or participate in a substance use disorder monitoring program. Establishes a stipend program for individuals participating in the Nursing Commission's approved substance use disorder monitoring program.

SHB 1275 **Athletic Trainers**

Sponsors: Thai, Harris, Riccelli

Final Status: C 143 L 23

Modifies the authorization for athletic trainers to purchase, store, and administer certain medications. Modifies the definitions of athlete, athletic injury, and athletic trainer.

ESHB 1340 **Health Professions/Conduct**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Thai, Berry

Final Status: C 192 L 23

Establishes that participation in reproductive health care services or gender affirming treatment by health care providers does not constitute "unprofessional conduct" under the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA) and may not serve as the basis for professional discipline, with some exceptions. Establishes that a conviction or disciplinary action based on a health care provider's violation of another state's laws prohibiting participation in such services or treatment does not constitute "unprofessional conduct" under the UDA and may not serve as the basis for professional discipline, with some exceptions.

E2SHB 1357 **Prior Authorization/Health**

Sponsors: Simmons, Schmick, Stonier

Final Status: C 382 L 23

Establishes requirements for the prior authorization process for private health insurance, Public Employee Benefit Board and School Employee Benefit Board health programs, and Medicaid programs related to time frames for decisions, electronic authorization standards, and communication requirements. Expands the reporting requirements of health carriers related to prior authorization information to include prescription drug data.

SHB 1435 **Home Care Safety Net Assess**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Taylor, Bateman

Final Status: C 209 L 23

Requires consumer-directed employers and in-home services agencies to submit specified financial information to the Department of Health to inform the development of a home care safety net assessment to secure federal matching funds under the state's Medicaid plan. Establishes the Home Care Safety Net Assessment Work Group to develop the home care safety net assessment proposal.

2SHB 1452 **Medical Reserve Corps**

Sponsors: Timmons, Harris, Simmons

Final Status: C 210 L 23

Establishes the State Emergency Medical Reserve Corps within the Department of Health.

ESHB 1466 **Dental Auxiliaries**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Leavitt, Morgan

Final Status: C 211 L 23

Modifies the initial limited license for dental hygienists by extending the expiration to five years, changing the name to an initial temporary license, and removing the requirement that an initial temporary license applicant be currently engaged in active practice in another state or Canadian province.

E2SHB 1515 **Behavioral Health Contracts**

Sponsors: Macri, Davis, Simmons

Final Status: C 292 L 23

Requires the Health Care Authority's managed care procurement and contracting process for behavioral health services to include: the adoption of regional standards for behavioral health networks maintained by managed care organizations; behavioral health provider participation in the process; and the evaluation of options to reduce provider administrative burden.

HB 1626 **Colorectal Screening Tests**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Rude, Ryu

Final Status: C 299 L 23

Requires medical assistance programs to cover noninvasive preventive colorectal cancer screening tests that have a grade of either A or B from the United States Preventive Services Task Force, as well as colonoscopies performed as a result of a positive test result.

ESHB 1678 **Dental Therapists**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Lekanoff, Stonier

Final Status: C 460 L 23

Establishes the profession of dental therapy and sets the requirements for licensure, the scope of practice, and the settings in which dental therapists can practice. Allows a dental therapist to supervise dental hygienists, expanded function dental auxiliaries, and dental assistants.

SHB 1683 **Dental Only Coverage**

Sponsors: Barnard, Macri, Harris

Final Status: C 216 L 23

Requires health carriers offering dental-only coverage to permit licensed denturists to provide covered dental services or care within the denturist's scope of practice, subject to certain limitations.

E2SHB 1694 **Home Care Workforce Shortage**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Tharinger, Berry

Final Status: C 424 L 23

Expands timelines for long-term care workers seeking certification as a home care aide. Expands the list of family members who are exempt from having to become home care aides and reduces the training requirements for these caregivers. Exempts certain home care aides and nursing assistants whose licensing credentials have expired from paying late fees or renewal fees. Directs the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to study the feasibility and cost of paying caregivers who are the parents of medically complex children under 18 years old or the spouses or registered domestic partners of a person with complex medical needs.

2SHB 1745 **Diversity in Clinical Trials**

Sponsors: Thai, Duerr, Doglio

Final Status: C 426 L 23

Requires the Washington State Institutional Review Board (Review Board) to develop a diversity in clinical trials program. Requires any state entity or hospital that receives National Institutes of Health funding for drug and medical device clinical trials to develop a policy, provide translation services or bilingual staff for trial screening, offer information in languages other than English, provide culturally-specific recruitment materials, and allow for electronic consent when permitted. Requires the Department of Health in consultation with others to analyze and provide recommendations on the demographic groups and populations that are underrepresented in trials, barriers for participating in trials, and approaches for how to partner with community-based organizations to provide outreach and engagement. Authorizes the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment to provide grant funding to community-based organizations to provide outreach and engagement for specific clinical trials upon request and subject to appropriations.

SB 5036 **Audio-Only Telemedicine**

Sponsors: Muzzall, Holy, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 8 L 23

Extends by six months the date by which an interactive remote appointment between a patient and a health care provider may substitute for an in-person appointment for the purposes of reimbursement to a health care provider using audio-only telemedicine.

SB 5066 **Health Care Benefit Managers**

Sponsors: Short, Rolfes, Cleveland

Final Status: C 107 L 23
Partial Veto

Requires a health care benefit manager (HCBM) to file every benefit management contract and contract amendment between the HCBM and a health carrier with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section containing the emergency clause.

2SSB 5103 **Medicaid Patients/Discharge**

Sponsors: Muzzall, Cleveland, Rivers

Final Status: C 315 L 23

Requires hospitals to be reimbursed for medical assistance enrollees who stay in a hospital when they do not meet inpatient care criteria and are not discharged from the hospital because an appropriate placement is not available. Directs the Health Care Authority to adopt rules to identify which health care services must be included in the daily reimbursement rate and which services may be billed separately for patients who are in a hospital and do not meet inpatient criteria.

2SSB 5120 **Crisis Relief Centers**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Wagoner, Braun

Final Status: C 433 L 23

Establishes 23-hour crisis relief centers as a new category of behavioral health facility to provide services to voluntary clients, clients being brought in by first responders, and clients referred by the 988 behavioral health crisis system.

SSB 5121 **Health Care Oversight Committee**

Sponsors: Cleveland

Final Status: C 10 L 23

Extends the expiration date of the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Oversight from December 31, 2022, until December 31, 2026, and renames it the Joint Select Committee on Health Care and Behavioral Health Oversight.

ESSB 5179 **Death With Dignity Act**

Sponsors: Pedersen, King, Cleveland

Final Status: C 38 L 23

Expands the health care providers authorized to perform the duties of the Death with Dignity Act (Act) to include advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Reduces the required 15-day waiting period between the first and second oral requests for medications to seven days and eliminates the 48-hour waiting period for the written request. Permits medications dispensed under the Act to be delivered or mailed. Prohibits health care providers from contractually prohibiting an employee from participating in the Act while outside of the scope of employment and not on the employing health care provider's premises. Requires hospitals and hospices to submit their policies regarding access to end-of-life care and the Act to the Department of Health.

SSB 5189 **Behavioral Health Support**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Wagoner, Conway

Final Status: C 270 L 23

Establishes the profession of behavioral health support specialist. Requires that behavioral health support specialist services to be covered by Medicaid and commercial insurance.

SB 5228 **Behavioral Health Occupational Therapy**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser

Final Status: C 113 L 23

Allows managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative services organizations to provide occupational therapy services to clients who have behavioral health disorders, within available funding. Directs the Health Care Authority to add coverage for occupational therapy to the Medicaid State Plan by June 30, 2024.

SB 5242 **Abortion Cost Sharing**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Robinson, Dhingra

Final Status: C 194 L 23

Prohibits health plans from imposing cost-sharing for abortion services.

2SSB 5263 **Psilocybin**

Sponsors: Salomon, Rivers, Saldaña

Final Status: C 364 L 23

Partial Veto

Establishes the Psilocybin Advisory Board (Board) within the Department of Health (DOH). Creates an Interagency Work Group to provide advice to the Board on developing a comprehensive framework for a regulated psilocybin system and other specified topics. Requires the Health Care Authority to establish a Psilocybin Task Force, which must provide a report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2023. Grants the DOH certain duties and powers relating to rulemaking, information regarding psilocybin, and other specified functions relating to psilocybin. Establishes the Psilocybin Therapy Services Pilot Program.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the sections establishing the Board and the Interagency Work Group. Vetoes the section granting the DOH certain duties and powers relating to psilocybin. Vetoes the sections requiring interagency cooperation with the DOH and prohibiting certain agencies from refusing to fulfill their duties on the basis that psilocybin is prohibited by federal law. Vetoes the intent and short title sections.

SSB 5300 **Behavioral Health Continuity**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Billig, Cleveland

Final Status: C 325 L 23

Prohibits health carriers and their health care benefit managers from requiring substitution of a prescribed nonpreferred drug with a preferred drug or increasing an enrollee's cost sharing obligation when the prescription is for a refill of an antipsychotic, antidepressant, or antiepileptic drug, or any other drug prescribed to treat a serious mental illness. Adds other drugs prescribed to treat serious mental illness to the drugs for which a pharmacist may not substitute a nonpreferred drug with a preferred drug for state purchased health care programs.

SSB 5338 **Essential Health Benefits**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Muzzall, Conway

Final Status: C 87 L 23

Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to review the state's benchmark plan to determine whether to request approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to modify the benchmark plan. Requires the OIC to determine the impacts of coverage of certain services on individual and small group health plan design, actuarial values, and premiums if the services were included as an essential health benefit.

SSB 5389 **Optometry**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Rivers, Robinson

Final Status: C 400 L 23

Modifies the scope of practice for optometry, enumerates the advanced procedures an optometrist may perform with a license endorsement, and specifies procedures that an optometrist may not perform. Requires optometrists to submit information to the Optometry Board (Board) on the outcomes of every advanced procedure. Requires the Board, in coordination with the Department of Health, to issue a report on the outcomes annually until December 31, 2028. Allows the State Health Officer to authorize optometrists to administer inoculations for systemic health reasons during public health emergencies.

SB 5394 **Medical Graduate Supervisors**

Sponsors: Randall, Dhingra, Keiser

Final Status: C 14 L 23

Removes the requirement that a supervising physician hold medical malpractice insurance for any claim against an international medical graduate practicing under their supervision.

SSB 5396 **Breast Exam Cost Sharing**

Sponsors: Wilson, L., Boehnke, Frame

Final Status: C 366 L 23

Prohibits health carriers that provide coverage for supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations from imposing cost-sharing on supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations.

SB 5497 **Medicaid Expenditures**

Sponsors: Wilson, L., Rolfes

Final Status: C 439 L 23

Declares the Health Care Authority (Authority) to be responsible for oversight of program integrity activities for all Medicaid funding received by state agencies. Directs the Authority to use specific best practices for identifying improper Medicaid spending and establishes standards for contracts between the Authority and managed care organizations regarding responsibilities for maintaining program integrity. Requires the Authority to develop a strategic plan for Medicaid program integrity and a single, statewide Medicaid fraud and abuse prevention plan.

2SSB 5532 **Small Rural Hospital Payment**

Sponsors: King, Cleveland, Lovelett

Final Status: C 443 L 23

Partial Veto

Requires that Medicaid payments for acute care services be made at 120 percent of the Medicaid fee schedule for inpatient services and 200 percent of the Medicaid fee schedule for outpatient services when services are provided by a hospital that meets certain requirements.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section containing an emergency clause.

SSB 5547 Nursing Pool Transparency

Sponsors: Robinson, Muzzall, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 100 L 23

Requires nursing pool operators to complete an annual registration with the Department of Health (Department) and disclose corporate structure and ownership, if any. Establishes annual reporting requirements for certain nursing pools and requires the Department to produce an annual report including the submitted information. Establishes additional requirements relating to nursing pool contracts.

2SSB 5555 Certified Peer Specialists

Sponsors: Randall, Dhingra, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 469 L 23
Partial Veto

Establishes certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees as new health professions to be certified by the Department of Health. Establishes an advisory committee to adopt recommendations on the regulation of certified peer specialists. Directs the Health Care Authority to develop and offer an 80-hour education course for persons seeking to become certified as a peer specialist or peer specialist trainee. Establishes standards and training for approved supervisors of certified peer specialist trainees. Establishes training requirements for certified peer specialists practicing as peer crisis responders.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the establishment of the certified peer specialist advisory committee.

SSB 5569 Kidney Disease Centers

Sponsors: Rivers, Dozier

Final Status: C 48 L 23

Establishes a partial exemption to the certificate of need process for kidney disease centers during temporary emergency situations.

SSB 5581 Maternal Support Services

Sponsors: Muzzall, Robinson, Braun

Final Status: C 444 L 23

Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to conduct an analysis of how health plans define, cover, and reimburse for maternity care services and make recommendations regarding methods to reduce or eliminate cost sharing for maternity care services.

SB 5700 Health Care Authority

Sponsors: Van De Wege, Cleveland, Dhingra

Final Status: C 51 L 23

Clarifies several responsibilities of the Health Care Authority related to the administration of various programs, including behavioral health programs, health care information systems, and the Health Care Cost Transparency Board.

[SSB 5729](#)

Insulin Cost-Sharing Cap

Sponsors: Keiser, Cleveland, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 16 L 23

Removes the expiration date on the \$35 cost-sharing cap for insulin.

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[ESHB 1042](#) **Use of Existing Buildings**

Sponsors: Walen, Ryu, Barkis

Final Status: C 285 L 23

Prohibits cities from imposing certain requirements on new housing units constructed within an existing commercial or mixed-use building.

