



**2023 Bills Passed the Legislature**

**BILLS PASSED  
DURING THE  
2023 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

LISTED BY SENATE COMMITTEE  
INCLUDES GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

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## AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

### **ESHB 1019      CREATING THE PESTICIDE ADVISORY BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*Del to Gov*

- Creates the Pesticide Advisory Board to advise the Washington State Department of Agriculture on certain issues relating to the use and application of pesticides.

### **SHB 1138      CONCERNING DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Chapman*

*C 287 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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.
- Changes the name of the Drought Preparedness and Response Account to the Drought Preparedness Account and establishes the Emergency Drought Response Account.
- 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 up to \$3 million.
- Allows the Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought to convene the committee when a drought advisory is in effect.

### **2SHB 1322      CONCERNING THE WALLA WALLA WATER 2050 PLAN**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rude*

*(SB 5384 Senator Dozier)*

*C 239 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan to be used as an integrated water resource strategy through a coordinated effort between the states of Washington and Oregon; affected federally recognized tribes; affected federal, state, and local agencies; and other stakeholders.
- 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 Oregon.
- Requires that water supplies developed under the act be apportioned between Oregon and Washington consistent with any written agreements entered into with Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.
- Authorizes Ecology to designate water supplies developed under the act for instream flow purposes and be placed into the Trust Water Rights Program.
- Requires that, when financing projects to implement the Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan, at least half of the total costs must be funded through federal, private, and nonstate sources.

**HB 1334 ADDRESSING THE ACCESS OF CERTAIN AQUATIC LANDS BY A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hutchins*

*(SB 5292 Senator Randall)*

*C 146 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SHB 1460 CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*

*Del to Gov*

- Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to create and manage a Trust Land Transfer Program to transfer economically under-performing state lands to other purposes, and acquire replacement property to provide sustainable revenue to trust beneficiaries.

**ESHB 1498 CONCERNING AVIATION ASSURANCE FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO WILDLAND FIRES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dye*

*Del to Gov*

- 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.
- Requires 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 DNR 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 DNR to convene a work group composed of wildfire aviation subject matter experts, wildfire aviation contractors, fire service representatives, wildland fire management staff, and other partners to evaluate and provide findings regarding the costs and benefits of a state certification program for aircraft and pilots used in wildfire suppression.

**SHB 1500      INCREASING THE CAP ON GROSS SALES FOR COTTAGE FOOD OPERATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Eslick  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5107 Senator Shewmake)*

- Increases the cap on annual gross sales for cottage food operations from \$25,000 to \$35,000.
- Directs the Department of Agriculture to review and increase the cap on annual gross sales every four years based on the consumer price index.
- Requires cottage food permits to be renewed every two years instead of annually.

**HB 1552      DIRECTING THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF URBAN AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES AND BARRIERS IN THE STATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves  
C 178 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the State Conservation Commission to conduct a study of urban agricultural opportunities and barriers in the state and submit a report to the Legislature by June 20, 2024.

**2SHB 1578      IMPROVING COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCE TO WILDLAND FIRE HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS IN AREAS OF INCREASING POPULATION DENSITY, INCLUDING IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5611 Senator Wagoner)*

- Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to complete decadal assessments of areas at significant risk of wildfire, beginning with the decade between July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2037.
- Requires 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 DNR to take certain actions to expand its community resilience programming within the wildland urban interface in areas of Western Washington where DNR determines that risk of wildfires and smoke exposure exist.
- Requires DNR to implement a Post-Wildfire Debris Flow Program by July 1, 2028, and establish a structure for a state-sponsored burned area emergency stabilization and response team by December 30, 2027.

**SHB 1753      CHANGING CERTAIN NOTICE PROVISIONS IN THE DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske  
Del to Gov*

- Requires notice of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel to be mailed ten days, rather than 20 days, prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.
- Requires notice of intent to obtain custody of a derelict vessel to be posted on the vessel 15 days, rather than 30 days, prior to taking custody of the derelict vessel.

**HB 1775      LIMITING LIABILITY FOR SALMON RECOVERY PROJECTS PERFORMED BY REGIONAL FISHERIES ENHANCEMENT GROUPS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff      (SB 5693 Senator Van De Wege)  
C 260 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Provides that a Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group performing certain habitat restoration activities may not be held civilly liable for any property damages resulting from the project, unless the damage is due to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

**HB 1792      MODIFYING TIMELINES AND OTHER INITIAL PROCEDURAL ACTIONS IN A WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons  
C 160 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes certain timelines in any general water rights adjudication filed in Water Resource Inventory Area 1 after June 1, 2023, including that the return day to file claims pursuant to a court summons must be not less than one year after the date the summons was issued; the latest day for a party to appear by filing a claim in response to a court summons must be not less than one year after service of summons and the summons must state that adjudication claims must be filed not less than one year after the date on which the summons was issued; and the latest date for filing evidence must be no less than three years after the date for the filing of adjudication claims set by the court.

**SB 5104 SURVEYING PUGET SOUND MARINE SHORELINE HABITAT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon  
Del to Gov*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to conduct a baseline survey of Puget Sound marine shorelines including creating a comprehensive on-the-water view of the shoreline by June 30, 2024.
- Tasks Ecology with updating marine surveys of Puget Sound shorelines on a regular two-year cycle.

**ESSB 5143 CHANGING THE NAME OF AND ADDING A MEMBER TO THE COMMISSION ON PESTICIDE REGISTRATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres  
C 37 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes the name of the Commission on Pesticide Registration to the Commission on Integrated Pest Management.
- Adds a representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, as a non-voting member of the Commission.

**SB 5192 AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES TO SUBSTITUTE FOR POLLUTION CONTROL HEARINGS BOARD MEMBERS IN DECIDING DERELICT VESSEL APPEALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake (HB 1081 Representative Simmons)  
C 39 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SB 5330 CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON PESTICIDE APPLICATION ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres  
C 186 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows the director of the Department of Agriculture to suspend or revoke a license or certification based on a license or certification from another jurisdiction under certain conditions.
- Removes the provision that applicants for certain applicator licenses must be at least 16 years old on the date the application is submitted.
- Requires the Department 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      CREATING A LOCATION-BASED PROMOTION PROGRAM FOR WASHINGTON FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*C 276 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Agriculture to establish an advisory committee of food production organizations for a voluntary location-based program to promote local food and agricultural products.

**SSB 5353      CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*C 187 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes the date by which counties must have elected to join the Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP).
- Establishes that a county electing to join the VSP is eligible for a share of new funding made available to implement the program and the county is not required to implement the program in a participating watershed until new adequate funding is provided to the county.
- Requires the Conservation Commission to determine every two years which watersheds in new participating counties received adequate funding to implement VSP.

**ESSB 5371      PROTECTING SOUTHERN RESIDENT ORCAS FROM VESSELS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovelett*

*(HB 1145 Representative Berry)*

*Del to Gov*

- Increases the distance a vessel must maintain away from a southern resident orca from 400 yards to 1000 yards, effective January 1, 2025.
- Modifies commercial whale watching business license fees by removing fee structures for each vessel based on the number of passengers and eliminating certain other fees.
- Adds a paddle tour business license for businesses conducting paddle tours to view marine mammals for a fee.
- Increases penalties for violations of commercial whale watching rules and directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife to revoke licenses under certain circumstances.

**SB 5390      ESTABLISHING A PROGRAMMATIC SAFE HARBOR AGREEMENT ON FORESTLANDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*C 119 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to adopt rules to administer the federal voluntary safe harbor agreement program for the northern spotted owl for forestland owners.



**SSB 5433            CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF DERELICT AQUATIC  
STRUCTURES AND RESTORATION OF AQUATIC LANDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*(HB 1378 Representative Reeves)*

*C 227 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes a derelict structure removal program at the Department of Natural Resources for the removal of qualifying structures on state aquatic lands.
- Directs the Department to establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who need financial assistance to comply with its habitat stewardship measures for the protection of nearshore habitat.

**SSB 5439            CONCERNING LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*C 46 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee to review the costs and operations of the livestock identification program.
- Removes the call out fee for an inspection done by a certified veterinarian or field livestock inspector.
- Changes the livestock identification report annual deadline and extends livestock inspection fees to July 1, 2026.

**SSB 5460            CONCERNING COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR IRRIGATION  
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*(HB 1494 Representative Dent)*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the directors of an irrigation and rehabilitation district to annually determine the amount of money necessary to carry on the rehabilitation operations of the district and classify the property in the district in proportion to the benefits to be derived from the rehabilitation operations of the district.
- Establishes that the the district budget for rehabilitation purposes must not exceed an amount equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of the assessed aggregate valuation of all property within the district.
- Requires the district to provide notice of the proposed assessments and hold an equalization hearing.

## BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES, GAMING & TRADE

### **ESHB 1051      CONCERNING ROBOCALLING AND TELEPHONE SCAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 103 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands existing provisions regulating robocalls and solicitations targeting Washington residents.
- Makes certain persons that assist in the transmission of unwanted commercial solicitation subject to the Consumer Protection Act.
- Prohibits a person from initiating, or causing the initiation of, 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 a violation of the Telephone Solicitation Act and a violation of the prohibition on using an automatic dialing and announcing device to make a commercial solicitation *per se* violations of the Consumer Protection Act.
- Adds that a person injured by a commercial solicitation by an automatic dialing and announcing device may bring civil action to enjoin further violations and recover actual damages or \$1,000 per violation, whichever is greater.

### **SHB 1060      CONCERNING REORGANIZATION OF DOMESTIC MUTUAL INSURERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Corry*

*(SB 5220 Senator Frame)*

*C 20 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Provides a process for domestic mutual insurers to reorganize as a stock corporation pursuant to a plan approved by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.
- Enables a domestic mutual insurer to be wholly reinsured in, its assets transferred to, and its liabilities assumed by, another mutual or stock insurer under terms and conditions approved by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

### **HB 1061      ELIMINATING PRELICENSING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED INSURANCE PRODUCERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*(SB 5026 Senator Mullet)*

*C 21 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes pre-licensing education requirements for first-time resident insurance producer licensee applicants.

**HB 1120**            **CONCERNING THE BEST INTEREST STANDARD FOR ANNUITY TRANSACTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves*

*C 64 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Requires insurance producers to act in the best interest of the consumer under the circumstances known at the time when making an annuity recommendation.