[SHB 1043](#) **Records/Common Interest Communities**

Sponsors: McEntire, Leavitt, Walsh

Final Status: C 409 L 23

Requires all common interest community associations to follow the same recordkeeping requirements. Requires redaction of certain information from association records prior to disclosure, establishes that an association's unit owner list is not required to be made available for examination and copying by holders of mortgages on the units, and allows unit owners to receive a free annual electronic or paper copy of their association's unit owner list.

[HB 1046](#) **Housing Development Income Limits**

Sponsors: Walen, Leavitt, Ryu

Final Status: C 133 L 23

Increases the area median income limits on public housing authority-financed, low-income housing developments to 80 percent from 50 percent or 60 percent.

[SHB 1070](#) **Property Sale & Leaseback**

Sponsors: Connors, Reeves, Hutchins

Final Status: C 22 L 23

Exempts from the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act a living arrangement where the buyer and seller of a dwelling unit enter into a written agreement for the seller to occupy the dwelling unit for up to six months after closing of the sale.

[SHB 1074](#) **Landlord Damage Claims**

Sponsors: Thai, Macri, Simmons

Final Status: C 331 L 23

Extends the timeline for a landlord to provide a statement and documentation for retaining any portion of a tenant deposit from 21 days to 30 days. Requires a landlord to substantiate the cost of any damages withheld from a tenant deposit. Prohibits a landlord from withholding any portion of a tenant deposit for certain items.

SHB 1101 Tenant Screening/Common Interest Communities

Sponsors: Taylor, Bergquist, Ramel

Final Status: C 23 L 23

Authorizes common interest community associations to require that unit owners obtain background information on prospective tenants or use a tenant screening service. Prohibits associations from requiring that the association be provided with a copy of a tenant screening report or any tenant background information.

E2SHB 1110 Middle Housing

Sponsors: Bateman, Barkis, Reed

Final Status: C 332 L 23

Requires certain cities to allow minimum development densities in residential zones and include specific provisions for middle housing in their development regulations. Requires the Department of Commerce to provide technical assistance to cities in implementing the requirements, to develop model middle housing ordinances, and to establish a process for cities to seek approval of alternative local actions.

HB 1199 Child Care/Common Interest Communities

Sponsors: Senn, Eslick, Leavitt

Final Status: C 203 L 23

Prohibits common interest community associations from prohibiting, unreasonably restricting, or limiting the use of a unit as a licensed family home child care or licensed child day care center. Authorizes associations to impose certain requirements on a unit operating as a licensed family home child care or licensed child day care center.

ESHB 1293 Development Regulations

Sponsors: Klicker, Leavitt, Barkis

Final Status: C 333 L 23

Requires cities and counties planning under the Growth Management Act to apply only clear and objective design review standards to the exterior of new development, with certain exceptions.

EHB 1337 Accessory Dwelling Units

Sponsors: Gregerson, Barkis, Berry

Final Status: C 334 L 23

Partial Veto

Requires cities and counties to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in urban growth areas. Prohibits cities from applying certain regulations to ADUs. Allows cities and counties to offer incentives for the development or construction of ADUs.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section that allows counties and cities to waive or defer fees, defer payment of taxes, or waive other regulations for the development of ADUs only if certain condition are met.

HB 1349 **Foreclosure Protections**

Sponsors: Orwall, Leavitt, Ramel

Final Status: C 206 L 23

Revises various provisions related to nonjudicial foreclosures of deeds of trust. Requires that a trustee delay a foreclosure sale upon written notice from the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program that an application for federal relief funds has been submitted. Prohibits seeking or receiving certain excessive fees for locating foreclosure surplus funds.

2SHB 1474 **Covenant Homeownership Program**

Sponsors: Taylor, Chopp, Berg

Final Status: C 340 L 23

Creates a document recording assessment of \$100 to fund the Covenant Homeownership Program for the purpose of providing down payment and closing cost assistance to certain economically disadvantaged classes of persons. Establishes certain applicant qualifications related to exclusion from homeownership by racially restrictive real estate covenants, first-time home buyer status, and household income levels.

EHB 1636 **Foreclosure/Common Interest Communities**

Sponsors: Orwall, Walsh, Timmons

Final Status: C 214 L 23

Requires common interest community associations to provide an additional preforeclosure notice to a unit owner who owes past-due assessments. Increases from \$200 to \$2,000 the amount of past-due assessments that a unit owner must owe before an association may bring an action to foreclose a lien on the unit. Delays certain effective dates related to the waiting period before an association may commence an action to foreclose a lien on a unit for past-due assessments.

HB 1695 **Surplus Property/Housing**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Lekanoff, Reed

Final Status: C 301 L 23

Defines affordable housing for the transfer, lease, or disposal of surplus public property.

HB 1771 **Relocation Assistance**

Sponsors: Donaghy, Gregerson, Ramel

Final Status: C 259 L 23

Extends the amount of time in which tenants who have received initial cash assistance under the Mobile Home Relocation Assistance Program must transfer title, relocate the home, or demolish and dispose of the home to receive the remainder of the eligible relocation assistance. Allows a tenant receiving compensation from a landlord to remain eligible for the maximum amount of relocation assistance.

E2SSB 5045 Accessory Dwelling Unit Rentals/Property Tax Exemption

Sponsors: Kuderer, Dhingra, Holy

Final Status: C 335 L 23

Allows a county with a population of 1.5 million or more to provide a property tax exemption for accessory dwelling units rented to low-income households under specified conditions.

ESSB 5197 Eviction Processes

Sponsors: Kuderer, Saldaña, Frame

Final Status: C 336 L 23

Revises certain eviction processes under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, including allowing remote participation in eviction proceedings, extending certain timelines for satisfying an unlawful detainer judgment and suspending court action, and specifying certain exceptions to the prohibition on seeking good cause judicial discretion to stay a writ of restitution by tenants who have received three or more pay-or-vacate notices in the preceding 12 months. Eliminates the requirement that landlords provide 14-day pay-or-vacate notices to dispute resolution centers upon expiration of the Eviction Resolution Pilot Program.

E2SSB 5198 Mobile Home Community Sales

Sponsors: Frame, Kuderer, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 40 L 23

Requires a landlord to provide two years' notice for closure of a manufactured or mobile home community (MHC). Requires a landlord to provide tenants with a written notice of opportunity to compete to purchase when selling an MHC. Establishes requirements and procedures that landlords and tenants must follow when negotiating the purchase and sale of an MHC.

SSB 5386 Document Recording Fees

Sponsors: Robinson, Kuderer, Saldaña

Final Status: C 277 L 23

Consolidates the four housing-related document-recording surcharges into one new surcharge with simplified distributions and uniform exemptions. Eliminates the Transitional Housing Operating and Rent Account. Removes an independent expenditure review requirement related to surcharges deposited into the Home Security Fund Account, and a reporting requirement related to document-recording fee expenditures for private rental housing payments.

SSB 5491 Residential Building Exits

Sponsors: Salomon, Shewmake, Frame

Final Status: C 372 L 23

Requires the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group to recommend changes to the International Building Code that would allow a single-exit stairway for multifamily residential structures up to six stories.

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[E2SHB 1188](#) **Child Welfare Services/Developmental Disabilities**

Sponsors: Senn, Taylor, Reed

Final Status: C 345 L 23

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to request federal approval to modify eligibility requirements for Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) administered Medicaid waiver services to include eligible individuals who have received or are receiving certain specified child welfare services. Requires that Medicaid waiver services administered by the DDA are provided to eligible individuals who have received or are receiving certain specified child welfare services, and that these waiver slots are forecasted and budgeted as maintenance level costs. Expands the Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support Services waiver. Requires the DSHS to submit a report regarding the feasibility of establishing a new Medicaid waiver to meet the needs of dependent children and youth with developmental disabilities.

[2SHB 1204](#) **Family Connections Program**

Sponsors: Callan, Eslick, Leavitt

Final Status: C 138 L 23

Establishes the Family Connections Program as a permanent program, instead of one that expires on June 30, 2023.

[ESHB 1260](#) **Work-Limiting Disability**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Leavitt, Taylor

Final Status: C 289 L 23

Eliminates the requirement for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) program recipients to repay the state for benefits received during the same period that they received federal Supplemental Security Income benefits. Places income eligibility standards for the Essential Needs and Housing (HEN) and ABD programs within rule, rather than statute, and modifies eligibility criteria for the ABD and Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) programs to require that a person is ineligible for specific programs, rather than most federal assistance programs in general. Expands the list of good cause reasons for failing to participate in substance use disorder treatment as a condition of eligibility for ABD, PWA, or HEN program benefits.

[EHB 1274](#) **Child Malnutrition Guide**

Sponsors: Couture, Lekanoff, Eslick

Final Status: C 70 L 23

Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), in consultation with the Department of Health, to produce and make available to the DCYF staff a child malnutrition field guide.

ESHB 1394 Sexual Offenses by Youth

Sponsors: Senn, Goodman, Simmons

Final Status: C 150 L 23

Limits when a juvenile is required to register in the sex offender registry based on committing a sex offense. Reduces the time period a person adjudicated in juvenile court must register as a sex offender to two or three years. Reduces the classification of failing to register as a sex offender to a gross misdemeanor for individuals who are required to register based on the commission of a juvenile sex offense.

SHB 1406 Youth Seeking Housing Assistance

Sponsors: Cortes, Senn, Berry

Final Status: C 151 L 23

Authorizes a child to remain in a licensed homeless shelter for up to 90 days if the shelter is unable to make contact with a parent, or if the shelter makes contact with the parent but the parent does not request that the child return home. Requires the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs to provide additional funding and assistance to contracted youth service providers or other entities who convene a community support team. Increases the length of time that a youth may remain in a HOPE Center from 30 to 90 days.

HB 1407 Developmental Disability/Eligibility

Sponsors: Taylor, Senn, Simmons

Final Status: C 207 L 23

Provides that the rules determining eligibility for developmental disability services may not terminate or require redetermination of eligibility for a child under age 18 based solely on the child's age if the child has been determined to be eligible for services on or after the child's third birthday.

2SHB 1447 Assistance Programs

Sponsors: Peterson, Gregerson, Berry

Final Status: C 418 L 23

Amends the definition of "resource" in the general definitions related to assistance program eligibility to exempt: (1) the entire value of one vehicle, rather than a value of up to \$10,000; (2) retirement funds, pension plans, and retirement accounts; and (3) all other resources up to a value of \$12,000, rather than up to a value of \$6,000. Removes the 60-month time limit for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program as it applies to child-only cases. Modifies the TANF program income disregard provision to allow a family to earn and keep \$500 plus 50 percent of remaining monthly earnings. Adds TANF recipients who are experiencing a hardship, as defined in agency rule, to the list of those who qualify as having "good cause" for failing to participate in WorkFirst program components.

SHB 1499 Food Assistance Funding

Sponsors: Shavers, Ramel, Santos

Final Status: C 31 L 23

Provides that in administering food assistance program funding, the Washington State Department of Agriculture may not restrict the amount of funding provided to food banks that may be used for essential nonfood items to less than 25 percent of total funding.

2SHB 1525 Apprenticeships/Child Care

Sponsors: Fosse, Lekanoff, Farivar

Final Status: C 294 L 23

Expands eligibility for the Working Connections Child Care program to include persons in the first 12 months of a state registered apprenticeship when their household meets certain criteria.

2SHB 1580 Children in Crisis

Sponsors: Callan, Harris, Senn

Final Status: C 423 L 23

Partial Veto

Requires the Governor to maintain a Children and Youth Multisystem Care Coordinator (Care Coordinator) to serve as a state lead on addressing complex cases of children in crisis. Requires that the Care Coordinator, in coordination with other state agencies develop and implement a Rapid Care Team for the purpose of supporting and identifying appropriate services and living arrangements for a child in crisis, and that child's family, if appropriate. Allows the Care Coordinator to have access to flexible funds to support the safe discharge of children in crisis from hospitals and long-term, appropriate placement for children in crisis who are dependent.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section containing the emergency clause.

SHB 1590 Oversight Board for Department of Children, Youth, & Families

Sponsors: Dent, Eslick, Caldier

Final Status: Gov vetoed

Adds a subject matter expert on education for youth who are placed in a juvenile justice institution or served by the child welfare system as a member of the Oversight Board for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (Oversight Board). Modifies requirements for current Oversight Board members.

HB 1679 Student Homelessness Group

Sponsors: Rule, Eslick, Reeves

Final Status: C 300 L 23

Expands the scope of the work group to address the needs of students in foster care or experiencing homelessness (work group) to address students in or exiting juvenile rehabilitation facilities. Extends the expiration date of the work group from December 31, 2024, until December 31, 2028.

SSB 5114 **Sex Trafficking**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Trudeau, Frame

Final Status: C 268 L 23

Creates a program for healing, support, and transition services for adults with lived experience of sex trafficking.

ESSB 5124 **Nonrelative Kin Placement**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Randall, Dhingra

Final Status: C 221 L 23

Expands guardianship assistance subsidies provided by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to include children who are placed with certain nonrelative guardians. Expands placement options under a voluntary placement agreement to include "suitable persons."

2SSB 5225 **Working Connections Child Care**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Conway, Frame

Final Status: C 222 L 23

Expands Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) eligibility to include child care employees with a household income of up to 85 percent of the state median income, and waives the associated copayment to the extent allowable. Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to allow WCCC eligibility for families in which a parent or guardian was a party or victim in a specialty or therapeutic court case within the last six months. Prohibits the DCYF from considering the immigration status of a WCCC applicant or consumer's child when determining eligibility.

SB 5252 **FBI Criminal History Records**

Sponsors: Valdez, Padden, Kuderer

Final Status: C 223 L 23

Modifies provisions related to sharing background check information between state agencies and other designated entities to limit sharing authority to state background check information or to eliminate sharing authority. Differentiates the responsibilities of the Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to conduct fingerprint-based background checks of certain persons, and specifies the categories of persons to which the fingerprint-based background check requirements apply.

SSB 5256 **Child Welfare Housing**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Wilson, C., Frame

Final Status: C 321 L 23

Establishes the Child Welfare Housing Assistance Program (Program) as a permanent program instead of a pilot expiring on June 30, 2023. Expands eligibility for the Program.

SSB 5304 **Language Access/Testing**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Nguyen, Nobles

Final Status: C 94 L 23

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to ensure that all language access providers are fluent in English and a primary non-English language through completion of oral and written tests. Prohibits the DSHS from granting testing or certification authority to a private entity with a financial interest in the direct provision of interpreter services. Requires the DSHS to convene a language access work group to make recommendations regarding interpretive service certification policies and programs.

SB 5316 **Department of Children, Youth, & Families Background Check Fees**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Billig, Nobles

Final Status: C 437 L 23

Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to pay the background check fees for all foster care and child care applicants and service providers. Requires the DCYF to maintain an individual-based or portable background check clearance registry regardless of appropriations, and makes background check clearance cards or certificates valid for five years from the date of issue instead of three years.

SB 5370 **Adult Protective Services**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Dhingra, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 44 L 23

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and law enforcement to share with each other information contained in reports and findings of vulnerable adult abuse upon request. Outlines the authority of the DSHS to confirm receipt and status of and disclose the outcome of reports of vulnerable adult abuse, with certain exceptions. Authorizes the DSHS to examine and obtain copies of autopsy records in cases of vulnerable adult abuse. Modifies the definitions of "individual provider" and "mandated reporter" in the provisions related to abuse of vulnerable adults.

SSB 5398 **Domestic Violence Funding**

Sponsors: MacEwen, Wilson, L.

Final Status: C 401 L 23

Directs the Department of Social and Health Services Domestic Violence Services Program to convene a work group to review and update the formula used to determine the allocation of funding for domestic violence victim services agencies.

ESSB 5515 **Residential Private School Licensing/Child Abuse & Neglect Investigations**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Conway, Hunt

Final Status: C 441 L 23

Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to license the living accommodations provided by residential private schools, with certain exceptions. Requires the DCYF to investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect occurring at substance use disorder treatment facilities, entities that provide behavioral health services, host homes, and residential private schools.

ESSB 5599 **Protected Health Care/Youth**

Sponsors: Lias, Wilson, C., Dhingra

Final Status: C 408 L 23

Expands the compelling reasons for a youth shelter or other similar organization to not notify a parent following the child's entry to the shelter or organization when a minor child is seeking or receiving gender affirming treatment or reproductive health care services. Allows host homes to host a youth seeking or receiving gender affirming treatment or reproductive health care services without receiving parental permission. Establishes requirements for host home programs that serve youth without parental authorization seeking or receiving "protected health care services" to notify the Department of Children, Youth, and Families and provide certain case management.

SB 5683 **Foster Care/Indian Children**

Sponsors: Kauffman, Hasegawa, Kuderer

Final Status: C 127 L 23

Allows the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to issue a child-specific foster care license to an Indian child's family or extended family member in certain circumstances.

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[2SHB 1009](#) **Military Spouse Employment**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Barkis, Ryu

Final Status: C 165 L 23

Establishes requirements for certain state agencies and licensing authorities related to the professional licensing and employment of military spouses. Allows a military spouse to terminate an employment contract without penalty after his or her service member spouse receives orders for a permanent change of station.

[SHB 1258](#) **Tourism Marketing Account**

Sponsors: Ryu, Volz, Steele

Final Status: C 348 L 23

Modifies fund matching requirements for expenditures from the Statewide Tourism Marketing Account.

[2SHB 1728](#) **Disaster Resilience Program**

Sponsors: Donaghy, Rule, Reeves

Final Status: C 157 L 23

Requires the Military Department to develop and administer a disaster resilience program.

[SHB 1783](#) **Grant Writers**

Sponsors: Sandlin, Maycumber, Couture

Final Status: C 311 L 23

Requires the Department of Commerce to establish a grant program to support associate development organizations in the recruiting, hiring, and retention of grant writers.

[SSB 5096](#) **Employee Ownership**

Sponsors: Padden, Pedersen, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 392 L 23

Creates the Washington Employee Ownership Program (Program) to support efforts of businesses considering a sale to an employee ownership structure. Establishes the Washington Employee Ownership Commission to oversee the Program. Provides a business and occupation tax credit for costs related to converting a qualifying business to an employee ownership structure.

SSB 5229 **Site Readiness Grants**

Sponsors: Frame, Warnick, Kuderer

Final Status: C 93 L 23

Allows the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to provide planning program grants to qualifying projects for the costs of achieving site readiness. Increases the maximum award limit on the CERB planning program grants. Requires the CERB's biennial outcome-based evaluations to include certain information relating to projects' use of minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses.

2SSB 5268 **Public Works Procurement**

Sponsors: Hasegawa, Warnick, Hunt

Final Status: C 395 L 23

Modifies small-works roster procedures. Requires the Department of Commerce to create a statewide small-works roster. Directs the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises to adopt rules governing a public works small business certification program. Requires the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to periodically review appropriate data and metrics and make recommendations to the Legislature on adjustments to contracting thresholds. Requires the Department of Enterprise Services to develop and make available templates for bid invitations, bidding, and contracting.

2SSB 5269 **Manufacturing**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Keiser, Nguyen

Final Status: C 322 L 23
Partial Veto

Requires the Department of Commerce to: perform an independent assessment of opportunities to capture new and emerging industries that align with statewide greenhouse gas reduction limits and strengthen the state's manufacturing base; develop a state industrial strategy; and appoint an industrial policy advisor.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the intent section.

SB 5323 **Department of Veterans Affairs**

Sponsors: MacEwen, Conway, Lovick

Final Status: C 327 L 23

Requires the Director of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to appoint a director of nursing services for each state veterans home. Exempts certain WDVA personnel from the state civil service law. Establishes that certain veteran discharge or separation documents are not subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Repeals statutes relating to the Colony of the State Soldiers' Home and domiciliary care at state veterans homes.

SB 5324 **Defense Compatibility Account**

Sponsors: Conway, Nobles, Lovick

Final Status: C 438 L 23

Moves the deadline for the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to submit the Defense Community Compatibility Account (DCCA) report to November 1 of each even-numbered year. Authorizes Commerce to provide grants using DCCA funds to federally recognized Indian tribes. Allows the use of nonstate funds, instead of federal funds, to meet matching fund requirements for DCCA grants. Add prioritization criteria to the ranking of projects.

SSB 5358 **Veterans' Services**

Sponsors: Gildon, Nobles, Conway

Final Status: C 224 L 23

Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to submit reports to the Legislature regarding the effectiveness of the Veterans Service Officer Program and the Veteran Peer-to-Peer Training and Support Program. Requires the WDVA to provide grants to develop or expand certain services and programs to assist veterans.

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[SHB 1068](#) **Workers' Compensation - Independent Medical Exams**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Simmons, Ryu

Final Status: C 166 L 23

Allows an injured worker to make an audio and video recording of an independent medical examination, and to have one person of the worker's choosing present during the examination.

[ESHB 1106](#) **Unemployment Insurance - Voluntary Quits**

Sponsors: Fosse, Reeves, Reed

Final Status: C 240 L 23

Expands access to unemployment insurance benefits by adding circumstances where a person may voluntarily quit for good cause, including circumstances involving: (1) the death, illness, or disability of a nonimmediate family member; (2) the inability to access care for a child or vulnerable adult; (3) the need to relocate in order to follow a minor child who moved outside of the labor market; or (4) certain involuntary shift changes.

[HB 1107](#) **Employment (General) - Addressing Terminology**

Sponsors: Fosse, Reed, Berry

Final Status: C 25 L 23

Modifies the definition of "employment" as it applies to unemployment insurance and the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program by replacing a reference to the "relationship of master and servant" with "any employment relationship."

[2SHB 1122](#) **Collective Bargaining - Washington Management Service**

Sponsors: Doglio, Berry, Reed

Final Status: C 136 L 23

Grants Washington Management Service (WMS) employees in certain salary bands the right to collective bargaining, and provides that WMS collective bargaining agreements may not take effect before July 1, 2025.

[HB 1197](#) **Workers' Compensation - Attending Providers**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Berry, Bateman

Final Status: C 171 L 23

Creates a definition of "attending provider" applicable to the workers' compensation statutes, and adds state licensed psychologists as attending providers for claims that are solely for mental health conditions. Replaces outdated terms and makes other technical and clarifying changes.

SHB 1200 Collective Bargaining - Employee Information

Sponsors: Alvarado, Bronoske, Fitzgibbon

Final Status: C 204 L 23

Requires certain public employers to provide exclusive bargaining representatives with specified employee information, and authorizes court action if a public employer fails to comply.

SHB 1217 Employment (Wage and Hour) - Wage Complaints

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self, Fosse, Berry

Final Status: C 243 L 23

Requires that settlements resolving wage complaints without citations and notices of assessment must include interest, and allows employees to request a waiver or reduction of interest as part of the settlement process.

SHB 1323 Building and Construction - Fire-Resistant Materials

Sponsors: Bronoske, Berry, Leavitt

Final Status: C 145 L 23

Requires individuals applying fire-resistant materials to be certified by the Department of Labor and Industries after receiving training. Requires contractors to use only certified fire-resistant material applicators, and imposes civil penalties and debarment on public works contracts on contractors violating the requirements.

SHB 1458 Unemployment Insurance - Work Group on Apprentices

Sponsors: Shavers, Fosse, Santos

Final Status: C 30 L 23

Requires the Employment Security Department to convene a work group for the purpose of identifying and addressing legal and procedural barriers faced by apprentices seeking timely access to unemployment insurance benefits.

2SHB 1491 Employment (General) - Employee Personal Vehicles

Sponsors: Orcutt, Chapman, Berry

Final Status: C 252 L 23

Prohibits an employer from searching an employee's vehicle in the employer's parking areas, subject to certain exceptions. Provides for employee possession of their private property in their vehicle, unless prohibited by law, and prohibits employer retaliation.

HB 1514 Safety and Health - Recreational Vehicles and Park Trailers

Sponsors: Robertson, Berry, Schmidt

Final Status: C 78 L 23

Allows manufacturers of recreational vehicles and park trailers to purchase and distribute insignia from the Department of Labor and Industries if the manufacturer meets certain criteria.

SHB 1521 **Workers' Compensation - Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Stonier, Wylie

Final Status: C 293 L 23

Specifies that self-insured municipal employers, certain self-insured private sector firefighter employers, and their third-party administrators have a duty of good faith and fair dealing to certain workers when administering workers' compensation claims.

2SHB 1534 **Building and Construction - Protecting Construction Consumers**

Sponsors: Orwall, Berry, Fosse

Final Status: C 213 L 23

Raises the required bond amounts for contractor registration from \$12,000 to \$30,000 for general contractors and from \$6,000 to \$15,000 for specialty contractors. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to deny an application for contractor registration when the applicant is a successor to a business entity with an unsatisfied final judgment against it. Increases fines and penalties for violations of the Contractor Registration Act, and requires revenues from those fines and penalties to be deposited into the Homeowner Recovery Account. Establishes the Homeowner Recovery Program for eligible homeowners to receive recovery payments of up to \$25,000 from the Homeowner Recovery Account based on unsatisfied final judgments brought against registered contractors, subject to certain requirements and limitations.

HB 1542 **Safety and Health - High Voltage Electrical Workers**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Fosse, Berry

Final Status: C 253 L 23

Requires an automated external defibrillator to be available and accessible when workers are operating, maintaining, or constructing high voltage lines and equipment or conducting line-clearance tree-trimming in close proximity to high voltage lines and equipment.

SHB 1570 **Unemployment Insurance and Leave - Transportation Network Companies**

Sponsors: Berry, Ryu, Alvarado

Final Status: C 451 L 23

Provides unemployment insurance to transportation network company (TNC) drivers. Changes the conditions under which an employer may be relieved of benefit charges when the employer continues to provide part-time employment for claimants of unemployment insurance. Creates a pilot program for TNC drivers to be reimbursed by TNCs for premiums paid for Paid Family and Medical Leave coverage.

HB 1656 **Unemployment Insurance - Appeals Procedures**

Sponsors: Schmidt, Fosse, Berry

Final Status: C 85 L 23

Removes the requirement that the Office of Administrative Hearings review a claimant's availability for work in every dispute involving a person's unemployment insurance benefits or waiting week credits. Specifies that all matters covered by an initial determination, determination, or redetermination on a person's claim for unemployment insurance benefits are at issue in an appeal, regardless of the particular grounds set forth in the notice of appeal.

HB 1684 **Employment (General) - Tribal Reporting of Standard Occupational Classifications or Job Titles of Workers**

Sponsors: Slatter, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 256 L 23

Allows federally recognized tribes to opt in to, or opt out of, the requirement to report the Standard Occupational Classifications or job titles of their workers to the Employment Security Department.

HB 1712 **Unemployment Insurance - Commercial Finfish Net Pen Aquaculture Workers**

Sponsors: Schmick, Chapman

Final Status: C 156 L 23

Designates persons separated from employment due to certain commercial finfish net pen aquaculture closures as "dislocated workers" for the purposes of unemployment insurance, allowing those persons to seek access to additional benefits while enrolled in approved training plans.

2SHB 1762 **Health and Safety - Warehouse Employees**

Sponsors: Doglio, Berry, Ramel

Final Status: C 306 L 23

Requires certain warehouse distribution center employers to provide written descriptions of quotas, work speed data, and other information to employees, to keep certain records, and to perform self-audits when requested. Requires that quotas must include sufficient time for breaks and workplace safety related activities. Prohibits employers from retaliating against employees and creates a rebuttable presumption of retaliation. Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate complaints, enforce provisions, impose penalties, and bring civil actions in court.