**SHB 1163**            **EXEMPTING CERTAIN LEASEHOLD INTERESTS IN ARENAS WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 2,000 FROM THE LEASEHOLD EXCISE TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*Del to Gov*

- Creates a leasehold excise tax exemption for leasehold interests in the public or entertainment areas of arenas with a seating capacity of at least 4000 and meeting several other requirements.
- Requires a review of the tax exemption prior to its expiration in 2033, by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee.

**SHB 1258**            **INCREASING TOURISM TO WASHINGTON STATE THROUGH ENHANCEMENT OF THE STATEWIDE TOURISM MARKETING ACCOUNT AND CHANGING NECESSARY MATCH REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*(SB 5465 Senator Stanford)*

*Del to Gov*

- Changes the matching funds requirement from two-to-one to one-to-one for expenditures from the Statewide Tourism Marketing Account.

**SHB 1266**            **CONCERNING EMAIL COMMUNICATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos*

*C 27 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

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

**ESHB 1311 ADDRESSING CREDIT REPAIR SERVICES PERFORMED BY A CREDIT SERVICES ORGANIZATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves*

*C 144 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes the exemption for certain types of law practices from being defined as credit services organizations.
- Adds prohibited acts to the Credit Services Organization Act.
- Specifies conditions in which a consumer reporting agency, creditor, or collection agency do not need to communicate with a credit services organization.
- Requires credit services organizations to redact certain personal information of a consumer when sending written communication.
- Requires credit services organizations to receive explicit written approval from the consumer before using a consumer's signature for credit repair services.
- Requires credit services organizations to provide consumers with a notice about their ability to file complaints with the attorney general and their rights.

**HB 1370 PROVIDING THE PAYMENT OF AWARDS TO WHISTLEBLOWERS WHO REPORT VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS AND PROVIDING PROTECTION TO WHISTLEBLOWERS AND INTERNAL REPORTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves*

*C 149 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes a program at the Department of Financial Institutions that provides monetary awards to whistleblowers who report violations of state securities laws and protects them from retaliation by their employers.
- Exempts information that could identify a whistleblower from disclosure under the Public Records Act.

**ESHB 1424      CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE  
SALE AND ADOPTION OF DOGS AND CATS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg*

*C 208 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires retail pet stores to disclose certain information regarding the breeder in advertisements, at retail pet store locations, and in writing to the consumer before the sale of a dog.
- Establishes a civil infraction of \$250 for retail pet stores that violate the requirements for selling dogs, prohibits a retail pet store with three or more violations in one year from selling dogs, and allows local governments to enact or enforce more proscriptive ordinances.
- Limits all dog breeders to having 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.

**HB 1527      MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LOCAL TAX  
INCREMENT FINANCING PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie*

*(SB 5539 Senator Cleveland)*

*Del to Gov*

- Defines the term real property as it relates to local tax increment financing areas.
- Clarifies that an increment area takes effect on June 1st following the adoption of the ordinance designating the increment area.
- Provides local taxing districts the authority to increase their property tax levy capacity for increases in assessed value in certain situations.

**HB 1707      CONCERNING BINGO CONDUCTED BY BONA FIDE CHARITABLE  
OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Kloba*

*C 155 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Eliminates the requirement in the definition of bingo that a game must be conducted only in the county within which the organization is principally located.
- Requires an organization licensed to conduct bingo games to be based in Washington and limits it to a maximum of three licenses to conduct bingo activities.

**SHB 1783      SUPPORTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN DISTRESSED AREAS THROUGH HIRING OF GRANT WRITERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Sandlin  
C 311 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**EHB 1797      CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cheney  
Del to Gov*

- Permits a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser to perform evaluations of real estate for financial institutions as long as a disclaimer is provided.
- Gives the Department of Licensing regulatory authority over evaluations conducted by state-licensed or state-certified appraisers.
- Requires appraisers and appraiser trainees to adhere to nondiscrimination and fair housing provisions provided in the ethics rule in accordance with the Appraisal Standards Board and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

**SSB 5096      CONCERNING EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden  
Del to Gov*

- Creates the Washington Employee Ownership Program at the Department of Commerce to offer technical support, and other services, to certain businesses considering certain employee ownership structures.
- Forms 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.

**E2SSB 5199      PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet      (HB 1206 Representative Pollet)  
C 286 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Replaces the current preferential business & 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 5229**            **ACCELERATING RURAL JOB GROWTH AND PROMOTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACROSS WASHINGTON THROUGH SITE READINESS GRANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 1231 Representative Berg)*

*C 93 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds site readiness as an allowable use of the Community Economic Revitalization Board's (CERB) grants for certain planning activities.
- Removes the cap for planning grants until December 31, 2028, after which it may not exceed \$200,000.
- Requires CERB to include in its biennial report to the Legislature, the total number, percentage, and dollar amount of projects' utilization of the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise and the Department of Veterans Affairs certified businesses, or businesses that self-report as meeting certification.

**2SSB 5269**            **CONCERNING WASHINGTON STATE MANUFACTURING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*C 322 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Commerce to oversee an independent assessment of opportunities to capture new and emerging industries, and strengthen its existing manufacturing base and develop a proactive state industrial strategy.
- Directs Commerce to appoint an industrial policy advisor.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the intent section.

**SB 5319**            **CONCERNING PET INSURANCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 1208 Representative Walen)*

*C 42 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Establishes certain requirements on pet insurance policies sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered in Washington State.
- Requires insurance producers selling pet insurance to be properly licensed and trained.

**ESB 5336**            **CONCERNING THE MAIN STREET TRUST FUND TAX CREDIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 96 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Clarifies that local governments with a population greater than 190,000 can continue to be eligible for the Washington State Main Street Program tax incentives if they were previously designated to be eligible for the program when the population of the local government was less than 190,000.
- Makes technical changes to clarify the process for making a timely contribution to the program.

**SSB 5399            CONCERNING FUTURE LISTING RIGHT PURCHASE CONTRACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet*

*Del to Gov*

- Limits agreements that obligate the owner of residential real estate to a future real estate listing agreement to a term no longer than two years.
- Makes future listing right purchase contracts subject to the Consumer Protection Act.

**E2SSB 5634        CONCERNING PROBLEM GAMBLING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*(HB 1681 Representative Stearns)*

*C 284 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- Expands the scope of the Problem and Pathological Gambling Treatment Program at the Health Care Authority.
- Establishes the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling to be an on-going entity that meets on a quarterly basis.
- Increases the rates of transfers and taxes into the Problem Gambling Account.

**SSB 5720            CONCERNING RISK MITIGATION IN PROPERTY INSURANCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*Del to Gov*

- Allows insurers to provide certain goods and services intended to reduce the probability of loss as part of a commercial property insurance policy.

**SJM 8001            CONCERNING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

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



## EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

### **2SHB 1013 ESTABLISHING REGIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Maycumber*

*C 128 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and educational service districts to establish the Regional Apprenticeship Preparation Pilot Program with five sites located statewide.
- Directs OSPI, in collaboration with specified entities, to evaluate the program and other topics and prepare a report by June 30, 2027.
- Extends the expiration date of the Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee from September 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027.

### **SHB 1015 CONCERNING MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PARAEDUCATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos*

*(SB 5264 Senator Wellman)*

*C 19 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Paraeducator Board to adopt one or more paraeducator assessments and set a passing score for each assessment.
- Provides that paraeducators may meet certain minimum employment requirements by receiving a passing score on an assessment approved by the Paraeducator Board.

### **SHB 1207 PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING, AND DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn*

*C 242 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop model student handbook language that includes information about policies and complaint procedures related to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.
- Requires school districts to include this model language in handbooks and on websites beginning in the 2024-25 school year.
- Codifies the requirement that school districts designate one person as the primary contact regarding school district compliance with nondiscrimination laws.
- Replaces the term "emergency expulsion" with "emergency removal" in state laws regarding student discipline and allows certain students to have their education records revised to align with this change.

**HB 1230            REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER PUBLIC  
EDUCATION ENTITIES TO MAKE INFORMATION FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AVAILABLE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*

*C 173 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Health (DOH) to post and periodically revise information about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medication, and firearms and ammunition.
- Requires school districts, charters schools, state-tribal compact schools, and educational service districts to post a prominent link on their homepages to this DOH information.
- Tasks these educational entities with making this DOH information accessible through digital and non-digital communications.

**E2SHB 1238        PROVIDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*(SB 5339 Senator Nobles)*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires certain public schools serving grades K-4 to provide breakfast and lunch each school day at no charge to any student who requests these meals.
- Phases in this requirement beginning in schools with 40 percent or more of their students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in the 2023-24 school year, and then includes schools with 30 percent or more of their students eligible in the 2024-25 school year.
- Directs school districts to maximize federal funding, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reimburse school districts on a per-meal reimbursement basis for meals not already reimbursed.
- Provides funding stability provisions for the Learning Assistance Program and the national board certified teacher bonus in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Removes the requirement that public schools with an identified student percentage of less than 40 percent participate in the community eligibility provision if authorized by federal law.

**HB 1308            CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PATHWAY OPTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stonier*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes an additional graduation pathway option of completing a performance-based learning experience.
- Establishes requirements for the performance-based learning experience pathway and duties that the State Board of Education and school districts must perform before offering the pathway.
- Directs the state board to monitor implementation and school district compliance with the requirements.

## **2SHB 1316      EXPANDING ACCESS TO DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires public schools to allow eligible students to participate in the Running Start Program.
- Allows Running Start students to be funded up to a combined maximum enrollment of 1.4 full-time equivalents.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt rules to fund student enrollment in Running Start courses during the summer academic term up to a maximum of ten college credits per student per summer academic term.

## **SHB 1346      CREATING THE PURPLE STAR AWARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*

*(SB 5071 Senator Nobles)*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes the Purple Star designation to recognize school districts that demonstrate educational and social-emotional support to students of military service members as they face transitions to a new school.
- Authorizes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to collaborate with a state agency or a non-profit organization to establish and administer the Purple Star designation.

## **ESHB 1436      FUNDING SPECIAL EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*Del to Gov*

- Increases the special education excess cost multipliers for pre-K and K-12 students, increases the special education enrollment funding cap from 13.5 percent to 15 percent, and creates a tiered safety net eligibility threshold for high-need students.
- Requires the Office of Education Ombuds to delegate a special education ombuds to serve as a resource for students and their parents.
- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review data for disproportionate identification of students and provide technical assistance and professional development opportunities to local education agencies.
- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee and the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of the state's special education system.