SB 5084 **Workers' Compensation - Self-Insured Employers Fund**

Sponsors: Braun, Keiser, Mullet

Final Status: C 110 L 23

Creates the Self-Insurance Reserve Fund for payments from self-insured employers related to workers' compensation pensions and from the Overpayments Reimbursement Fund. Provides that the Second Injury Fund will retain its proportionate share of earnings in the fund held by the State Treasurer's Office.

SB 5088 **Building and Construction - Plumbing and Other Specialty Contractors**

Sponsors: Keiser, King

Final Status: C 88 L 23

Aligns provisions governing public works, prevailing wage, and workers' compensation with the current requirement to obtain specialty contractor licenses, making those provisions apply to plumbing contractors, electrical contractors, and elevator contractors.

SB 5089 Safety and Health - Factory Assembled Structures

Sponsors: King, Rolfes, Wilson, J.

Final Status: C 36 L 23

Increases the number of members on the Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board (Board) from nine members to at least 11, and requires consideration of gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the state, including the interests of persons with disabilities, when appointing Board members. Makes other changes to the factory assembled structures statutes.

ESSB 5111 Leave - Construction Employees

Sponsors: Keiser, Conway, Kuderer

Final Status: C 267 L 23

Requires payment of accrued and unused sick leave to certain construction workers separating from employment.

ESSB 5123 Employment (Hiring Practices) - Screening For Cannabis

Sponsors: Keiser, Frame, Hunt

Final Status: C 359 L 23

Prohibits employers from discriminating against a person in an initial hiring decision based on the person's use of cannabis outside of work or based on a finding of nonpsychoactive cannabis metabolites in an employer-required drug screening test, with some exceptions.

SSB 5156 Employment (Wage and Hour) - Farm Internship Program

Sponsors: Torres, Dhingra, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 269 L 23

Expands the farm internship pilot project to include all counties, makes the program permanent, raises the annual sales threshold to qualify as a small farm, and adds additional requirements. Requires that for farms in certain counties, at least one intern must have experience as a migrant farmworker or have a parent or grandparent with such experience, subject to certain exceptions.

SSB 5176 Unemployment Insurance - Cooperative Corporations and Associations

Sponsors: Stanford, Billig, Keiser

Final Status: C 92 L 23

Exempts officers of employee cooperative corporations, cooperative associations, and limited cooperative associations from certain restrictions on corporate officers in the unemployment insurance system, thereby allowing those officers to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits in certain circumstances.

ESSB 5217 Safety and Health - Musculoskeletal Injuries

Sponsors: Dhingra, Kauffman, Keiser

Final Status: C 112 L 23

Repeals the law prohibiting the Department of Labor and Industries (Department) from adopting rules related to ergonomics or musculoskeletal disorders. Provides limitations on the adoption of new rules, and requires the Department to: (1) identify industries and risk classifications most likely to be selected for rulemaking; (2) review and report certain claims data; and (3) consider certain factors during rulemaking. Allows the Department to provide funding to certain employers to purchase additional equipment and requires additional ergonomists to provide consultation to certain employers.

E2SSB 5236 Safety and Health - Hospital Staffing Standards

Sponsors: Robinson, Keiser, Conway

Final Status: C 114 L 23

Makes numerous changes to nurse staffing committees and staffing plan requirements, including requiring hospitals to report noncompliance, requiring the Department of Health and Department of Labor and Industries to establish a formal agreement on oversight and enforcement roles, and creating a hospital staffing advisory committee. Amends the meal and rest break provisions, including requiring reporting noncompliance, and amends overtime provisions for health care employees.

SSB 5238 Collective Bargaining - Academic Employees

Sponsors: Saldaña, Randall, Conway

Final Status: C 115 L 23

Grants certain student employees at Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, and The Evergreen State College the right to collective bargaining.

SSB 5286 Leave - Paid Family and Medical Leave Premium Rates

Sponsors: Robinson, King, Keiser

Final Status: C 116 L 23

Modifies the statutory formula for determining the premium rates for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

ESSB 5320 Building and Construction - Journey Level Electrician Certification Requirements

Sponsors: Saldaña, Keiser, King

Final Status: C 95 L 23

Modifies the eligibility requirements for obtaining journey level electrician certification. Establishes a pathway for current trainees to obtain journey level electrician certification without completing an apprenticeship program through July 1, 2026.

SB 5331 Unemployment Insurance - Job Search Requirements

Sponsors: Conway, Saldaña, Keiser

Final Status: C 117 L 23

Provides the Employment Security Department with ongoing, rather than temporary, discretion to accept alternative forms of evidence demonstrating compliance with the job search requirements for receiving unemployment insurance benefits.

2SSB 5425 Building and Construction - Fire Protection Sprinkler Contractors and Fitters

Sponsors: Salomon, Keiser, Boehnke

Final Status: C 329 L 23

Increases fees for obtaining a license to operate as a fire protection sprinkler system contractor. Increases fines for violating state laws and regulations pertaining to fire protection sprinkler systems and requires those fines to be deposited into the Fire Protection Compliance Account. Requires persons with a trainee-level fire protection sprinkler fitter certificate to be supervised by a person with either a journey-level or residential fire protection sprinkler fitter certificate according to certain ratios. Directs the State Director of Fire Protection to investigate alleged violations of the laws and rules related to fire protection sprinkler fitters.

2SSB 5454 Workers' Compensation - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder/Registered Nurses

Sponsors: Cleveland, Robinson, King

Final Status: C 370 L 23

Creates a rebuttable presumption that post-traumatic stress disorder is an occupational disease for certain direct care registered nurses in the state.

ESSB 5528 Building and Construction - Construction Retainage

Sponsors: Stanford

Final Status: C 373 L 23

Establishes limits on retainage for private construction contracts.

SSB 5586 Leave - Paid Family and Medical Leave Information

Sponsors: King, Robinson, Wellman

Final Status: C 375 L 23

Allows a current employer, third-party administrator, employee, or other authorized person to access certain information relating to an employee's claim under the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program, subject to certain limitations.

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[HB 1049](#) County District Boundaries

Sponsors: Doglio, Bateman, Riccelli

Final Status: C 237 L 23

Updates the timeline for a board of county commissioners (board) that expands from three to five members to create new commissioner districts. Updates the timeline for the county prosecuting attorney to petition for a referee to designate new commissioner districts for a board that fails to create its own. Updates the date by which a referee must designate new districts in the event that a board fails to do so.

[EHB 1086](#) Community Organizations Contracts

Sponsors: Shavers, Ryu, Ramel

Final Status: C 238 L 23

Increases the annual value of contracts that may be entered into without competitive bidding by smaller local government jurisdictions and community service organizations from \$25,000 to \$75,000. Reduces the value of the benefits that must be received by a local government in such a contract from three times the value of the payment to the community service organization to twice that value. Expands the scope of improvements and maintenance that can be provided by a community service organization under a contract.

[HB 1100](#) Disposition of Remains/Indigent

Sponsors: Schmick, Leavitt

Final Status: C 62 L 23

Allows a board of county commissioners to provide for the disposition of the remains of an indigent resident of the county who dies in an adjacent county outside of Washington.

[E2SHB 1181](#) Climate Change/Planning

Sponsors: Duerr, Fitzgibbon, Berry

Final Status: C 228 L 23

Adds a climate change and resiliency goal to the Growth Management Act (GMA). Adds a required climate change and resiliency element to a GMA comprehensive plan. Exempts certain actions in the climate change and resiliency element from appeals under the State Environmental Policy Act. Requires the Department of Health to ensure that certain water system plans initiated after June 30, 2025, include a climate resiliency element at the time of approval.

[HB 1243](#) Municipal Airport Commissions

Sponsors: Dent, Riccelli, Christian

Final Status: C 247 L 23

Expands the powers and duties that can be vested in municipal airport commissions, and changes the requirements for commission membership.

ESHB 1251 **Water System Notices**

Sponsors: Stonier, Bateman, Reed

Final Status: C 140 L 23

Requires a public water system that is considering commencing or discontinuing fluoridation of its water supply to notify its customers and the Department of Health before its final decision. Provides that a public water system that violates the notification requirements must return the fluoridation of its water to its previous level until the requirements have been satisfied.

SHB 1267 **Rural Public Facilities/Tax**

Sponsors: Tharinger, Steele, Ramel

Final Status: C 411 L 23

Extends the expiration for the rural county sales and use tax from 25 years after the date the tax was imposed to December 31, 2054. Updates the reporting requirement for counties imposing the tax. Requires the State Auditor to provide a publicly accessible report on its website containing rural county project and expenditure information and the total amount of revenue collected under the rural county sales and use tax.

SHB 1326 **Utility Connection Charges**

Sponsors: Cortes, Chopp, Berry

Final Status: C 249 L 23

Authorizes city water and sewerage systems to waive connection charges for properties owned or developed by certain organizations or agencies that provide housing services. Provides that any waived connection charges become immediately due and payable as a condition of continued service if a property is no longer eligible for the waiver. Requires that any waived connection charges be funded through an identified revenue stream.

SHB 1352 **County Investment Pools/Tribes**

Sponsors: Stearns, Low, Cortes

Final Status: C 74 L 23

Authorizes county investment pools to accept investments by federally recognized tribes on the same terms and conditions as investments by local governments, if the county treasurer approves and the tribe enters into an intergovernmental agreement.

HB 1419 **County Treasurer Duties**

Sponsors: Chapman, Goehner

Final Status: C 75 L 23

Changes the process for county treasurers to designate an outstanding warrant as redeemed. Authorizes county treasurers to contract with the county or taxing district to cover warrants for which there are insufficient funds.

2SHB 1425 **Municipal Annexations**

Sponsors: Berg, Low, Eslick

Final Status: C 351 L 23

Requires an interlocal agreement for annexed areas in which a sales and use tax is imposed to address certain specified criteria. Removes the requirement that a city commence annexation prior to January 1, 2015, to be eligible for the sales and use tax credit. Changes population thresholds for imposing the sales and use tax for annexed areas.

HB 1575 **Cultural Access Programs/Tax**

Sponsors: Reed, Berry, Berg

Final Status: C 179 L 23

Allows counties and cities to impose a 0.1 percent cultural access program sales and use tax without voter approval. Allows a city to impose the tax after December 31, 2024, if it has not been imposed by the county, and prohibits the county and city from imposing the tax concurrently.

SHB 1577 **Municipal Officers/Contracts**

Sponsors: Schmick

Final Status: C 153 L 23

Increases the annual and monthly value of certain contracts in which municipal officers may have a beneficial interest. Permits only cities with a population under 5,000 to enter into contracts in which a municipal officer may have a beneficial interest.

SHB 1620 **Incorporation/Population**

Sponsors: Fey, Morgan

Final Status: C 82 L 23

Allows an area within 5 air miles of a city with a population of 15,000 to incorporate if it has 1,500 people, rather than requiring 3,000, until June 30, 2028.

SHB 1621 **Local Government Procurement**

Sponsors: Ryu, Duerr, Pollet

Final Status: C 255 L 23

Increases the limits for local government procurement contracts that require competitive bidding to either \$150,000 or \$75,000, depending on the number of trades involved. Allows current employees of specified cities and special purpose districts to perform work under \$300,000 in value without a contract if doing so is accepted industry practice. Provides a standard definition of "lowest responsible bidder."

HB 1645 **County Legislative Meetings**

Sponsors: Barnard, Duerr, Connors

Final Status: C 84 L 23

Allows a county legislative authority to hold one regular meeting per month in a city within the county that has a larger population than the county seat, and one meeting per quarter at any other location within the county, as long as no more than one total meeting per month is held at an alternative location.

EHB 1663 **Consolidated Port Districts**

Sponsors: Goehner, Steele

Final Status: C 215 L 23

Allows two or more jointly operating port districts to conduct a joint property tax levy under certain circumstances.

E2SSB 5001 **Public Facility Districts**

Sponsors: Hawkins, Hunt, Nguyen

Final Status: C 218 L 23

Allows certain cities and counties to create new public facilities districts prior to July 1, 2026, for regional aquatics and sports facilities and for transportation improvements directly related to the facilities. Allows the new public facilities districts to impose a sales and use tax at a rate of up to 0.2 percent to fund the district with voter approval.

2SSB 5290 **Local Permit Review**

Sponsors: Mullet, Kuderer, Fortunato

Final Status: C 338 L 23

Provides new default permit processing time frames, applicable January 1, 2025. Requires local governments to provide permitting fee refunds if the time frames are missed, except under certain circumstances. Replaces existing local government permit processing reporting requirements with new requirements beginning January 1, 2025, and requires the Department of Commerce (Department) to produce an annual report using the information. Requires local governments to exclude interior alterations from site plan review, except under certain conditions. Requires the Department to establish a grant program for local governments that agree to comply with certain residential permit application processing time frames. Requires the Department to establish a grant program for qualifying local governments to transition from paper permit systems to digital systems, and to convene a work group to examine digital permitting systems.

ESB 5336 **Main Street Trust Fund**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Wilson, L., Frame

Final Status: C 96 L 23

Provides that, for purposes of the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program population thresholds, the local government population is determined at the time a program is designated as eligible for the Main Street Program.

SSB 5353 **Voluntary Stewardship Program**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Van De Wege, Dozier

Final Status: C 187 L 23

Removes the date by which counties must have elected to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). Provides that a county electing to join the VSP is eligible for a share of funding made available to implement the program. Establishes that a county electing to join the VSP is not required to implement the program in a participating watershed until adequate funding is provided.

SSB 5374 **County Critical Areas**

Sponsors: Short, Lovelett, Shewmake

Final Status: C 225 L 23

Allows a city of fewer than 25,000 people to adopt county Growth Management Act critical area regulations by reference.

2SSB 5412 **Land Use Permitting/Local**

Sponsors: Salomon, Liias, Kuderer

Final Status: C 368 L 23

Exempts project actions that develop residential housing units or middle housing within an urban growth area from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) if specified criteria are met. Exempts project actions that develop residential housing units or middle housing within a city west of the crest of the Cascade Mountains that meets specified population criteria from the SEPA.

SSB 5437 **Special Districts/Vacancies**

Sponsors: MacEwen, Hunt

Final Status: C 369 L 23

Establishes a new process for filling vacancies on an elected nonpartisan governing body of certain special purpose districts.

SB 5452 **Impact Fee Use**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Billig, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 121 L 23

Allows a local government to spend impact fees on bicycle and pedestrian facilities designed with multimodal commuting as an intended use.

SB 5457 **Small Cities/GMA**

Sponsors: Short, Lovelett, Kuderer

Final Status: C 280 L 23

Allows cities and towns with fewer than 500 people to opt out of the full Growth Management Act comprehensive plan requirements under certain circumstances.

SSB 5460 **Irrigation & Rehab Districts**

Sponsors: Warnick, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 371 L 23

Changes the process by which an irrigation and rehabilitation district collects assessments for rehabilitation operations.

SB 5553 **Temporary Emergency Shelters**

Sponsors: Lovelett, Robinson, Conway

Final Status: C 47 L 23

Requires the State Building Code Council to adopt standards for temporary emergency shelters and to make the standards available for local government adoption by July 1, 2026.

SSB 5604 **Mental Health & Housing/Tax**

Sponsors: Robinson, Nguyen, Stanford

Final Status: C 101 L 23

Allows counties, like cities, to use revenue from the chemical dependency and mental health treatment program sales and use tax to modify existing facilities to address health and safety needs of the programs. Allows all counties and cities, regardless of population, to use affordable and supportive housing sales and use tax revenue for the same purposes, and allows the local government to retain up to 10 percent of the revenue for administrative costs.

SSB 5627 **County Commissioner Salary**

Sponsors: Hunt

Final Status: C 49 L 23

Amends the process for noncharter counties to increase or decrease county commissioner salaries.

SSB 5714 **Property Tax Payments**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Wilson, L.

Final Status: C 376 L 23

Establishes that tax payments generated by an automated check processing service or payments received via United States mail with no discernable postmark date are not delinquent if they are received within three business days of the due date.

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[HB 1001](#) **Audiology & Speech Compact**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Rude, Ryu

Final Status: C 53 L 23

Enacts the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact, allowing audiologists and speech-language pathologists in member states to practice across state lines.

[HB 1030](#) **Applied Doctorate Degrees**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Jacobsen, Pollet

Final Status: C 130 L 23

Authorizes the board of trustees of the regional universities to offer applied doctorate degrees.

[SHB 1069](#) **Mental Health Counselor Compact**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Harris, Riccelli

Final Status: C 58 L 23

Enacts the Counseling Compact, allowing licensed mental health counselors in member states to practice across state lines.

[2SHB 1176](#) **Climate-Ready Communities**

Sponsors: Slatter, Fitzgibbon, Berry

Final Status: C 231 L 23

Enacts the Washington Climate Corps Network to support and grow climate-related service opportunities for young adults and veterans. Establishes the Clean Energy Technology Workforce Advisory Committee to advise policymakers on efforts to expand the clean energy technology workforce and strategies to mitigate adverse impacts of climate change policy transitions. Directs the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to evaluate clean energy technology workforce needs and make recommendations.

[HB 1232](#) **College Bound Scholarship**

Sponsors: Bergquist, Chambers, Entenman

Final Status: C 174 L 23

Eliminates the C grade point average requirement for College Bound Scholarship (CBS) eligible students enrolling in community and technical colleges. Requires the Education Research and Data Center to annually send CBS data to the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC). Requires the WSAC to submit an annual legislative report on CBS data.

HB 1287 **Dental Hygienists**

Sponsors: Thai, Caldier, Graham

Final Status: C 71 L 23

Removes the requirement that a dental hygienist in another state or Canadian province be actively practicing in order to qualify for a temporary license in Washington.

SHB 1289 **Opportunity Scholarship**

Sponsors: Reed, Ybarra, Berry

Final Status: C 176 L 23

Allows the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS) Board to establish and contract with private nonprofit corporations for program administration purposes. Modifies state match requirements for both the WSOS and the Rural County High Employer Demand Jobs Program.

ESHB 1503 **Health Care Licenses/Information**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Santos, Reeves

Final Status: C 353 L 23

Requires health professionals to submit demographic information upon initial licensure and renewal.

2SHB 1522 **Sexual Misconduct/Associations**

Sponsors: Pollet, Leavitt, Berry

Final Status: C 79 L 23

Requires institutions to require applicants to sign statements regarding substantiated findings of sexual misconduct at scholarly or professional associations, and to request such scholarly or professional associations to disclose information about substantiated findings of sexual misconduct before an official offer of employment.

2SHB 1559 **Postsecondary Student Needs**

Sponsors: Entenman, Fitzgibbon, Stonier

Final Status: C 421 L 23

Requires the public four-year institutions of higher education, the tribal college, and the community and technical colleges to each hire a Benefits Navigator to provide basic needs assistance to students at a designated campus location. Creates Hunger-Free and Basic Needs Campus Strategic Plans. Enacts a pilot program to provide free and low-cost meal plans to low-income students.

ESHB 1576 **Dentist Compact**

Sponsors: Caldier, Schmidt, Leavitt

Final Status: C 297 L 23

Enacts the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact, allowing dentists and dental hygienists in member states to practice across state lines.

2SHB 1724 **Behavioral Health Workforce**

Sponsors: Bateman, Macri, Taylor

Final Status: C 425 L 23

Requires the Department of Health to examine licensing requirements for certain behavioral health professions which must be implemented by certain disciplining authorities. Creates a program to facilitate placement of behavioral health associates with clinical supervision. Creates a stipend program for out-of-pocket costs incurred by behavioral health associates completing supervised experience requirements. Removes practice setting limitations for probationary licenses. Makes changes to licensing requirements for certain behavioral health professions. Creates two new health professions: certified agency-affiliated counselors and licensed agency-affiliated counselors.

HB 1763 **Conditional Scholarships**

Sponsors: Eslick, Leavitt, Senn

Final Status: C 159 L 23

Limits the loan interest rate and repayment interest rate for conditional scholarships under the Washington Health Corps to two percent. Requires exceptions be made to the conditions for participation and repayment obligations of Washington Health Corps conditional scholarships. Provides wraparound services to Washington Health Corps conditional scholarship participants to aid in the completion of their service obligations.

EHB 1823 **Washington Student Loan Program**

Sponsors: Timmons, Slatter, Ramel

Final Status: C 389 L 23

Eliminates the requirement that the Washington Student Loan Program be self-sustaining in order to issue loans. Requires the Program Account to have a minimum life cycle of seven years. Limits loan interest rates to 2.5 percent or below, establishes terms for repayment, and limits loans to \$20,000 annually per borrower. Limits eligible participants to graduate students enrolled in specific fields of study and expands eligibility criteria for loan prioritization.

2SSB 5048 **College in High School Fees**

Sponsors: Mullet, Rolfes, Billig

Final Status: C 314 L 23

Requires institutions of higher education to provide enrollment and registration in College in the High School (CHS) courses at no cost to students in grades 9 through 12 at public high schools. Requires the Legislature to appropriate funding for CHS courses at inflation-adjusted rates. Directs high schools that provide CHS courses to notify parents and guardians about the program. Requires annual reports to the Legislature on a range of CHS data.

SB 5079 **Tuition Establishment Date**

Sponsors: Braun, Liias, Boehnke

Final Status: C 9 L 23

Requires the Office of Financial Management to calculate, and transmit to institutions of higher education, the maximum annual increase in tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates every year by October 1.

SB 5113 Dental School Faculty

Sponsors: Warnick, Randall, Holy

Final Status: C 89 L 23

Allows academic licenses for dentists to be associated with any accredited dental school in Washington, instead of only the University of Washington's School of Dentistry.

E2SSB 5278 Home Care Aide Certification

Sponsors: Wilson, L., Fortunato, Lovick

Final Status: C 323 L 23

Changes examination requirements for certified home care aides.

SB 5385 Higher Education/Work

Sponsors: Lias, Holy, Saldaña

Final Status: C 97 L 23

Increases bid limits for public works projects that require competitive bidding at public institutions of higher education.

SSB 5499 Multistate Nurse Licensure

Sponsors: Mullet, Rivers, King

Final Status: C 123 L 23

Enacts the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact, allowing the practice of nursing across state lines in member states. Imposes certain reporting requirements on certain entities employing multistate licensees. Changes the name of the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

ESSB 5512 Higher Education Financial Reports

Sponsors: Holy, Lias, Rivers

Final Status: C 98 L 23

Adds additional measures of institutional resources and financial data to the statewide public four-year dashboard.

SSB 5523 Forensic Pathologists

Sponsors: Dhingra, Conway, Nobles

Final Status: C 442 L 23

Establishes the Forensic Pathology Loan Repayment Program under the umbrella of the Washington Health Corps. Requires the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners to conduct a study of the shortage of board-certified forensic pathologists and submit a report with recommendations to the Legislature. Allows coroners to receive up to 40 percent of the cost of transportation of remains between facilities for autopsy services.

ESB 5534 **Workforce Investment Board**

Sponsors: Randall, Holy, Nobles

Final Status: C 282 L 23

Changes the staffing of the Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight (WEIAO) Board to the Washington Student Achievement Council. Requires the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) to maintain the WEIAO Board data dashboard. Increases membership on the WEIAO Board to include a representative of the Workforce Board.

E2SSB 5582 **Nurse Supply**

Sponsors: Holy, Randall, Rivers

Final Status: C 126 L 23

Directs the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (College Board) to develop a plan to train more nurses over the next four years. Requires development of an online Licensed Practical Nurse program at two community or technical colleges. Directs the College Board to conduct a nurse educator compensation salary survey. Modifies program approval and training requirements under the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission. Modifies the Student Nurse Preceptor Grant Program. Creates a marketing plan to advertise available nurse training opportunities and jobs in Washington. Creates the Home Care Aide to Licensed Practical Nurse Apprenticeship Pathway Pilot Program. Creates a grant program for health science Career and Technical Education programs. Creates at least two High School Student Certified Nursing Assistant Pilot Projects.

SSB 5687 **Wrestling Grant Programs**

Sponsors: Van De Wege

Final Status: C 190 L 23

Creates a postsecondary wrestling grant program.

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[HB 1563](#) **Medical Use of Cannabis**

Sponsors: Kloba, Simmons, Cheney

Final Status: C 254 L 23

Specifies the cannabis possession limit and provides criminal and civil protections for qualifying patients and designated providers who have a valid authorization for the medical use of cannabis.

[HB 1707](#) **Bingo**

Sponsors: Kloba, Reed, Eslick

Final Status: C 155 L 23

Eliminates the requirement that a bingo game must be conducted only in the county within which the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization conducting bingo is principally located. Provides that an organization conducting bingo must be principally located in Washington and may not be approved for more than three bingo licenses.

[HB 1730](#) **Youth Employment/21+ Establishments**

Sponsors: Waters, Stonier, Klicker

Final Status: C 158 L 23

Partial Veto

Allows all liquor licensees to have employees who are between 18 and 21 years of age to be present in the licensed facility under certain circumstances and to perform limited job duties that do not include the sale or service of alcohol.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section containing an emergency clause.

[ESHB 1731](#) **Short-Term Rentals/Liquor**

Sponsors: Waters, Stonier, Klicker

Final Status: C 257 L 23

Establishes an annual permit for a short-term rental operator to provide a complimentary bottle of wine to rental guests who are at least 21 years old.

[HB 1772](#) **Tetrahydrocannabinol & Alcohol**

Sponsors: Waters, Orwall, Christian

Final Status: C 217 L 23

Prohibits manufacturing, importing, offering, or selling a consumable product that contains cannabis or any form of tetrahydrocannabinol in combination with beer, wine, spirits, or any other type of liquor in the same product.

SB 5069 Interstate Cannabis Agreements

Sponsors: Rivers, Keiser, King

Final Status: C 264 L 23

Authorizes the Governor to enter into interstate cannabis agreements with other states for cross-jurisdictional delivery of cannabis and cross-jurisdictional coordination and enforcement. Includes an effective date contingent on the earlier of: federal law amendments to allow for the interstate transfer of cannabis, or the United States Department of Justice issuing an opinion or memorandum allowing or tolerating the interstate transfer of cannabis.

E2SSB 5080 Cannabis Social Equity

Sponsors: Saldaña, Conway, Frame

Final Status: C 220 L 23

Modifies the Cannabis Social Equity Program (Program), including by extending the Program's expiration, authorizing the issuance or reissuance of additional cannabis licenses in the Program, and amending definitions. Waives annual license fees in the Program, and encourages all cannabis licensees to submit a social equity plan by providing a one-time license fee reimbursement opportunity. Authorizes certain local government objections to the issuance of cannabis retail licenses. Requires a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee report by June 30, 2025, on whether current levels of cannabis production align with market demand and capacity.

ESSB 5365 Vapor & Tobacco/Minors

Sponsors: Saldaña, Lias, Billig

Final Status: C 398 L 23

Increases the maximum monetary penalties that the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) may impose against cigarette and tobacco and vapor products retailer licensees for selling or giving cigarette, tobacco, or vapor products to persons under 21 years old. Modifies the penalties and the enforcement of the civil infraction for the purchase or possession of tobacco or vapor products by minors. Requires the LCB to ensure that enforcement officers receive certain training and collect specific information about interactions between enforcement officers and youth, and to provide an annual report to the appropriate legislative committees.