**2SHB 1525            CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKING CONNECTIONS  
CHILD CARE BENEFITS FOR PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN STATE  
REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse*

*C 294 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) eligibility to include the first 12 months of an applicant or consumer's enrollment in a state registered apprenticeship program when their household income does not exceed certain amounts and meets all other program eligibility requirements.
- Maintains the waiving of work requirements as a condition of receiving WCCC benefits for applicants or consumer's participating in a state registered apprenticeship program, but no longer requires them to be full-time students of a community, technical, or tribal college.

**HB 1536            CLARIFYING REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING THE WITHHOLDING  
OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*Del to Gov*

- Modifies the authority of school districts to withhold the diplomas of students who lose or willfully damage property and amends reporting requirements on this topic.
- 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            ASSISTING ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL  
PREPARATION TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN KINDERGARTEN BY  
ESTABLISHING THE TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN  
PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos*

*Del to Gov*

- States that the Legislature intends to continue and rename Transitional Kindergarten as the Transition to Kindergarten Program, and that this program is not part of the state's statutory program of basic education.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt rules for the administration and the allocation of state funding for this program and specifies minimum requirements for these rules.
- Provides a funding formula for the program using certain portions of the prototypical school funding model and requires the Caseload Forecast Council to forecast eligible children participating in this program.
- Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to make administrative changes to better align early learning programs and submit a report by July 1, 2024.

**HB 1622            SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey  
Del to Gov*

- Modifies the requirements for two existing grant programs supporting students experiencing homelessness.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Department of Commerce to collaborate on shared goals and outcomes for these grant programs and to submit a joint report every two years beginning in 2024.

**HB 1624            ADMINISTERING EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ybarra  
C 83 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes provisions requiring that declaration of candidacy forms be filed only in person or by mail for educational service district board member elections.
- Removes provisions requiring that all votes be cast by mail for educational service district board member elections.

**SHB 1658            AUTHORIZING PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EARN ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR PAID WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers  
C 154 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes high school students aged 16 and over to earn up to two elective credits through paid work experience if specified requirements are met.
- 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            CONCERNING BASIC EDUCATION SERVICES TO YOUTH WHO  
ARE SERVED THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*

*C 303 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Makes the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 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 were served through institutional education programs in facilities 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, funding formulae, funding sources, and operating and capital budget appropriation structures as necessary to assign the delineated basic education responsibilities to the superintendent.

**ESHB 1744            CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
FOR THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY AND OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC  
EDUCATION SERVICES TO CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rude*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires charter schools to report the employment of all noncertificated instructional staff hired in exceptional cases or due to unusual competence.
- Requires that each charter school board ensure its members and administrative staff receive annual compliance training.
- Requires the Washington State Charter School Commission to provide technical assistance to charter schools and charter school boards when requested and establish an online complaint system for parents and students.
- Expands the duties of the State Board of Education to include overseeing the performance and effectiveness of the Washington State Charter School Commission.

**SB 5065            ENCOURAGING PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN AWARENESS OF BONE MARROW DONATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 219 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Encourages school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools that serve students in any of the grades 9-12, to offer instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation in at least one health class necessary for graduation, beginning in the 2023-24 school year.
- Specifies that the instruction be provided by the National Marrow Donor Program or other relevant nationally recognized organization.
- Allows this instruction to be offered in schools that serve students in grades K-8, which may be adapted to be age-appropriate.

**SSB 5072            ADVANCING EQUITY IN PROGRAMS FOR HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 265 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes new requirements for the identification of students who may be eligible for highly capable services, including conducting universal screenings once in or before second grade, and again in or before sixth grade.
- Modifies related data reporting requirements for the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**ESB 5175            CONCERNING WRITTEN CONTRACTS BETWEEN SCHOOL BOARDS AND PRINCIPALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman*

*Del to Gov*

- Allows employment contracts between a school board and principal to be up to three years in length, as opposed to being limited to a term of not more than one year.
- Permits offering a contract to a principal for a duration of more than one year if the principal has been employed as a principal for three or more consecutive years; has received a comprehensive performance rating of level 3 or above in their most recent comprehensive performance evaluation; and has met the school district's requirements for satisfying an updated record check.
- Stipulates that a contract between a school board and a principal for a term of three years may not be renewed before the final year of the contract.

**2SSB 5225      INCREASING ACCESS TO THE WORKING CONNECTIONS CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 222 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Expands Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) eligibility to include child care employees who have incomes up to 85 percent of the state median income and waives their copayment to the extent allowable.
- Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to establish and implement policies to allow WCCC eligibility for families with children who have a parent or guardian who has been a participant or listed victim in a specialty or therapeutic court in the last six months.
- Prohibits the department from considering the immigration status of a WCCC applicant or consumer's child when determining eligibility.

**E2SSB 5243      CONCERNING HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLANNING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman*

*(HB 1273 Representative Berg)*

*C 271 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Revises high school and beyond plan (HSBP) requirements.
- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to facilitate the transition to and adoption of a common online platform for HSBPs.
- Requires OSPI to develop and submit to the Governor and Legislature a preliminary list of existing vendors who can provide or build an online platform, along with estimated costs, by January 1, 2024.
- Specifies requirements for an online HSBP platform.
- Requires school districts to provide access to an adopted universal platform within two years of platform development.
- Directs OSPI and the State Board of Education to submit recommendations on additional policy changes related to HSBPs.
- Repeals provisions relating to student learning plans.



**ESSB 5257      ENSURING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE SUFFICIENT DAILY RECESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*(HB 1504 Representative Low)*

*C 272 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires public schools to provide daily recess for all elementary students for at least 30 minutes during each school day that exceeds five hours, beginning with the 2024-25 school year.
- Allows the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to waive this requirement during the 2024-25 school year for public schools that are unable to comply.
- Directs the Washington State School Directors' Association to review and update a model policy and procedure with certain elements regarding recess.
- Requires school districts to adopt or amend if necessary, policies and procedures that, at a minimum, incorporate all the elements in the model.

**E2SSB 5315      CONCERNING NONPUBLIC AGENCIES OPERATING SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to establish standards for authorizing, monitoring, and investigating authorized entities—previously referred to as nonpublic agencies—that contract with school districts to provide special education programs for students with disabilities.
- Establishes minimum authorization requirements and minimum school district contracting requirements.
- Requires OSPI to develop a complaint process for individuals to report noncompliance or violations of student rights at authorized entities, and to annually report data regarding student academic progress, graduation rates, attendance, and discipline.
- Requires the state auditor to conduct a performance audit of the authorization, monitoring, and investigation of authorized entities and contracting school districts.

**SB 5316      CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECK AND LICENSING FEES FOR PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to pay background check fees for all foster care and child care applicants and service providers.
- Makes background check clearance cards or certificates valid for five years, instead of three years, from the date of issue.

**ESB 5355            MANDATING INSTRUCTION ON SEX TRAFFICKING PREVENTION  
AND IDENTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES SEVEN  
THROUGH 12**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 328 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools to offer instruction in sex trafficking awareness and prevention at least once between grades 7 through 12, beginning no later than the 2025-26 school year.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to review curricula related to this topic before June 30, 2024, and make curricular resources available in the library of openly licensed courseware to the extent practicable.
- Creates a nonappropriated, public-private partnership account to be used for curriculum and professional development to support instruction on child sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention and identification.

**SB 5403            ESTABLISHING SCHOOL DISTRICT DEPRECIATION SUBFUNDS  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires school districts with fewer than 2000 students to establish a depreciation subfund within their general fund.
- Allows these school districts to annually deposit up to two percent of their general fund into the depreciation subfund for emergency facility needs and preventative maintenance.

**2SSB 5593      IMPROVING EQUITY IN THE TRANSFER OF STUDENT DATA  
BETWEEN K-12 SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires public institutions of higher education to enter into data-sharing agreements with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to facilitate the transfer of high school student directory information for providing information related to college awareness and admissions.
- Permits federally designated minority-serving institutions of higher education that are bachelor degree-granting institutions to enter into data-sharing agreements with OSPI for the purpose of informing Washington high school students of postsecondary educational opportunities available in the state.
- Requires school districts with a high school to annually transmit directory information to OSPI by November 1st, beginning November 1, 2024.
- Directs OSPI, by no later than the 2025-26 school year, to identify a process for providing student enrollment information to school districts.
- Permits the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to coordinate with all community and technical colleges to develop a single data-sharing agreement between the colleges and OSPI.

**SSB 5617      CONCERNING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE  
EQUIVALENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires interdistrict cooperative agreements between all participating school districts in a skill center to stipulate that any approved state and local equivalency courses offered by the host district must be honored by all school districts participating in the skill center.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to conduct a review of career and technical education (CTE) course equivalency implementation and to provide technical assistance to districts to ensure CTE course equivalencies are being consistently offered for academic credit.
- Requires each public school that serves students in any of the grades 9 through 12, prior to course scheduling or course registration for the next school term, to provide all students and their parents or legal guardians with information about the opportunities for meeting credit-based graduation requirements through equivalency courses, including those available within the school district or at a skill center.
- Tasks OSPI with convening a technical working group to develop a course equivalency crosswalk for technology-based competitive student activities that complies with equivalency and content requirements.

## ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

### **2SHB 1032 MITIGATING THE RISK OF WILDFIRES THROUGH ELECTRIC UTILITY PLANNING AND IDENTIFICATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES APPROPRIATE TO EACH ELECTRIC UTILITY'S CIRCUMSTANCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*(SB 5039 Senator Rolfes)*

*C 132 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Energy Resilience and Emergency Management Office, to contract with a consultant to recommend an electric utility wildfire mitigation plan format and identify a list of elements to be included in the plan by April 1, 2024.
- Requires each electric utility to review and revise its plan by October 31, 2024, and every three years thereafter.
- Directs the Utility Wildland Fire Prevention Advisory Committee to meet at least twice a year; provide updates on required tasks; develop recommendations for strengthening state agency coordination of wildland fire risk reduction, prevention, and suppression; and host electric utility plans on its website.

### **ESHB 1033 EVALUATING COMPOSTABLE PRODUCT USAGE IN WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 236 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to convene a stakeholder advisory committee to make recommendations to the Legislature on the development of standards for the management of compostable products by composting and other organic materials management facilities.