E2SSB 5367 Products Containing Tetrahydrocannabinol

Sponsors: Robinson, Schoesler, Conway

Final Status: C 365 L 23

Modifies and adds definitions in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and hemp statutes, including amending the term "cannabis products" to include any product intended to be consumed or absorbed inside the body with any detectable amount of tetrahydrocannabinol. Prohibits the manufacture, sale, or distribution of cannabis or cannabis products without a state-issued license. Prohibits the production, processing, or sale of any cannabinoid that is synthetically derived or completely synthetic. Modifies certain authorized activities of licensed cannabis producers and processors.

SSB 5448 **Delivery of Alcohol**

Sponsors: MacEwen, Mullet, Nguyen

Final Status: C 279 L 23

Removes the July 1, 2023, expiration date for certain liquor license privileges temporarily enacted in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Continues to authorize restaurants and certain other liquor licensees to sell alcohol by takeout and, until July 1, 2025, by delivery. Adds requirements for deliveries of alcohol. Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to issue a report by November 1, 2023, with recommendations for a comprehensive alcohol delivery policy.

E2SSB 5634 **Problem Gambling**

Sponsors: Conway, Keiser, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 284 L 23

Clarifies the responsibilities of the Health Care Authority and the Department of Health for the State Problem Gambling Program and the membership of an advisory committee for the program. Increases the transfer of funds from the Shared Game Lottery to the Problem Gambling Account. Increases the tax imposed on contests of chance and pari-mutuel wagering.

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[HB 1020](#) **State Dinosaur**

Sponsors: Morgan, Callan, Ryu

Final Status: C 330 L 23

Establishes the Sucasaurus rex as the state dinosaur.

[HB 1031](#) **Medal of Valor Award**

Sponsors: Low, Ryu, Schmidt

Final Status: C 131 L 23

Allows the presentation of the Medal of Valor when the Legislature is not in a joint session, removing the previous prohibition. Authorizes the Governor to delegate presentation of the award any time the Governor is unable to, rather than only at a time of disability or illness.

[ESHB 1048](#) **Voting Rights Act**

Sponsors: Mena, Simmons, Goodman

Final Status: C 56 L 23

Provides that persons or organizations who file a notice of intent to challenge an election system under the Washington Voting Rights Act (WVRA) may recover costs incurred in conducting the necessary research, if the notice causes the political subdivision to adopt a remedy that is approved by the court. Grants standing to organizations and tribes to challenge election systems under the WVRA on behalf of their members.

[HB 1179](#) **Nonconviction Data/Auditor**

Sponsors: Ramos, Goodman, Leavitt

Final Status: C 26 L 23

Authorizes the release of nonconviction data to the Office of the State Auditor for the sole purpose of conducting a process compliance audit procedure and review of any independent deadly force investigations required by law.

[EHB 1210](#) **School Board Recordings**

Sponsors: Rude, Callan, Fey

Final Status: C 67 L 23

Requires a public records request for recordings of school district board of directors meetings to include the date or range of dates of the meetings requested. Requires all school district board meetings to be audio recorded, subject to exceptions for executive sessions and emergencies, and kept for at least one year. Encourages school districts to make the content of school district board of directors meetings available in formats accessible to individuals who need communication assistance and in languages other than English.

HB 1221 **Lottery Players/Public Records Act**

Sponsors: Stearns, Kloba, Ramel

Final Status: C 346 L 23

Exempts from disclosure, under the Public Records Act, a lottery player's personal and financial information held by Washington's Lottery or its contracted lottery vendors, except for a player's name and city or town of residence and any other additional information pursuant to the player's written permission.

HB 1259 **Secretary of State Executive Team**

Sponsors: Abbarno, Stearns, Reeves

Final Status: C 142 L 23

Partial Veto

Adds the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Secretary of State (OSOS) to the list of individuals who have the power to perform any act or duty relating to the OSOS. Authorizes the Chief of Staff to have signing authority, while also specifying existing signing authority for the Assistant Secretary of State and Deputy Secretary of State.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the section containing an emergency clause.

HB 1317 **Grassroots Lobbying**

Sponsors: Pollet, Gregerson

Final Status: C 413 L 23

Adjusts the deadline for when a sponsor of a grassroots campaign must file with the Public Disclosure Commission. Requires the disclosure of certain information pertaining to an organization contributing \$25 or more for a campaign and each person contributing \$25 or more for the campaign. Specifies disclosure requirements for grassroots campaign advertisements.

ESHB 1533 **Employee Information/Public Records Act**

Sponsors: Mena, Davis, Reed

Final Status: C 458 L 23

Exempts from disclosure under the Public Records Act personally identifying information maintained by an agency in personnel-related records or systems pertaining to employees or their dependents who are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking, if certain conditions are met unless the requestor is the news media.

2SHB 1639 **Billy Frank Jr. Statue**

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Ramel, Gregerson

Final Status: C 387 L 23

Assigns additional tasks to the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, and modifies its membership. Permits funds from the State General Fund to supplement the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Collection Fund for the creation and installation of the replacement statue. Designates March 9 as Billy Frank Jr. Day.

SHB 1700 **Eastern Washington Landscape**

Sponsors: Kretz, Chapman, Dent

Final Status: C 302 L 23

Specifies criteria for an Eastern Washington Cultural Landscape Feature (Feature) on the Capitol Campus in Olympia. Creates a non-appropriated account for the deposit of funds, gifts, and grants to support the establishment and maintenance of the Feature.

HB 1750 **Water Safety Education**

Sponsors: Berg, Reed, Taylor

Final Status: C 181 L 23

Designates May 15 as Water Safety Day and encourages individuals who work with children to provide training, educational materials, and other resources to the children and their families about water safety.

SB 5000 **Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Boehnke, Braun

Final Status: C 357 L 23

Designates January of each year as Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.

ESB 5015 **Productivity Board**

Sponsors: Fortunato, Gildon, Kuderer

Final Status: C 106 L 23

Makes the continued operation of the Productivity Board (Board) contingent on funds appropriated for that specific purpose. Requires that Board appointments be made by January 1, 2025, or as soon as practicable. Limits the amount of cash that may be awarded for the Employee Teamwork Incentive Program and modifies the award limit for the Statewide Employee Suggestion Program.

ESSB 5082 **Advisory Votes**

Sponsors: Kuderer, Hunt, Conway

Final Status: C 109 L 23

Repeals provisions that require legislative tax increases to be subject to an advisory vote at the next general election in which voters may express a nonbinding preference for whether the tax increases should be repealed or maintained. Requires the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program and the Office of Financial Management to create a website that includes certain information about the state budgets, and information about the website must be included in the voters' pamphlet.

E2SSB 5112 **Voter Registration**

Sponsors: Hunt, Hasegawa, Kuderer

Final Status: C 466 L 23

Provides that a person who applies for, renews, or updates an enhanced driver's license or enhanced state identification card at the Department of Licensing (DOL) is automatically registered to vote, and they may subsequently decline to register in writing, rather than being given the opportunity to decline to register to vote while at the DOL. Makes minor administrative or technical changes to provisions of law related to voter registration, inactive and cancelled voters, and voter registration challenges.

SSB 5127 **Student Information/Public Records Act**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Lovelett, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 182 L 23

Creates an exemption to the Public Records Act for personal information in any records pertaining to a student currently or previously enrolled in a local education agency, which is broader than the current exemption for personal information in files maintained for students.

ESSB 5152 **Synthetic Media**

Sponsors: Valdez, Hunt, Kuderer

Final Status: C 360 L 23

Creates a civil cause of action for candidates whose appearance, action, or speech is altered in electioneering communication through the use of synthetic media. Makes the inclusion of specified disclosures an affirmative defense to a cause of action brought under this act. Specifies situations when certain mediums may not be held liable under the act when transmitting electioneering communication.

SB 5153 **Future Voters/Records**

Sponsors: Valdez, Hunt, Nguyen

Final Status: C 361 L 23

Provides that the information of a 16- or 17-year-old who has registered to vote as a "future voter" may be disclosed when they are eligible to participate in the next presidential primary, primary, or general election.

SSB 5170 **Legislative Organizations**

Sponsors: Hunt, Kuderer, Wilson, J.

Final Status: C 91 L 23

Authorizes certain legislators and legislative staff to solicit gifts, grants, or donations to support official conferences of regional or national legislative organizations that are held outside the state without being in violation of ethics laws.

SSB 5182 **Candidate Filing**

Sponsors: Nguyen, Hunt, Boehnke

Final Status: C 394 L 23

Shifts the candidate filing period to begin on the first Monday in May and end on the following Friday. Changes the filing officer with whom certain candidates must file their declaration of candidacy and filing fee. Specifies deadlines for the submission of candidate statements for inclusion in the voters' pamphlets. Adjusts the period during which county auditors may change precinct boundaries to seven days before the candidate filing period.

ESSB 5186 **Contracting/Discrimination**

Sponsors: Liias, Billig, Dhingra

Final Status: C 468 L 23

Requires that every state contract and subcontract for public works or for goods or services entered into on or after January 1, 2024, include a nondiscrimination clause. Requires the Department of Enterprise Services in collaboration with the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises, the Office of Equity, and the Human Rights Commission to develop standard template contract provisions that meet the nondiscrimination clause requirements for inclusion in public works and goods and services contracts.

SSB 5208 **Online Voter Registration**

Sponsors: Trudeau, King, Hunt

Final Status: C 363 L 23

Permits people to register to vote online by providing the last four digits of their social security number, along with an image of their signature. Permits people to register to vote online with a tribal identification card without regard for whether the Secretary of State can obtain their signature from the federal government or the tribe, so long as the person submits a signature image. Requires people who register to vote online to confirm their United States citizenship and review the registration oath online as part of the registration process.

SSB 5381 **Legislators/Letters**

Sponsors: Braun, Pedersen, Boehnke

Final Status: C 226 L 23

Specifies that the Ethics in Public Service Act is not violated when a legislator sends letters of recommendation on behalf of and requested by a constituent, as well as certain congratulatory letters to constituents.

SB 5421 **Benefit Enrollment Information/Public Records Act**

Sponsors: Conway, Van De Wege

Final Status: C 45 L 23

Exempts from disclosure under the Public Records Act certain benefit enrollment information that is collected and maintained by the Health Care Authority.

SB 5459 **Election Information Requests**

Sponsors: Hunt, Kuderer, Valdez

Final Status: C 404 L 23

Creates a new Public Records Act (PRA) exemption for records regarding the infrastructure of a private entity submitted to elections officials, for 25 years after creation and when accompanied by a specific statement. Creates an explicit PRA exemption for voted ballots, or images, copies, photographs, or cast vote records of voted ballots. Specifies that PRA requests for records from the statewide voter registration database must be submitted to and fulfilled by the Office of the Secretary of State, not county elections officials.

2SSB 5518 **Cybersecurity**

Sponsors: Boehnke, Stanford, MacEwen

Final Status: C 124 L 23

Establishes the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee as a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Council to provide advice and recommendations that strengthen cybersecurity in private and public sectors across all critical infrastructure sectors. Creates the Technology Services Board Security Subcommittee within the Technology Services Board to assess and review various risks and policies related to cybersecurity and make recommendations related to state cybersecurity policy, developing a shared notification system, and data breach training exercises. Expands the duties and powers of the Department of Commerce to include preparing and updating contingency plans for securing energy infrastructure against all physical and cybersecurity threats.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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[HB 1004](#) **Bridge Jumping Signs**

Sponsors: Abbarno, Orcutt, Berry

Final Status: C 54 L 23

Requires the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (Washington State Parks) to install a sign in memory of Zachary Lee Rager. Authorizes cities, towns, and counties to erect signs near or attached to bridges providing information about the hazards of jumping. Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the Washington State Parks, port districts, and private railroad companies in certain circumstances, to consider whether to require the installation of signs about the hazards of jumping before entering into a contract for the construction or replacement of a bridge.

[HB 1058](#) **Commercial Driver's Licenses**

Sponsors: Paul, Orcutt, Simmons

Final Status: C 57 L 23

Removes the requirement to submit a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) renewal application in person. Authorizes the Department of Licensing to waive all or part of CDL standards for applicants who voluntarily surrendered their CDL. Modifies the CDL skills exam fee to \$175 per exam.

[SHB 1084](#) **Freight Mobility Priority**

Sponsors: Fey, Ramos, Ryu

Final Status: C 167 L 23

Changes the primary duty of the Freight Mobility and Strategic Investment Board (Board) to providing strategic freight mobility guidance to the Governor and the Legislature. Requires the Board to recommend a six-year investment program of priority freight projects and identify emerging freight mobility issues. Requires freight project sponsors to demonstrate a plan for engagement with impacted overburdened communities and a plan for evaluating and mitigating impacts. Increases Board membership by five. Requires the Board to study best practices for preventing or mitigating the impacts of freight investments in overburdened communities.

[SHB 1103](#) **Transportation Partnership Account Bond Proceeds**

Sponsors: Fey, Barkis, Wylie

Final Status: C 2 L 23

Eliminates the transfer of \$45.5 million in bond proceeds and \$1.5 million for debt service payments during the 2021-23 fiscal biennium from the Transportation Partnership Account to the Capital Vessel Replacement Account. Adds an additional transfer of \$35.5 million in previously issued bond proceeds from the Capital Vessel Replacement Account to the Transportation Partnership Account, effective during the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.

ESHB 1125 **Transportation Budget**

Sponsors: Fey, Lekanoff, Timmons

Final Status: C 472 L 23
Partial Veto

Makes biennial transportation appropriations for state agencies and programs for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. Modifies existing transportation appropriations for 2019-21 fiscal biennium. Makes transfers between accounts and includes other requirements/provisions/policies. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes several items in the 2023-25 biennial budget and the 2021-2023 supplemental budget. (See veto message.)

SHB 1171 **Motorcycle Safety Board**

Sponsors: Mosbrucker, Graham

Final Status: C 137 L 23

Expands the Motorcycle Safety Education Advisory Board (Board) by two members who must represent motorcycle safety instructors. Requires Board members to be specially endorsed to drive a motorcycle. Extends two-year Board member terms to end once a successor is appointed.

HB 1237 **Vehicle Identification Number Inspection Fee**

Sponsors: Robertson, Fey

Final Status: C 139 L 23

Distributes the entire \$65 vehicle identification number inspection fee to the State Patrol Highway Account to support the activities of the Washington State Patrol.

HB 1257 **Cargo & Passenger Ports**

Sponsors: Hackney, Abbarno, Reed

Final Status: C 347 L 23

Allows certain port districts to meet, coordinate, and implement actions on issues of mutual interest regarding the movement of cargo and passengers. Expires the authority after 10 years.

SHB 1271 **Organ Transport Vehicles**

Sponsors: Low, Eslick, Bronoske

Final Status: C 290 L 23

Requires the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Licensing, to license vehicles designated as organ transport vehicles. Mandates that organ transport vehicles be equipped with certain devices and authorizes at least one lamp capable of displaying a red light and a siren capable of giving an audible signal. Permits organ transport vehicles to have installed and use signal preemption devices when transporting a time-urgent organ. Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to allow organ transport vehicles to use high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

HB 1319 **Collisions/Driver Reexam**

Sponsors: Reed, Cortes, Berry

Final Status: C 29 L 23

Expands situations when a law enforcement officer must report a driver to the Department of Licensing following a traffic collision that results in injury and when such a driver is required to take a driver examination.

HB 1334 **Public Transportation Benefit Area Aquatic Lands Access**

Sponsors: Hutchins, Simmons, Couture

Final Status: C 146 L 23

Authorizes a public transportation benefit area to obtain an easement for ferry terminal or docking facilities on state-owned aquatic lands or harbor areas without requiring a lease payment.

SHB 1457 **Motor Carriers/Restrooms**

Sponsors: Robertson, Berry, Santos

Final Status: C 251 L 23

Requires businesses that must provide restrooms under the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act and that either ship or receive cargo or property to allow the motor carrier that is picking up or delivering the cargo or property to access to the restrooms, under certain conditions.

HB 1540 **Driver Training/Large Vehicles**

Sponsors: Hutchins, Timmons, Low

Final Status: C 32 L 23

Mandates large vehicle awareness education be included as part of novice driver training curriculum.

SHB 1638 **State Trooper Recruitment**

Sponsors: Fey, Barkis, Robertson

Final Status: C 459 L 23

Creates the State Trooper Expedited Recruitment Incentive Program. Authorizes the Washington State Patrol to establish hiring procedures and an accelerated training program for lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies. Authorizes hiring and retention bonuses to cadets and lateral hires. Conditions bonuses for cadet hires or lateral hires on provisions set forth in an omnibus transportation appropriations act.

ESHB 1736 **Vehicle Odometer Readings**

Sponsors: Cortes, Fey, Senn

Final Status: Gov vetoed

Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to request odometer information in vehicle registration and vehicle registration renewal applications. Exempts from public disclosure the personally identifying information of persons who voluntarily report vehicle odometer mileage. Requires the DOL to report the number of people who provided odometer information, the number requested to report odometer information, and problems encountered in implementation.

EHB 1782 **Wahkiakum County Ferry**

Sponsors: McEntire, Fey

Final Status: C 428 L 23

Increases state support of the Wahkiakum County ferry service to 85 percent of the ferry service operating deficit.

ESHB 1791 **Commercial Aviation Services**

Sponsors: Fey, Dent, Morgan

Final Status: C 463 L 23

Partial Veto

Replaces the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission with a Commercial Aviation Work Group (Work Group). Directs the Work Group to evaluate the commercial aviation needs of Washington within the broader context of state transportation needs. Requires the Work Group to investigate and report on the strengths and weaknesses of possible expansion of existing aviation facilities and possible siting locations for new facilities.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the sections directing and imposing requirements on the Work Group, replacing the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission with the Work Group before the end of the 2021-23 biennium, and containing an emergency clause.

ESHB 1838 **Transportation Revenue Forecast**

Sponsors: Fey, Barkis, Berg

Final Status: C 390 L 23

Requires the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council (ERFC) to prepare and approve the transportation revenue forecast. Increases the legislative membership of the ERFC. Creates a Transportation Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, which must work with the ERFC Director to supervise the preparation of all transportation economic and revenue forecasts.

EHB 1846 **Ferry Vessel Procurement**

Sponsors: Fey, Barkis, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 429 L 23
Partial Veto

Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to contract for up to five new hybrid diesel-electric vessels that can carry up to 144 vehicles. Exempts the procurement from existing ferries-specific design-build statutes, including the requirement to build vessels in Washington. Requires the WSDOT to establish and apply evaluation criteria beyond low price to meet best value objectives. Requires the WSDOT to establish an adjustable credit of 13 percent of the bid price for ferry vessels constructed in-state. Requires the WSDOT to mandate that contractors meet state apprenticeship and stormwater requirements or other state or federal equivalents.

Partial Veto Summary: Vetoes the intent section.

ESHB 1853 **Transportation Resources**

Sponsors: Fey

Final Status: C 431 L 23

Makes changes to various provisions regarding transportation resources.

SHJM 4001 **Justin DeRosier Memorial Highway**

Sponsors: Orcutt, Walsh, McEntire

Final Status: HFiled Sec/St

Requests the Washington State Transportation Commission to designate a section of State Route 411 in Cowlitz County as the "Cowlitz County Deputy Sheriff Justin DeRosier Memorial Highway."

SB 5023 **Roadside Safety Measures**

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Lovick, Kuderer

Final Status: C 33 L 23

Allows emergency tow trucks at the scene of an accident to use rear-facing blue lights. Allows emergency tow trucks to operate an intermittent or revolving red light when reentering the roadway from the scene of an emergency or accident. Expands the requirement for drivers to reduce the speed of their vehicle when approaching an emergency or work zone to all highways.

SB 5041 **Motor Carrier Safety**

Sponsors: Lovick, King, Liias

Final Status: C 35 L 23

Requires that drug and alcohol testing results be reported to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse rather than the Department of Licensing

ESSB 5272 **Speed Safety Cameras**

Sponsors: Lias, King, Kuderer

Final Status: C 17 L 23

Authorizes law enforcement officers to issue a traffic infraction when a vehicle's speed is detected using a speed safety camera system (safety camera) in highway work zones through June 30, 2030. Makes the Washington State Department of Transportation responsible for the operation and administration of safety cameras in highway work zones. Makes the Washington State Patrol responsible for the enforcement and adjudication of speed violations detected by safety cameras in highway work zones. Refers notices of unpaid or disputed infractions to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication.

SB 5282 **Vehicle Reports of Sale**

Sponsors: Valdez, MacEwen, Gildon

Final Status: C 273 L 23

Allows a vehicle dealer to file a report of sale on behalf of an owner who trades in or sells a vehicle to the dealer and requires a vehicle dealer who does so to collect and remit the required fees from the owner.

SSB 5317 **Regional Transit Authority Vehicle Removal**

Sponsors: Nobles, Wilson, J., Frame

Final Status: C 326 L 23

Allows Regional Transit Authority (RTA) representatives to direct an immediate tow of unauthorized vehicles within an RTA right-of-way.

SB 5342 **Transit Interlocal Agreements**

Sponsors: Kauffman, King, Lias

Final Status: C 43 L 23

Exempts transit agencies from certain interlocal agreement requirements when procuring rolling stock through cooperative procurement schedules.

SB 5347 **Abstract Driving Records**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Pedersen, Dhingra

Final Status: C 118 L 23

Removes the limitation on the abstract of a driver's record (ADR) provided to an alcohol and drug assessment or treatment agency. Prohibits courts from charging fees to produce ADRs for indigent persons. Permits probation officers and probation clerks employed by a court to provide an ADR to a treatment agency.

SSB 5504 **Open Vehicle Safety Recalls**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Lias, Valdez

Final Status: C 440 L 23

Requires the Department of Licensing to check whether a vehicle is subject to an open safety recall, and provide written notice to the vehicle owner as part of the vehicle registration process. Directs motor vehicle inspectors to provide the owner of an inspected vehicle with written notice of open safety recalls.

SB 5531 **Milk Product Haulers**

Sponsors: King, Shewmake, Nobles

Final Status: C 281 L 23

Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to issue a one-year special permit for the operation of two trailing units, which together are not more than 85 feet in length, hauling fluid milk. Requires a \$300 fee for the permit.

SB 5550 **Ferry Workforce Development**

Sponsors: Lias, Randall, Valdez

Final Status: C 188 L 23

Directs the Washington State Ferries (WSF) to adopt a strategy to implement diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of its employee recruitment and retention efforts. Directs the WSF to conduct an annual survey on workplace conditions, perform a cultural assessment, develop mentorship programs, assist job applicants in obtaining maritime credentialing, develop a staffing model, set a target level of operational overtime, and provide maritime training opportunities to current or prospective employees.

ESSB 5583 **Young Driver Safety**

Sponsors: Lias, Wilson, C., Kauffman

Final Status: C 445 L 23

Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to develop a new driver training education expansion plan for driver's license applicants between the ages of 18 and 24. Allows the holder of an intermediate license to be exempt from the hours of operation restriction under certain conditions. Expands the definition of "classroom instruction" as it applies to driver training education courses to include virtual classroom-based student instruction.

SSB 5742 **Department of Transportation Grant Programs**

Sponsors: Kauffman, Lias, Lovick

Final Status: C 447 L 23

Establishes permanently several Department of Transportation grant and loan programs that previously were authorized through omnibus transportation appropriations acts.

SSB 5753

Washington State Department of Transportation-Lummi Tribe/Roadway

Sponsors: Shewmake, Lovelett

Final Status: C 448 L 23

Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Lummi Nation, and other entities, to construct and maintain a public road through tribal trust lands.

SB 5765

Interstate-5 Bridge Tolling

Sponsors: Lias, King, Cleveland

Final Status: C 377 L 23

Authorizes tolls on the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project.



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

May 16, 2023

To the Honorable President and Members,
The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 124(5), 129(80), 129(92), 132(20), 147(7), 153(8), 202(26), 207(2), 207(3), 211(31), 223(5)(a), 223(6)(e), 223(7)(b), 225(20), 228(17), 310(38), 729, 743, 1220(4), page 1105, line 39, page 1106, line 1, 1517(47)(o), 1612(3), 1708, 119(3), 308(36), and 215(110), Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters."

Section 124(5), page 33, Office of the State Auditor, Special Education Performance Audit

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1436 (Section 2) directs the Office of the State Auditor to conduct a special education performance audit and access records as authorized representatives of the education authorities. I vetoed this section of ESHB 1436, and no audit will be conducted. Therefore, no funding is needed. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 124(5).

Section 129(80), pages 73-74, Department of Commerce, Human Service Provider Contracts Work Group

This section directs the Department of Commerce to convene a work group to examine expenses allowed in human service provider contracts in Washington state's local and state contracting processes. Because the funding in this proviso expires before the report is due and an inadequate amount was provided to complete this work, I have vetoed Section 129(80).

Section 129(92), page 78, and Section 917, pages 663-665, Department of Commerce, Housing Supply and Affordability Task Force

Section 917 creates a task force comprised of legislators, local elected officials, state agency representatives and stakeholders to identify strategies to increase the diversity and supply of affordable housing. This task force is co-chaired by legislators and will receive staff support from the Department of Commerce. As a legislative task force, staff support should be provided by legislative staff and not executive branch agency staff. In addition, the funding provided in Section 129(92) is insufficient to complete this work. For these reasons, I have vetoed both Sections 129(92) and 917.

Section 132(20), pages 102-103, Department of Commerce and Utilities and Transportation Commission, Net Metering Work Group

This section directs the Department of Commerce and the Utilities and Transportation Commission to convene a work group to study the future of net metering in Washington state. Because funding was not provided to do this work, I have vetoed Section 132(20). However, I am directing the department and the commission to request funding in the next budget to adequately support a work group for this purpose.

Section 147(7), page 132, Utilities and Transportation Commission, Compensation Information

This section requires communication providers who receive a distribution pursuant to RCW 80.36.650 to provide detailed compensation information for their officers, directors and the five highest paid employees to the commission. This adds requirements to the underlying statute, and therefore, it should have been amended. This work is also unfunded. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 147(7).

Section 153(8), page 139, Department of Enterprise Services, Building Code Council Technical Advisory Group

This section directs the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group to evaluate the implementation and enforcement of laws, codes and rules related to smoke control and fire/smoke dampers and make recommendations for changes. The funding provided for this work is inadequate. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 153(8).

Section 202(26), page 163, Department of Social & Health Services, Feasibility Study

This section requires the agency to report on the feasibility of using the former Naselle Youth Camp facility to create additional forensic bed capacity for individuals in jails awaiting admission to the state hospitals who are class members of Trueblood, et al. v. Department of Social and Health Services, et al. This feasibility study is unfunded and duplicative of the Office of Financial Management task force that is created in Section 913 of this budget bill. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 202(26). However, I am directing the OFM task force to consider the use of the Naselle Youth Camp for forensic bed capacity in its work.

Sections 207(2) and 207(3), pages 206-207, Department of Social & Health Services, Community Notice and Consultation on Placement of Sexually Violent Predators

These provisos are administratively burdensome for the Department of Social and Health Services Special Commitment Center program when siting Less Restrictive Alternatives in communities throughout the state. These additional administrative tasks will likely result in the delay and availability of placement options for individuals ordered by a court to be moved out of the McNeil Island facility. For this reason, I have vetoed Sections 207(2) and 207(3).