### **SHB 1047 CONCERNING THE USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN COSMETIC PRODUCTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*

*Del to Gov*

- Restricts the manufacture, sale, and distribution of cosmetic products containing certain chemicals or classes of chemicals, beginning January 1, 2025.
- Directs the Department of 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 initiatives to support small businesses that manufacture cosmetic products to obtain voluntary environmental health certifications and to support independent cosmetologists and small businesses that provide cosmetology services in efforts to transition to using safer cosmetic products.

**SHB 1085      REDUCING PLASTIC POLLUTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*

*C 135 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Prohibits the sale, distribution, and installation of certain expanded or extruded plastic foam overwater structures, and of expanded or extruded 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 the provision of a bottle filling station for each required drinking fountain.

**SHB 1117      ADDRESSING THE EXTENT TO WHICH WASHINGTON RESIDENTS  
ARE AT RISK OF ROLLING BLACKOUTS AND POWER SUPPLY  
INADEQUACY EVENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker*

*C 200 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Extends for six years the requirement for the Department of Commerce and the Utilities and Transportation Commission to convene the annual resource adequacy meetings.
- Adds the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) to the list of stakeholders to be included in annual resource adequacy meetings.
- Requires the 2023 resource adequacy meeting to address strategies, proposed electrification laws, and incentives to ensure power supply adequacy and avoid the risk of rolling blackouts and to invite PNNL to provide relevant analytics if their regional energy analytics capability is established.

**E2SHB 1170    IMPROVING CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH UPDATES TO THE  
STATE'S INTEGRATED CLIMATE RESPONSE STRATEGY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Street*

*(SB 5093 Senator Rolfes)*

*C 169 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Ecology, in consultation and collaboration with multiple state agencies, to compile an updated integrated climate change response strategy by September 30, 2024, and provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on a durable structure for coordinating and implementing the state's strategy, including a process to prioritize and coordinate state agency funding for climate resilience.

**ESHB 1173      REDUCING LIGHT POLLUTION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors  
Del to Gov*

- Requires new and existing utility-scale wind energy facilities, except as provided, to apply to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for installation of a light-mitigating technology system that complies with FAA regulations, by specified deadlines.
- Authorizes a legislative authority of any county to adopt a wind energy ordinance that includes specifications for aviation obstruction light-mitigating technology systems.
- Authorizes the Department of Ecology to enforce the light-mitigating technology system requirements.

**ESHB 1175      CREATING A STATE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio* *(SB 5233 Senator Wellman)*  
*C 170 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Directs the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency to establish and administer a state financial assurance program for owners and operators of petroleum underground storage tanks.
- Increases the rate of the petroleum products tax from 0.15 percent to 0.3 percent.

**SHB 1213      CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR WIPES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ybarra*  
*C 172 L 23    Effective date 4/25/2023.*

- Eliminates the 2023 deadline for nonflushable disposable wipes subject to the labeling requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to also meet state labeling requirements for nonflushable disposable wipes.
- Requires a FIFRA-regulated wipe to achieve compliance with labeling requirements by the later of July 1, 2025, or 24 months after the product receives label approval under FIFRA from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- Clarifies that nonflushable disposable wipes that were manufactured prior to July 1, 2022, may be sold as long as the product is labeled consistent with requirements.

## **E2SHB 1216 CONCERNING CLEAN ENERGY SITING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*  
*C 230 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5380 Senator Nguyen)*

- Establishes an interagency Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council to improve siting and permitting of clean energy projects.
- Creates a designation for clean energy projects of statewide significance and a coordinated permitting process for clean energy projects.
- Amends State Environmental Policy Act processes for clean energy projects, including notification of an anticipated determination of significance and limiting environmental impact statement preparation to 24 months.
- Requires preparation of nonproject environmental impact statements for certain types of clean energy projects.
- Directs the Washington State University Energy Program to conduct a pumped storage siting process.

## **SHB 1236 ENHANCING ACCESS TO CLEAN FUEL FOR AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*  
*C 234 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes all public transit agencies to produce, distribute, use, or sell green electrolytic hydrogen and renewable hydrogen.

## **ESHB 1329 PREVENTING UTILITY SHUTOFFS FOR NONPAYMENT DURING EXTREME HEAT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*  
*C 105 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5366 Senator Nguyen)*

- Prohibits utilities or landlords from involuntarily terminating electric or water utility service for nonpayment to residential users on any day when the National Weather Service has issued or announced it intends to issue a heat-related alert.
- Requires electric and water utilities and landlords to promptly make a reasonable attempt to reconnect service to a dwelling disconnected for nonpayment upon request from a residential user when the heat-related alert is issued.
- Authorizes utilities and landlords, in connection with a request to reconnect service for a day that 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      CONCERNING DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel*

*C 291 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires owners of state campus district energy systems to develop a decarbonization plan by June 2024, and provide their final plan to the Department of Commerce for approval by June 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 is implementing an approved decarbonization plan; meets benchmarking, energy management, and operations and maintenance planning requirements; and receives Commerce's approval.
- Provides owners of non-state owned campus district energy systems the option to pursue the alternative compliance pathway.

**HB 1416      APPLYING THE AFFECTED MARKET CUSTOMER PROVISIONS OF THE WASHINGTON CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT TO NONRESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMER-OWNED UTILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*C 233 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Modifies the affected market customer provisions of the Clean Energy Transformation Act to include customers of consumer-owned utilities as well as those from investor-owned utilities.

**HB 1777      AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING FOR ENERGY SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*C 309 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes state agencies or school districts to independently enter into performance-based contracts for energy equipment and services under certain conditions.
- Authorizes state agencies, public school districts, public universities, and municipalities, acting independently or through the Department of Enterprise Services, to enter into energy as a service contracts.



**SHB 1779      REDUCING TOXIC AIR POLLUTION THAT THREATENS HUMAN HEALTH**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker  
C 310 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes an Interagency Carbon Monoxide Workgroup to produce a report by December 1, 2024, on current and recommended future state activities to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

**E2SSB 5144      PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF BATTERIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford  
Del to Gov*

- Requires producers of covered batteries and battery-containing products 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 format batteries.
- Directs the Department of Ecology to assess the opportunities and challenges of managing large format batteries, batteries contained in medical devices, and embedded batteries.

**SSB 5165      CONCERNING ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM TRANSMISSION PLANNING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nguyen      (HB 1192 Representative Duerr)  
C 229 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes required transmission planning from a 10-year to a 20-year forecast under integrated resource plans.
- Requires an electric utility, when planning as well as selecting renewable resources, to give reasonable consideration to renewable resources that would use conditional firm transmission services that is consistent with prudent utility practice.
- Requires a transmission project to seek certification from the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) if it is over 500,000 volts alternating current or 300,000 volts direct current, located in more than one county, and located in more than one electric utility's service territory.
- Directs EFSEC to prepare nonproject environmental impact statements for certain transmission facilities and specifies requirements for the content and development of the scope of a nonproject EIS.
- Sets requirements for a lead agency conducting a project-level environmental review for certain transmission facilities, including that the lead agency consider the nonproject EIS for transmission facilities.

**SB 5166 REAUTHORIZING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX DEDUCTION FOR COOPERATIVE FINANCE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*(HB 1191 Representative Springer)*

*C 317 L 23 Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- 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.

**SB 5287 CONCERNING A STUDY ON THE RECYCLING OF WIND TURBINE BLADES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*C 324 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Washington State University Extension Energy Program to conduct a study on the feasibility of recycling wind turbine blades installed in facilities in Washington that generate electricity for customers in Washington.

**SB 5369 REASSESSING STANDARDS FOR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig*

*(HB 1314 Representative Ormsby)*

*Del to Gov*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to petition the United States Environmental Protection Agency to reassess its regulations on allowable inadvertent polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in product manufacturing processes for the purpose of eliminating or reducing the presence of PCBs in consumer products.

**ESSB 5447 PROMOTING THE ALTERNATIVE JET FUEL INDUSTRY IN WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Billig*

*(HB 1505 Representative Slatter)*

*C 232 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires the Department of Ecology to allow one or more carbon intensity pathways for alternative jet fuel no later than December 31, 2023.
- Requires Washington State University to convene an Alternative Jet Fuels Work Group to further the development of alternative jet fuel as a productive industry in Washington.
- Creates a preferential business and operations (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.
- Specifies the tax incentives take effect July 1, 2024, begin upon notification of one or more facilities operating in this state with cumulative production capacity of at least 20 million gallons of alternative jet fuel per year, and are effective for ten years.

**2SSB 5518      CONCERNING CYBERSECURITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*(HB 1464 Representative Hackney)*

*C 124 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes the Cybersecurity Advisory Committee as a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Council.
- Creates the Technology Services Board Security Subcommittee within the Technology Services Board.
- Expands the Department of Commerce's authority regarding energy-related activities to include preparing and updating contingency plans for securing energy infrastructure against all physical and cybersecurity threats.

## HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE

### **HB 1001 CONCERNING THE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*(SB 5021 Senator Wagoner)*

*C 53 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Enters Washington into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

### **2SHB 1039 CONCERNING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS PERFORMING INTRAMUSCULAR NEEDLING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*(SB 5288 Senator Robinson)*

*C 198 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows physical therapists to perform intramuscular needling after being issued an intramuscular needling endorsement by the Secretary of Health.

### **SHB 1069 ADOPTING THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 58 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Enacts the Counseling Compact in Washington State.

### **ESHB 1073 CONCERNING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Harris*

*C 134 L 23 Effective date 4/20/2023.*

- Extends the expiration of a medical assistant-certified interim permit to the issuance of a medical assistant-certified certification.
- Allows an applicant for a medical assistant-phlebotomist credential or a medical assistant-hemodialysis technician credential who has completed the training program to work, under the level of supervision required for the training program, up to 180 days after filing their application.
- Makes changes to the authorized duties of a medical assistant-certified and a medical assistant-registered.

**HB 1082            EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AND  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROFESSIONALS TO FORM  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*(SB 5044 Senator Muzzall)*

*C 60 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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.

**E2SHB 1134       IMPLEMENTING THE 988 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS  
RESPONSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SYSTEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes enhanced case rates and development grants for mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams which earn an endorsement from the Health Care Authority, or which are working towards an endorsement, based on meeting staffing, vehicle, and training standards.
- Requires behavioral health agencies and the Department of Health to publicize and develop promotional materials related to the 988 crisis hotline.
- Creates new requirements for designated 988 crisis call centers related to training, 988 promotion, and coordination with 911.
- Directs the Health Care Authority and behavioral health administrative services organizations to collaborate with stakeholders to standardize crisis system practices and protocols, develop a needs assessment for behavioral health crisis system trainings, and develop a regional crisis system training collaborative.
- Provides liability protection to crisis system workers.

**2SHB 1168        PROVIDING PREVENTION SERVICES, DIAGNOSES, TREATMENT,  
AND SUPPORT FOR PRENATAL SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*C 288 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Health Care Authority to contract with prenatal substance exposure treatment providers.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to submit recommendations to the Legislature on increasing access to diagnoses, treatment, services, and supports for children with prenatal substance exposure.
- Adds the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to the Fetal Alcohol Exposure Interagency Agreement and expands the scope of the agreement to include other prenatal substance exposures.

**ESHB 1222     REQUIRING COVERAGE FOR HEARING INSTRUMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 245 L 23   Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires non-grandfathered large group health plans to provide coverage for hearing instruments.
- Modifies requirements for hearing instrument coverage for plans offered to public employees.

**SHB 1247     LICENSING MUSIC THERAPISTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*(SB 5214 Senator Frame)*

*C 175 L 23   Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Establishes music therapists as a new health profession requiring licensure to practice in Washington.
- Creates the Music Therapy Advisory Committee within the Department of Health.

**ESHB 1251     CONCERNING WATER SYSTEMS' NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stonier*

*(SB 5215 Senator Robinson)*

*C 140 L 23   Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires a public water system to notify customers and the Department of Health of intentions to start or stop water fluoridation at least 90 days prior to a vote or decision on the matter, through effective notification methods.
- Requires a public water system in violation of the notification requirements to return fluoridation to its prior level until the notification requirements have been satisfied.

**SHB 1255     REDUCING STIGMA AND INCENTIVIZING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO PARTICIPATE IN A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER MONITORING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*C 141 L 23   Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes guidelines for the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health for dispersal of enforcement action information related to participation in a substance use disorder monitoring program when certain requirements are met.
- Requires the Commission to establish a stipend program in connection with participation in an approved substance use disorder monitoring program.

**SHB 1275      CONCERNING ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*(SB 5308 Senator Cleveland)*

*C 143 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the term athlete to include engaging in activities for the benefits of health and wellness.
- Defines an athletic trainer as a health care provider.
- Allows licensed athletic trainers to administer medications as prescribed by an authorized health practitioner for the practice of athletic training.

**HB 1287      CONCERNING DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 71 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**ESHB 1340      CONCERNING ACTIONS BY HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
DISCIPLINING AUTHORITIES AGAINST LICENSE APPLICANTS  
AND LICENSE HOLDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*(SB 5400 Senator Salomon)*

*C 192 L 23    Effective date 4/27/2023.*

- 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 reproductive health care services or gender affirming treatment does not constitute unprofessional conduct under the UDA and may not serve as the basis for professional discipline, with some exceptions.

**E2SHB 1357      MODERNIZING THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*Del to Gov*

- 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      DEVELOPING A HOME CARE SAFETY NET ASSESSMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 209 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires consumer-directed employers and in-home services agencies to submit specified financial information to the Department of Health that informs the development of a home care safety net assessment.
- Establishes the Home Care Safety Net Assessment Work Group to develop the home care safety net assessment proposal.

**2SHB 1452      ESTABLISHING A STATE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*C 210 L 23    Effective date 5/1/2023.*

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

**ESHB 1466      CONCERNING CURRENTLY CREDENTIALLED DENTAL  
AUXILIARIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*C 211 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes the initial limited license name to an initial temporary license for dental hygienists.
- Removes the requirement that an initial temporary license applicant in another state or Canadian province be actively practicing as a dental hygienist and removes the AIDS education requirement.
- Extends the temporary license expiration to five years.

**ESHB 1503      COLLECTING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS' INFORMATION  
AT THE TIME OF LICENSE APPLICATION AND LICENSE  
RENEWAL**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*Del to Gov*

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



**E2SHB 1515    CONCERNING CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT  
REQUIREMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*C 292 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Health Care Authority (HCA) to seek approval to amend the state Medicaid plan to support direct payments to agencies to support 24/7 crisis system capacity.
- Requires HCA to recognize and support the provider delegation arrangement in King County, and urge managed care organizations (MCOs) within the Medicaid program to continue this agreement, provided it meets contractual requirements.
- Requires HCA to adopt network adequacy standards and an annual network adequacy review process for MCO behavioral health provider networks within the Medicaid program.

**ESHB 1576    CONCERNING THE DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST  
COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Caldier*

*C 297 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Enters Washington into the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

**HB 1626        CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR COLORECTAL SCREENING  
TESTS UNDER MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 299 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Health Care Authority to require coverage under medical assistance programs for noninvasive preventive colorectal cancer screening tests that have a grade of either A or B from the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and to require coverage for colonoscopies performed as a result of a positive test result.

**ESHB 1678    ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSION OF  
DENTAL THERAPY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes the profession of dental therapy in Washington 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      CONCERNING HEALTH CARRIERS OFFERING DENTAL ONLY  
COVERAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Barnard*

*C 216 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**E2SHB 1694    ADDRESSING HOME CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado*

*Del to Gov*

- Expands timelines and testing opportunities for long-term care workers seeking a home care aide certification.
- Expands the list of family members who are exempt from having to become certified 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 to study the feasibility and cost of paying the parents of medically complex children under 18 years old, and the spouses or registered domestic partners of a person with complex medical needs.

**2SHB 1724    INCREASING THE TRAINED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
WORKFORCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bateman*

*Del to Gov*

- Reduces requirements for licensure or certification for certain behavioral health professionals.
- Directs the Department of Health to develop and enact emergency rules by July 1, 2024, to remove barriers to licensure and streamline and shorten the credentialing process.
- Directs the department to establish a stipend program for behavioral health associates to defray expenses related to supervision and unpaid internships.
- Requires disciplinary authorities under the Uniform Disciplinary Act to waive licensure requirements for some out-of-state license holders and allows them to waive requirements for individuals who hold a national certification.
- Allows disciplinary authorities to contract out review of applications for licensure or temporary practice.
- Establishes certification and licensure paths for agency-affiliated counselors with an expanded scope of practice.

## **2SHB 1745      IMPROVING DIVERSITY IN CLINICAL TRIALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai  
Del to Gov*

- Establishes a diversity in clinical trials program at the Washington State Institutional Review Board.
- Requires any state entity or hospital receiving funding from the National Institutes of Health to conduct clinical trials of drugs or medical devices to adopt a policy concerning recruitment of persons who are members of underrepresented demographic groups, provide information in languages other than English, and to provide translation services.
- Requires investigators in clinical trials undertaken by state entities or hospitals to collaborate with community-based organizations.
- Requires the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment Program to consider factors related to an applicant's ability to increase the diversity of participants in clinical trials when awarding grants.

## **SB 5036      CONCERNING TELEMEDICINE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*(HB 1027 Representative Riccelli)*

*C 8 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Extends the time frame in which real-time telemedicine using both audio and video technology may be used to establish a relationship for the purpose of providing audio-only telemedicine for certain health care services.

## **SB 5066      CONCERNING HEALTH CARE BENEFIT MANAGERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 107 L 23    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires health care benefit managers to file all benefit management contracts and contract amendments between the benefit manager and a health carrier with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

### ***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the emergency clause.

**2SSB 5103      CONCERNING PAYMENT TO ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS FOR  
DIFFICULT TO DISCHARGE MEDICAID PATIENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*C 315 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires hospitals to be reimbursed for medical assistance enrollees staying 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.

**SB 5113            CONCERNING FACULTY IN DENTAL SCHOOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*(HB 1327 Representative Caldier)*

*C 89 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows deans of any school of dentistry in Washington State to request temporary licensure for persons who have accepted faculty employment at the school and allows deans or postdoctoral residency directors to request limited licensure for postdoctoral students or postdoctoral residents.

**2SSB 5120      ESTABLISHING CRISIS RELIEF CENTERS IN WASHINGTON  
STATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*Del to Gov*

- Directs the Department of Health to license or certify 23-Hour crisis relief centers, a new type of crisis diversion facility to serve persons regardless of behavioral health acuity.

**SSB 5121            ESTABLISHING THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
CARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*(HB 1119 Representative Riccelli)*

*C 10 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes the Joint Select Committee on Health Care and Behavioral Health Oversight with an expiration date of December 31, 2026.

**SB 5122            EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE AMBULANCE  
TRANSPORT FUND**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*(HB 1321 Representative Donaghy)*

*C 11 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Extends the expiration date for the Ambulance Transport Quality Assurance Fee Program to July 1, 2028.

**ESSB 5142      CREATING AN ACCOUNT FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL REBATE REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PURCHASE OF MEDICATIONS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*(HB 1408 Representative Doglio)*

*C 12 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- Creates an account for the pharmaceutical rebate revenue generated by the purchase of medications for people living with HIV who are enrolled in the Department of Health Early Intervention Program.

**ESSB 5179      INCREASING ACCESS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE WASHINGTON DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*(HB 1281 Representative Rude)*

*C 38 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the health care providers authorized to perform the duties of the Death with Dignity 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.
- 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 agencies and facilities providing hospice services to submit their policies regarding access to end-of-life care and the Act to the Department of Health.
- Permits medications dispensed under the Act to be delivered or mailed.

**SSB 5189      ESTABLISHING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT SPECIALISTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1348 Representative Callan)*

*C 270 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires the Department of Health to develop rules for the certification of behavioral health support specialists, a new type of behavioral health professional certification available to individuals with a bachelor's degree who meet other requirements.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to ensure that services by this new profession type are covered under the Medicaid program.
- Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to integrate the services provided by this new profession type into network access standards.

**SB 5228 PROVIDING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 113 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows managed care organizations and behavioral health administrative services organizations to use their funding to provide occupational therapy services to clients who have behavioral health disorders.
- Directs the Health Care Authority to expand coverage under the Medicaid program to provide reimbursement to behavioral health agencies for the medically necessary occupational therapy needs of their clients.