Section 211(31), pages 222-224, Health Care Authority, Performance Measures and Per Capita Forecast Work Group

This section requires the Health Care Authority to develop new managed care performance measures for calendar year 2025 in collaboration with the Medical Assistance Expenditure Forecast Work Group. Quality measure determination is

not within the scope or expertise of this work group and would be better addressed by health care clinical and policy subject matter experts. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 221(31).

Section 223(5)(a), page 352, and Section 223(6)(e), page 353, Department of Corrections, Discharge Planning Requirements

These sections fund the expanded discharge planning requirements for the Department of Corrections in Second Substitute Senate Bill 5134. Sufficient funding was not provided for this purpose. Therefore, I have vetoed Sections 223(5)(a) and 223(6)(e).

Section 223(7)(b), page 354, Department of Corrections, Restrictive Housing Health Evaluations

This section requires the Department of Corrections to conduct a mental and physical health medical evaluation on incarcerated persons who have been in restrictive housing and provide a report by June 30, 2024. Funding provided for this purpose is insufficient to evaluate all of the individuals required, and it is unclear that the information gathered would be useful. We are making consistent investments to reduce the use of restrictive housing in Washington prisons and alleviate its known negative impacts. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 223(7)(b).

Section 225(20), pages 360-361, Employment Security Department, Washington Cares Program

The Employment Security Department and the Department of Social and Health Services collaborate on communications and outreach efforts of the Washington Cares program. The requirements in this section are redundant to the collaboration already occurring and required in RCW 50B.04.020(6). It is also unclear which agency has final approval authority on employer communications related to the program. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 225(20). However, I am directing the Employment Security Department to continue collaborating with the agencies involved in the Washington Cares program on external communications of the program to ensure consistent and agreed upon messaging is provided to employers and Washingtonians.

Section 228(17), page 380, Department of Children, Youth, and Families, SSB 5672

This section provides funding for Substitute Senate Bill 5672 that did not pass the Legislature. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 228(17).

Section 310(38), pages 446-447, Department of Natural Resources, Lease Approval Requirement

This section requires the Department of Natural Resources to seek approval for nearly all new leases or existing lease renewals from the Board of Natural Resources (Board). This would require the Board to review and approve hundreds of state trust land, forestland, upland and aquatic land leases every month. The Board also does not have legal oversight of state aquatic lands and leases entered into by the department. In addition, the funding provided for this work is insufficient and would result in delays for the agency, the Board, and lessees,

as well as a loss of revenue for trust beneficiaries and aquatic accounts that serve as a funding source for other agencies. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 310(38).

Section 729, pages 630-631, Office of Financial Management, Lease Cost Pool

The lease cost pool is an ineffective approach to managing lease costs and is redundant to the existing modified pre-design process that reviews space needs and budgets. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 729.

Section 743, pages 635-638, Office of Financial Management, Office Space Use Reductions

This section refers to outdated data for leases that have already been renewed. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 743. However, I am directing the Office of Financial Management, in collaboration with the Department of Enterprise Services, to identify expiring leased office space that can be reduced. Funds saved will be moved to reserve status.

Section 1220(4), Page 1105, line 39, and page 1106, line 1, Department of Corrections, General Fund-State Appropriation (FY 2023)

The 2023 supplemental budget provisos over \$17 million for the Department of Corrections to pay for COVID-19 expenditures from fiscal year 2021 that were expected to be paid with federal funds. However, the Legislature did not provide additional funding.

The department does not anticipate having this much available in its base budget at the end of the fiscal year. Section 1220(4) includes an \$8.4 million reduction tied to lower caseloads that can be restored to provide the agency with the funding it needs to close the fiscal year. For this reason, I have vetoed the change to the fiscal year 2023 General Fund-State appropriation in Section 1220(4).

Section 1517(47)(o), page 1305, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, ESSER Federal Funding

This section reduces the appropriation of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funding for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This reduction in funding includes fiscal years 2021, 2022 and 2023. A portion of this funding is within closed fiscal years and can no longer have changes in appropriation. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1517(47)(o). However, I am asking OSPI to prioritize spending down ESSER II before ESSER III to ensure that all federal funding is spent prior to its expiration date.

Section 1612(3), pages 1372-1373, Arts Commission, Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Proviso

This section amends the appropriation for a closed fiscal year and cannot be legally implemented. Therefore, I have vetoed Section 1612(3).

Section 1708, pages 1378-1380, Office of Financial Management, Office Space Use Reductions This section requires agencies to reduce leased office space in the

current biennium. Agencies do not have time to complete this work. In addition, the section refers to outdated data for many leases that have already been renewed and for which the space cannot be reduced. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 1708.

The following sections provide funding to agencies to implement bills which did not pass the Legislature. Because the funding has lapsed, I have vetoed Section 119(3), Section 308(36), and Section 215(110).

Section 119(3), page 23, Public Disclosure Commission, ESSB 5284, Campaign Finance Disclosure

Section 308(36), page 433, Department of Fish & Wildlife, 2SHB 1010, Sanitary Control of Shellfish

Section 215(110), page 290, Health Care Authority, HB 1681, Problem Gambling

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 124(5), 129(80), 129(92), 132(20), 147(7), 153(8), 202(26), 207(2), 207(3), 211(31), 223(5)(a), 223(6)(e), 223(7)(b), 225(20), 228(17), 310(38), 729, 743, 1220(4), page 1105, line 39, page 1106, line 1, 1517(47)(o), 1612(3), 1708, 119(3), 308(36), and 215(110) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187.

With the exception of Sections 124(5), 129(80), 129(92), 132(20), 147(7), 153(8), 202(26), 207(2), 207(3), 211(31), 223(5)(a), 223(6)(e), 223(7)(b), 225(20), 228(17), 310(38), 729, 743, 1220(4), page 1105, line 39, page 1106, line 1, 1517(47)(o), 1612(3), 1708, 119(3), 308(36), and 215(110), Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5187 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Inslee
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

May 16, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 204(3), 207(5), 208(10), 211(1), 215(3), 217(6), 218(5), 219(2), 221(18), 223(3), 224(4), 208(29), 208(31), 213(5), 214(7), 215(4), 217(10), 219(11), 219(12), 224(3), 701(1), 804, 1102(1), 1102(14), 208(17), 208(18), 208(19), and 208(33), Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to transportation funding and appropriations."

Section 204(3), pages 15-16, Joint Transportation Committee, Oversight of Ferry Procurement

This section directs the Joint Transportation Committee to hire a consultant to provide oversight of ferry documents and procedures relating to the procurement of hybrid-electric ferry vessels. This extra step to require the Joint Transportation Committee to hire a consultant will create inefficiencies in the ferry procurement process. Also, because there is a third-party consultant required in Engrossed House Bill 1846, this work could be duplicative. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 204(3). However, I am directing Washington State Ferries to regularly engage with legislators as it works to implement a new ferry vessel procurement process.

Section 207(5), page 27, Washington State Patrol

Section 208(10), page 35, Department of Licensing

Section 211(1), page 44, Department of Transportation, Facilities

Section 215(3), page 51, Department of Transportation, Public-Private Partnerships

Section 217(6), page 59, Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations

Section 218(5), page 65, Department of Transportation, Transportation Management and Support

Section 219(2), pages 65-66, Department of Transportation, Planning

Section 221(18), page 78, Department of Transportation, Public Transportation

Section 223(3), page 85, Department of Transportation, Rail

Section 224(4), page 87, Department of Transportation, Local Programs

These sections identify the Legislature's intent to monitor and adjust appropriations in the future. The proviso language suggests that agencies should hire staff beyond their appropriation authority. The law prohibits agencies from spending more than their authorized appropriation levels. For this reason, I have vetoed Sections 207(5), 208(10), 211(1), 215(3), 217(6), 218(5), 219(2), 221(18), 223(3), and 224(4).

Section 208(29), page 40, Department of Licensing, Per-Mile Fee Program Study

This section directs the Department of Licensing to study, in consultation with the Washington State Transportation Commission, the feasibility of implementing and administering a per-mile fee program. This work pre-supposes a per-mile fee program will be adopted despite the need to consider broader options for alternative funding sources for transportation. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 208(29).

Section 208(31), page 41, Department of Licensing, Vehicle Odometer Readings

This section provides appropriations to implement Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1736 (vehicle odometer readings). Previously, I vetoed ESHB 1736; therefore, the funding to implement this bill is no longer necessary. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 208(31).

Section 213(5), pages 47-48, Department of Transportation, Aviation Impacts

This section directs the Department of Transportation to evaluate and report on the operational and technological enhancements addressing the environmental impacts from commercial aviation activities. The appropriation is insufficient to conduct a thorough evaluation. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 213(5).

Section 214(7), pages 49-50, Department of Transportation, State Route 532 Surplus Parcel

This section requires the Department of Transportation to certify that the property located south of State Route 532 and west of Interstate 5 in the vicinity of the intersection of SR 532 and 19th Avenue NW is no longer needed for the state highway system, and to convey the roadway and access rights to the county. The conveyance of access rights to the state highway would improperly delegate to the county the important responsibility of ensuring the safety and operation of a state limited access facility, contrary to the department's existing statutory authority under chapter 47.52 RCW. This raises significant safety concerns of increasing access to SR 532 at this location. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 214(7).

Section 215(4), page 51, Department of Transportation, Hydrogen Refueling Stations

The department is directed to pursue federal funding for hydrogen fueling stations for passenger and light-truck vehicles as well as medium and heavy-duty vehicles. While there is a stated intent to provide state matching funds for federal grants, the budget provides no such funding nor is funding provided for staff to pursue federal grants. In addition, green hydrogen is best suited for medium and heavy-duty vehicles, rather than passenger and light-duty vehicles. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 215(4).

Section 217(10), pages 60-61, Department of Transportation, Weigh Station Preclearance Program

Requirements in this section contradict the existing Weigh Station Strategic Plan adopted by the Washington State Patrol and Department of Transportation and the existing weigh station preclearance system. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 217(10).

Section 219(11), pages 69-70, Department of Transportation, State Route 904 Corridor Study

This section requires the Department of Transportation to plan for improvements on State Route 904. Given the limited availability of funds for the department to perform basic operations, it is not prudent for the state to undertake new work at this time. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 219(11).

Section 219(12), page 70, Department of Transportation, U.S. Highway 12 Safety Improvement Study

This section requires the Department of Transportation to perform an analysis of the state and local transportation network around an interchange on US 12. Given the limited availability of funds for the department to perform basic operations, it is not prudent for the state to undertake new work at this time. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 219(12).

Section 224(3), page 87, Department of Transportation, Active Transportation Program

This section requires the Department of Transportation to examine and report on the feasibility of creating a new program for active transportation. Although I support the department evaluating its program structures, I have vetoed Section 224(3) because it only focuses on one program. However, I am directing the department to develop options and recommendations to address the restructuring or creation of programs, particularly related to active transportation.

This work is important but should be comprehensive and funded.

Section 701(1), page 139, Washington State Patrol, Aerial Criminal Investigation Tools

This section places the purchase of replacement "aerial criminal investigation tools" for the Washington State Patrol under the oversight of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). The term "aerial criminal investigation tools" is broad and could apply to both unmanned aerial vehicles, as well as other items such as Cessna airplanes that are funded in the budget. In addition, management of unmanned aerial vehicles or airplanes under the OCIO's information technology oversight requirements is inappropriate. For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 701(1).

Section 804, page 162, lines 11-12, 14-15, 20-25, and 32-34, and Section 1102(1), page 258, Department of Licensing, Appropriation and Repeal Section

These sections reduce appropriations for the Department of Licensing in the 2021-23 biennium. The department needs these appropriations to close the fiscal year. For this reason, I have vetoed changes to the appropriations in Section 804 and Section 1102(1). However, because this will result in more appropriation authority than the department needs to close the fiscal year, I am directing the Department of Licensing to place any excess authority in unallotted status.

Section 1102(14), page 258, Department of Transportation, 2022 Project List

This section repeals the 2022 project list and associated funding in Program I - Improvements. Repealing this section from Chapter 187, Laws of 2022 removes the department's authority to spend on capital projects for which work has already started. This authority is necessary for the department to close the current biennium. For this reason, I have vetoed Section 1102(14). However, because this will result in more appropriation authority than the department needs to close the fiscal year, I am directing the Department of Transportation to place any excess authority in unallotted status.

The following sections provided funding to the Department of Licensing to implement bills which did not pass the Legislature. Because the funding has lapsed, I have vetoed Section 208(17), Section 208(18), Section 208(19), and Section 208(33).

Section 208(17), page 36, Department of Licensing, Senate Bill 5333, State Sport Special License Plate

Section 208(18), page 36, Department of Licensing, Senate Bill 5590/House Bill 1489,

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**Section 208(19), page 36, Department of Licensing, Senate Bill 5738/House Bill 1829,
LeMay-America's Car Museum Special License Plate**

**Section 208(33), page 41, Department of Licensing, Substitute House Bill 1493, Impaired
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For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 204(3), 207(5), 208(10), 211(1), 215(3), 217(6), 218(5), 219(2), 221(18), 223(3), 224(4), 208(29), 208(31), 213(5), 214(7), 215(4), 217(10), 219(11), 219(12), 224(3), 701(1), 804, 1102(1), 1102(14), 208(17), 208(18), 208(19), and 208(33) of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125.

With the exception of Sections 204(3), 207(5), 208(10), 211(1), 215(3), 217(6), 218(5), 219(2), 221(18), 223(3), 224(4), 208(29), 208(31), 213(5), 214(7), 215(4), 217(10), 219(11), 219(12), 224(3), 701(1), 804, 1102(1), 1102(14), 208(17), 208(18), 208(19), and 208(33), Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1125 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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