**SB 5242 PROHIBITING COST SHARING FOR ABORTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*(HB 1115 Representative Bateman)*

*C 194 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Prohibits cost-sharing for the coverage of abortion services.

**E2SSB 5278 IMPLEMENTING AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO HOME CARE AIDE CERTIFICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, L.*

*C 323 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes certification examination requirements for home care aides.

**SSB 5300 CONCERNING CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PRESCRIBED FOR THE TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 325 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Prohibits health carriers 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.
- Prohibits all state purchased health care programs from requiring substitution of a nonpreferred drug with a preferred drug 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.

**SSB 5338      REVIEWING THE STATE'S ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 87 L 23    Effective date 4/13/2023.*

- Directs the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to review the state's essential health benefits and determine whether to request federal approval to update those benefits.

**SSB 5389      CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*Del to Gov*

- Clarifies the scope of practice for optometry and enumerates the advanced procedures an optometrist may perform with a license endorsement.
- Permits optometrists to purchase and utilize certain diagnostic and therapeutic pharmaceuticals.
- Grants the Board of Optometry rule-making authority relating to procedures and educational standards within the confines of the statute.

**SB 5394      CONCERNING MALPRACTICE INSURANCE FOR  
INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATE SUPERVISORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Randall*

*C 14 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes the requirement that a physician supervising an international medical graduate maintain medical malpractice insurance for claims made against the international medical graduate.

**SSB 5396      CONCERNING COST SHARING FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL BREAST EXAMINATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, L.*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires health carriers that provide coverage for supplemental and diagnostic breast exams to provide coverage without cost sharing.

**SSB 5499      CONCERNING THE MULTISTATE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet*

*C 123 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Enters Washington into the Nurse Licensure Compact.

**2SSB 5532 PROVIDING ENHANCED PAYMENT TO LOW VOLUME, SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1748 Representative Mosbrucker)*

- Requires 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.

**SSB 5547 CONCERNING NURSING POOL TRANSPARENCY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 100 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires nursing pool operators to complete an annual registration with the Department of Health 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 aggregated submitted information.
- Establishes additional requirements relating to nursing pool contracts.

**SSB 5569 CREATING EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS FOR KIDNEY DISEASE CENTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers*

*C 48 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates exemptions for temporarily increasing the number of dialysis stations in kidney disease centers due to emergency situations.

**SSB 5581 DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE DEDUCTIBLES FOR MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES AND POSTPARTUM CARE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC), in consultation with health carriers, health care providers, and consumers, to conduct an analysis of how health plans define, cover, and reimburse for maternity care services.
- Requires OIC to estimate the impact on health plan rates of reducing or eliminating cost sharing for maternity care services for specified markets.



**SB 5700            MODERNIZING STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY RELATED LAWS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Van De Wege*

*C 51 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Amends the provisions relating to the payment process for behavioral health advocacy services and requires the Health Care Authority to reimburse Department of Commerce for those services delivered to individuals enrolled in a managed care organization.
- Authorizes rulemaking authority for HCA to implement the requirements for the Health Care Cost Transparency Board.

**SSB 5729            REMOVING THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE COST-SHARING CAP FOR INSULIN**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*C 16 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes the expiration date on the \$35 out-of-pocket limit for a 30-day supply of insulin.

## HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### **HB 1030 CONCERNING APPLIED DOCTORATE DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*  
*C 130 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Permits the regional universities to offer applied doctorate degrees.

### **2SHB 1176 DEVELOPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND WORKFORCE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT CLIMATE-READY COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Slatter* *(SB 5247 Senator Nobles)*  
*C 231 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates the Washington Climate Corps Network to provide climate-related service opportunities for young adults and veterans.
- Establishes a Clean Energy Technology Workforce Advisory Committee to review workforce and business issues within the clean energy technology sector and make recommendations to prevent workforce displacement and support job creation.
- Directs the Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to evaluate clean energy technology workforce needs and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

### **HB 1232 ENHANCING THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist*  
*C 174 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Eliminates the grade point average requirement for all students other than those seeking direct admission to a public or private four-year institution of higher education.
- Requires the Education Research and Data Center to annually send College Bound Scholarship data submitted by the institutions of higher education to the Washington Student Achievement Council.

### **SHB 1289 CONCERNING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed* *(SB 5221 Senator Liias)*  
*C 176 L 23 Effective date 4/25/2023.*

- Allows the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Board to establish and contract with private nonprofit corporations for program administration purposes.
- Modifies requirements for the state match for both the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship program and the Rural Jobs program.

**2SHB 1522 ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AT SCHOLARLY OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*C 79 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires institutions to ask and requires applicants to sign statements regarding substantiated findings of sexual misconduct at scholarly or professional associations before an official offer of employment.
- Requires institutions to request in writing that relevant scholarly or professional associations disclose information about substantiated findings of sexual misconduct declared by the applicant before an official offer of employment.

**2SHB 1559 ESTABLISHING THE STUDENT BASIC NEEDS AT PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Entenman*

*(SB 5566 Senator Shewmake)*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes benefits navigators at each institution of higher education, university campus, and the tribal college.
- Requires the development of hunger-free and basic needs campus strategic plans.
- Creates the Free and Reduced-Price Meals Pilot Program.

**HB 1763 ENSURING COMPLETION OF CONDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OBLIGATIONS AND REDUCING PENALTIES FOR EXCUSABLE INCOMPLETE OBLIGATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Eslick*

*C 159 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Limits the interest rate on the loan and repayment to 2 percent for conditional scholarships under the Washington Health Corps.
- Requires the Office of Student Financial Assistance to reduce barriers for students completing a service obligation which may include providing wraparound support services.
- Provides exceptions to the conditions for participation and repayment obligations.

**EHB 1823 MODIFYING THE WASHINGTON STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*Del to Gov*

- Limits participation in the Washington Student Loan Program to eligible advanced degree students.
- Eliminates the requirement that the program be self-sustaining in order to issue loans.
- Specifies that the interest rate on loans issued under the program is 2.5 percent.
- Establishes terms for repayment and a maximum borrowing limit of \$20,000 per borrower, per year.

**2SSB 5048 ELIMINATING COLLEGE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet*

*C 314 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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 funds to fund CHS courses, at inflation-adjusted rates.
- Directs high schools that provide a CHS course to include information in the course catalog that there is no fee for students to enroll in a CHS course.

**SB 5079 CONCERNING THE DATE BY WHICH TUITION OPERATING FEES ARE ESTABLISHED**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*C 9 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Specifies the date by which the Office of Financial Management determines the maximum rate of tuition fee increases.

**SB 5385 CONCERNING WORK PERFORMED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 97 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases bid limits required for public works projects to go through competitive bid processes at public institutions of higher education.

**ESSB 5512 ADDING FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE PUBLIC FOUR-YEAR DASHBOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Holy*

*C 98 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SSB 5523 ADDRESSING THE FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST SHORTAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*Del to Gov*

- Creates a loan repayment program for board-certified forensic pathologists who work in identified shortage areas of the state for four years.
- Provides up to \$25,000 in loan repayment, per year, per participant, for up to four years.
- Requires the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners to conduct a study of the critical shortage of board-certified forensic pathologists, and submit a report with recommendations to the Legislature by October 1, 2024.
- Allows coroners to receive up to 40 percent of the cost of transportation of remains between facilities for autopsy services from the Death Investigations Account.

**ESB 5534 CONCERNING WORKFORCE EDUCATION INVESTMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD STAFFING CHANGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Randall*

*C 282 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Modifies staffing of the Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight Board (WEIAOB) to the Washington Student Achievement Council.
- Adds a representative of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board to WEIAOB and allows them to maintain the WEIAOB data dashboard.

**2SSB 5555 CREATING THE PROFESSION OF CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALISTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Randall*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes the new professions of certified peer specialist and certified peer specialist trainee to be certified by the Department of Health.
- Specifies training and educational pathways and requirements to earn a certificate to engage in the practice of peer support services.
- Directs the Health Care Authority to develop the trainings and examinations required to become certified.
- Establishes training requirements for certified peer specialists practicing as peer crisis responders.

**E2SSB 5582    REDUCING BARRIERS AND EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF NURSES IN WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Holy*

*C 126 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to develop a plan to increase credential opportunities in nursing.
- Requires development of an online Licensed Practical Nurse Program at two community or technical colleges.
- Modifies program approval and training requirements under the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.
- Creates the High School Student Certified Nursing Assistant Pilot Program.

**SSB 5687    CREATING AND SUPPORTING POSTSECONDARY WRESTLING GRANT PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Van De Wege*

*C 190 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a grant program to fund the establishment or maintenance of intercollegiate wrestling programs to be awarded by the Washington Student Achievement Council.
- Allocates grants on a one-time or once every four-year basis, which may be used for program start up costs, equipment, and student scholarships.
- Names this legislation the Charles Cate II Act.

**ESSB 5702    EXPANDING THE STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND FOSTER YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1693 Representative Lekanoff)*

*C 339 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Makes the Students Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Youth Program permanent.
- Allows community and technical colleges participating in the program to apply for grant funds for establishment of a subsidized housing or housing voucher program.
- Adds the tribal college as eligible to participate in the program.

## HOUSING

### **ESHB 1042      CONCERNING THE USE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 285 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Prohibits cities from imposing certain restrictions or requirements on existing buildings zoned for commercial or mixed use through ordinances, development and zoning regulations, or other official controls.

### **HB 1046            EXPANDING HOUSING SUPPLY BY SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BY REBENCHMARKING AREA MEDIAN INCOME LIMITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 133 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the area median income limits on a public housing authority financed, low-income housing development to 80 percent.

### **SHB 1070        EXEMPTING THE SALE AND LEASEBACK OF PROPERTY BY A SELLER FROM THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT ACT WHEN THE SELLER AGREES TO A WRITTEN LEASE AT CLOSING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors*

*C 22 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds, under certain conditions, an exemption from the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act for living arrangements where the buyer and seller of a dwelling unit enter into a written agreement for the seller to retain possession of the dwelling unit after closing of the sale.

**SHB 1074 ADDRESSING DOCUMENTATION AND PROCESSES GOVERNING LANDLORDS' CLAIMS FOR DAMAGE TO RESIDENTIAL PREMISES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 331 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires a landlord to substantiate the cost of any damages withheld from a tenant deposit with estimates received, invoices paid, or other specified documentation.
- 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.
- Establishes a three-year statute of limitations for a landlord to file a lawsuit against a tenant to recover sums exceeding the amount of the damage deposit.

**E2SHB 1110 INCREASING MIDDLE HOUSING IN AREAS TRADITIONALLY DEDICATED TO SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOUSING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bateman*

*(SB 5190 Senator Trudeau)*

*C 332 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires certain cities planning under the Growth Management Act to authorize minimum development densities on lots zoned predominately for residential use and include specific provisions related to middle housing in their development regulations.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to develop model middle housing ordinances, a process for cities to seek approval of alternative local actions, guidance to assist cities on items to include in a parking study, and provide technical assistance to cities to implement the requirements.

**SHB 1250 MODIFYING THE LOW-INCOME HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele*

*Del to Gov*

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



**HB 1349**            **CONCERNING FORECLOSURE PROTECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 206 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Modifies various provisions related to nonjudicial foreclosures of deeds of trust, including changing the timeline for referral to preforeclosure mediation; modifying the exemptions from mediation and reporting and remittance requirements for certain federally insured depository institutions; and requiring the delay of a foreclosure sale upon notice from the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program that an application for federal relief funds has been submitted on behalf of certain borrowers.
- Makes it unlawful to seek or receive any fee or compensation for locating, or purporting to purchase or otherwise acquire the right to recover, surplus funds resulting from a foreclosure in excess of 5 percent of the value of the property reasonably expected to be recovered and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

**2SHB 1474**            **CREATING THE COVENANT HOMEOWNERSHIP ACCOUNT AND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE HISTORY OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION DUE TO RACIALLY RESTRICTIVE REAL ESTATE COVENANTS IN WASHINGTON STATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*(SB 5496 Senator Lovick)*

*C 340 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires county auditors to collect a Covenant Homeownership Program assessment of \$100 for certain recorded documents to fund the Covenant Homeownership Program.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to contract with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission to create one or more Special Purpose Credit Program to provide down payment assistance and closing cost assistance to economically disadvantaged classes of persons identified by the Commission in its Covenant Homeownership Program study.

**HB 1695**            **DEFINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PURPOSES OF USING SURPLUS PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado*

*(SB 5674 Senator Frame)*

*C 301 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Defines affordable housing and updates the definition of public benefit for the transfer, lease, or disposal of surplus public property.

**HB 1771            CONCERNING RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FOR TENANTS OF  
CLOSED OR CONVERTED MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME  
PARKS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy*

*C 259 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Extends the time period in which tenants who have received initial cash relocation 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 eligible relocation assistance.

**E2SSB 5045        INCENTIVIZING RENTAL OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO  
LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kuderer*

*C 335 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows a county with a population of 1.5 million or more to provide a property tax exemption for an accessory dwelling unit if certain conditions are met for as long as it is rented to a low-income household.

**ESSB 5197        ADDRESSING LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS BY PROVIDING  
TECHNICAL CHANGES TO EVICTION NOTICE FORMS AND  
MODIFYING CERTAIN EVICTION PROCESSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kuderer*

*C 336 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows remote participation by any party in forcible and unlawful detainer actions.
- Modifies certain eviction processes including allowing tenants who provide a pledge of financial assistance letter from a government or nonprofit entity up until the date of eviction to satisfy an unlawful detainer judgment; allowing judges to consider the validity of 14-day pay or vacate notices served as the basis for prohibition on eligibility for tenants to seek good cause judicial discretion; and extending permanently the exception to the prohibition on eligibility for good cause judicial discretion for tenants using the tenancy preservation program.
- Removes language in the uniform 14-day pay or vacate notice requiring landlords to provide 14-day pay or vacate notices to dispute resolution centers upon expiration of the eviction resolution pilot program.

**E2SSB 5198      CONCERNING THE SALE OR LEASE OF  
MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES AND THE  
PROPERTY ON WHICH THEY SIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 1129 Representative Gregerson)*

*C 40 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires landlords to provide two years notice for closure or conversion of a manufactured/mobile home community (MHC), with limited exceptions.
- Requires landlords to provide a written notice of opportunity to compete to purchase when selling or leasing an MHC.
- Establishes requirements and procedures that landlords and qualified tenant organizations or eligible organizations must follow when engaging with one another in the purchase and sale of an MHC.

**ESSB 5301      CONCERNING HOUSING PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet*

*(HB 1709 Representative Tharinger)*

*C 275 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Consolidates the Housing Assistance Program into the Affordable Housing Program at the Department of Commerce, and modifies the activities and organizations eligible for assistance under the program and Commerce's requirements for administering the program.
- Increases the cap on administrative costs used for the program.
- Expands activities eligible for legislative appropriations from capital bond proceeds.
- Repeals the Affordable Housing Land Acquisition Revolving Loan Fund Program and Affordable Housing and Community Facilities Rapid Response Loan Program.

**SSB 5386      REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEXITY BY INCREASING  
TRANSPARENCY OF REVENUE FLOWS FOR ACTIVITIES FUNDED  
BY DOCUMENT RECORDING FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 277 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Updates the distribution and uses for the homeless housing assistance surcharges and uniformly exempts certain documents from the surcharges.
- Removes the transitional housing operating and rent account.
- Eliminates the requirement for the Office of Financial Management to secure an independent expenditure review of state surcharge funds received and deposited into the home security fund account on a biennial basis, and Department of Commerce to include the amount of expenditures for private rental housing payments in the report on state and local homelessness document recording fee expenditures by county.

## HUMAN SERVICES

### **HB 1128 RAISING THE RESIDENTIAL PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bateman*

*(SB 5183 Senator Liias)*

*C 201 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the personal needs allowance for clients being served in medical institutions and residential settings.

### **E2SHB 1188 CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THAT HAVE ALSO RECEIVED CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Caseload Forecast Council to forecast the number of individuals who are functionally and financially eligible for waiver services who have also received specified child welfare services and are expected to use a Medicaid waiver service.
- Expands the Children's Intensive In-Home Behavior Support Services waiver.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to seek federal approval to expand the existing Medicaid waivers to meet the needs of dependent children and youth with developmental disabilities.
- Requires that Medicaid waiver services administered by the DSHS Developmental Disabilities Administration be provided to eligible individuals who have received certain specified child welfare services, and that these waiver slots are forecasted and budgeted as maintenance level costs.
- Requires DSHS to submit a report by December 1, 2025, on the feasibility of establishing a new waiver for individuals who have received specified child welfare services.

### **2SHB 1204 IMPLEMENTING THE FAMILY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*

*(SB 5426 Senator Kauffman)*

*C 138 L 23 Effective date 6/20/2023.*

- Makes the Family Connections Program permanent.

**ESHB 1260 ACCELERATING STABILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH A WORK-LIMITING DISABILITY OR INCAPACITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado*

*(SB 5480 Senator Kauffman)*

*C 289 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Eliminates, effective October 1, 2025, the requirement that recipients of the Aged, Blind and Disabled Cash Assistance Program (ABD) repay the ABD benefits received when that person subsequently receives supplemental security income payments for the same period.
- Clarifies that prior to October 1, 2025, any ABD benefits received during the months SSI payments are received for the same period are a debt of the state and must be repaid.
- Places income eligibility standards for the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) and ABD programs in 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.

**HB 1265 ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ADULT FAMILY HOMES THAT SERVE PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ARE OWNED BY A NONPROFIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramos*

*(SB 5302 Senator Mullet)*

*C 69 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Expands the property tax exemption for housing for eligible individuals with developmental disabilities when housing is provided indirectly through lease, sublet, or service agreement with a provider operating an adult family home, regardless of the nonprofit status of the adult family home provider.

**EHB 1274 CREATING A CHILD MALNUTRITION FIELD GUIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Couture*

*C 70 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**HB 1345            CONCERNING THE CONTRIBUTION TO COSTS OF PRIVILEGES  
BY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar*  
*C 177 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes extended family visitation from the list of Department of Corrections capital costs of providing privileges for which incarcerated individuals must contribute.
- Allows Corrections to require incarcerated individuals to contribute to the cost of specific designated privileges to ensure that incarcerated individuals contribute to a portion of the costs directly associated with providing designated privileges.

**ESHB 1394            CREATING A DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE  
TO YOUTH WHO COMMIT SEXUAL OFFENSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn* *(SB 5543 Senator Frame)*  
*C 150 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Places limits on 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            CONCERNING YOUTH SEEKING HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND  
OTHER RELATED SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes*  
*C 151 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes a child to remain in a licensed shelter or with another licensed organization that provides services to homeless or runaway youth for up to 90 days if the shelter or organization is unable to make contact with a parent, or the shelter or organization makes contact with the parent, but the parent does not request that the child return home.
- Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to offer family reconciliation services to families or youth after receiving a report that a youth is away from a lawfully prescribed residence as soon as possible, but no later than three days, excluding weekends and holidays, after receiving a report.
- Directs 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 days to 90 days.

**HB 1407            MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITY SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 207 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Provides that if a child under age 18 has been determined eligible for developmental disability services on or after the child's third birthday, the Department of Social and Health Services eligibility rules may not terminate or require redetermination of eligibility solely on the basis of the child's age.

**2SHB 1447            STRENGTHENING THE ABILITY OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO  
MEET FOUNDATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND  
FAMILIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*

*Del to Gov*

- Expands the list of resources and increases the amount of assets exempt from being considered an asset owned or available to an applicant at the time of application for cash assistance programs.
- Increases the amount of earnings families eligible for cash assistance may keep by \$500 per month.
- Provides that the 60-month time limit for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) does not apply to child-only TANF.
- Expands good cause reasons for failure to participate in WorkFirst program components to include situations where the recipient is experiencing a hardship as defined by the Department of Social and Health Services.

**2SHB 1470            CONCERNING PRIVATE DETENTION FACILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules and standards providing sanitary, hygienic, and safe living conditions for individuals held at private detention facilities.
- Requires the Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Industries to conduct routine, unannounced inspections of private detention facilities.
- Specifies operating conditions for private detention facilities and access to services for detained individuals.
- Creates a private right of action and civil penalties, and authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to enforce violations and recover civil penalties.
- Subjects private detention facilities operating under contract with a state or local agency to the Public Records Act.

**SHB 1499 CONCERNING FOOD ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers  
C 31 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows up to 25 percent of food assistance program funding provided by the Washington Department of Agriculture to food banks to be used for essential nonfood items, including diapers, feminine products, and hygiene products.

**SHB 1501 AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele  
C 152 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows the Crime Victims Compensation Program to provide more than 12 counseling sessions to immediate family members of a homicide victim if a licensed mental health provider determines that additional sessions are needed and the recipient would benefit from additional sessions.

**2SHB 1580 CREATING A SYSTEM TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN CRISIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan  
Del to Gov*

- Requires the Governor to maintain a Children and Youth Multisystem Care Coordinator to be the state lead on addressing complex cases of children in crisis.
- Specifies the Care Coordinator's duties, which include creating and directing a rapid care team to support and identify appropriate services and living arrangements for children in crisis.
- Directs the membership of the rapid care team and identifies individuals who can make referrals to the team.
- Requires the Governor to submit an initial report by November 1, 2023, and a final report by November 1, 2024, with certain data and recommendations on the rapid care team.

**SHB 1590 CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent  
Governor vetoed*

**Full Veto:**

- Expanded the membership of the Department of Children, Youth and Families Oversight Board to include one subject matter expert on education for youth who are placed in a juvenile facility or are dependent.
- Modified requirements for certain Oversight Board members.



**HB 1679**                    **MODIFYING AND EXTENDING REQUIREMENTS OF A WORK GROUP CONVENED TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE, EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, OR BOTH**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rule*

*(SB 5719 Senator Hunt)*

*C 300 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds students in or exiting juvenile rehabilitation facilities to the scope and duties of the work group focused on increasing equitable educational outcomes for students in foster care and experiencing homelessness.
- Adds representation from the education data center to the work group and requires meaningful consultation from youth and young adults with lived experience in foster care, homelessness, and juvenile rehabilitation.
- Extends several annual reporting requirements to 2027, and extends the final report date for the work group to July 1, 2028.

**SB 5070**                    **CONCERNING VICTIMS OF NONFATAL STRANGULATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 108 L 23    Effective date 6/30/2023.*

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

**SSB 5081**                    **CONCERNING VICTIM NOTIFICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts information and records related to the Department of Corrections' Victim and Witness Notification Program from the Public Records Act.
- Adds certain crimes to the list of offenses eligible for notification by Corrections.
- Expands the list of offenses for which Corrections must provide a statement of the rights of victims and witnesses to request and receive notification.

**SSB 5101**                    **CONCERNING EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL PLACEMENT FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*Del to Gov*

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

**SSB 5114            SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF SEX  
TRAFFICKING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*(HB 1089 Representative Orwall)*

*C 268 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Directs the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to administer funding for healing, support, and transition services for adults with the lived experience of sex trafficking.

**ESSB 5124            SUPPORTING GUARDIANSHIPS AND VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT  
WITH NONRELATIVE KIN**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1278 Representative Ortiz-Self)*

*C 221 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Makes guardianship subsidies available to any guardian who is a licensed foster parent at the time a guardianship is established.
- Authorizes the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to accept custody of children from parents through a voluntary placement agreement to provide child welfare services.
- Directs DCYF to provide specific data to the Legislature and Governor annually.

**SB 5131                CONCERNING MONEY RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS ON BEHALF OF INMATES FROM FAMILY OR  
OTHER OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
COMMISSARY ITEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 111 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Exempts money sent by family and other outside sources to the Department of Corrections on behalf of inmates for the purchase of commissary items from required deductions.

**2SSB 5134            CONCERNING REENTRY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*Del to Gov*

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

**SB 5252**                    **MAKING MODIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH  
FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING DISSEMINATION OF  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CRIMINAL HISTORY  
RECORD INFORMATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*(HB 1292 Representative Goodman)*

*C 223 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Limits sharing of background check information between designated entities to state information and eliminates sharing authority under certain circumstances.
- Separates shared 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**                    **MAKING PERMANENT AND EXPANDING THE CHILD WELFARE  
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*(HB 1186 Representative Rule)*

*C 321 L 23    Effective date 6/30/2023.*

- Directs the Department of Children, Youth and Families to administer the Child Welfare Housing Program.

**SSB 5304**                    **TESTING INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE LANGUAGE ACCESS TO  
STATE SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*C 94 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to ensure that language access providers have completed oral and written tests and are fluent in English and a primary non-English language.
- Specifies that DSHS is not prohibited from developing and administering a program to meet the requirements and standards established under this act.
- Prohibits testing or certification authority from being awarded to a private entity with a financial interest in the direct provision of interpreter services.
- Creates a workgroup to make recommendations regarding interpretive service certification policies and programs for limited and non-English speakers and to develop an implementation plan for an online testing system.

**SB 5370                    CONCERNING ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*(HB 1528 Representative Bateman)*

*C 44 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Defines what information the Department of Social and Health Services may share about a specifically named vulnerable adult.
- Modifies the definitions of mandated reporter and individual provider.

**SSB 5398                    CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING ALLOCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen*

*Del to Gov*

- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services Domestic Violence Services Program to convene a workgroup to review and update the formula used to determine the allocation of funding for domestic violence victim services agencies and provide the recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2024.

**2SSB 5502                    ENSURING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER  
TREATMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires offenders to undergo a comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) assessment in order to transfer to the Graduated Reentry (GRE) Program at the Department of Corrections.
- Requires Corrections to assist an offender in enrolling in SUD treatment services at the level deemed appropriate by the assessment.
- Requires offenders to begin receiving treatment services as soon as practicable after transfer to the GRE Program to avoid treatment delays.
- Requires specified data reporting by Corrections and the Health Care Authority beginning July 1, 2023.

**ESSB 5515      PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT  
AT RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*Del to Gov*

- Directs the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to investigate referrals of alleged child abuse or neglect occurring at substance use disorder treatment facilities and entities that provide behavioral health services on a residential basis, residential private schools, and host homes and determine whether there is a finding of abuse or neglect.
- Requires living accommodations provided by residential private schools to be licensed by DCYF, effective July 1, 2025, unless the residential private school is exempt from licensing.

**ESSB 5599      SUPPORTING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS SEEKING  
PROTECTED HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*Del to Gov*

- Expands the compelling reasons for a youth shelter or other similar organization not to notify a parent following the child's entry to the shelter or organization when a minor child is seeking or receiving gender affirming treatment and 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      CONCERNING CHILD-SPECIFIC FOSTER CARE LICENSES FOR  
PLACEMENT OF INDIAN CHILDREN**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman*

*C 127 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows the Department of Children, Youth and Families to issue child-specific foster care licenses for an Indian child's family or extended family members who opt to become licensed for placement of a specific Indian child and that child's siblings or relatives in the custody of an Indian tribe or the tribe's child placing agency.

## LABOR & COMMERCE

### **2SHB 1009 CONCERNING MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 165 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Establishes requirements for certain state agencies and licensing authorities related to expediting professional licenses of military spouses.
- Allows a military spouse to terminate an employment contract without penalty after the person's service member spouse receives orders for a permanent change of station.

### **HB 1017 EXPEDITING LICENSURE FOR COSMETOLOGISTS, HAIR DESIGNERS, BARBERS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*(SB 5307 Senator Torres)*

*C 55 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Permits the director of the Department of Licensing to allow an applicant for a cosmetologist, hair design, barber, manicurist, esthetician, or master esthetician license to register for or take an examination before the applicant has completed the required hours of course instruction, if the applicant is within 100 hours of completion.

### **ESHB 1050 EXPANDING APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Riccelli*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires public works contracts awarded by a municipality estimated to cost more than \$2 million to include specifications that no less than 15 percent of the labor hours be performed by apprentices.
- Phases-in lower contract thresholds for apprenticeship utilization requirements for public works contracts awarded by municipalities through July 1, 2028.
- 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 small, women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses.

**SHB 1068            CONCERNING INJURED WORKERS' RIGHTS DURING  
COMPELLED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske  
C 166 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5212 Senator Stanford)*

- Allows an injured worker in a workers' compensation claim to record the audio, video, or both of an independent medical examination with seven days' notice and to have a person of the worker's choice present during the exam.
- Requires the worker to provide a copy of the recording to the Department of Labor and Industries or self-insurer within 14 days of a request.
- Prohibits the worker from materially altering or posting the recording to social media.

**ESHB 1106           CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT  
INSURANCE WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTARILY LEAVES  
WORK**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse  
C 240 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands access to unemployment insurance benefits by adding circumstances where a person may voluntarily quit for good cause, including, under specified conditions, inaccessible care for a child or vulnerable adult, relocating to follow a minor child, and involuntary work shift changes.
- Requires a report to the Legislature regarding UI claims related to benefits for separations from employment because of inaccessible care for a child or vulnerable adult.

**HB 1107            CONCERNING REMOVING THE TERMS "MASTER" AND  
"SERVANT" FROM TITLES 50 AND 50A**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse  
C 25 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**2SHB 1122           GRANTING WASHINGTON MANAGEMENT SERVICE EMPLOYEES  
THE RIGHT TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio  
C 136 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

*(SB 5141 Senator Hunt)*

- Grants Washington Management Service employees the right to collective bargaining, except for employees in positions with salary bands three, four, and medical, and other specified Management Service managers.

**HB 1197      DEFINING ATTENDING PROVIDER AND CLARIFYING OTHER PROVIDER FUNCTIONS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS, AND ADDING PSYCHOLOGISTS AS ATTENDING PROVIDERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH ONLY CLAIMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*(SB 5310 Senator Lovelett)*

*C 171 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2025.*

- Creates a definition of attending provider to replace the terms attending physician or licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner, and physician who attended the worker, and similar terms in the workers' compensation statutes.
- Adds state licensed psychologists as attending providers for claims that are solely for mental health conditions.
- Provides that any health services provider who examined or treated an injured worker may be required to testify in hearings, actions, or proceedings.

**SHB 1200      REQUIRING PUBLIC EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION TO EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado*

*(SB 5273 Senator Valdez)*

*C 204 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires certain public employers to provide exclusive bargaining representatives employee information, such as contact information, date of hire, salary, and jobsite location, of employees in bargaining units if the employer has that information in its records.
- Allows an exclusive bargaining representative to bring a court action if a public employer fails to comply with the requirement to provide information.

**SHB 1217      CONCERNING WAGE COMPLAINTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*C 243 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires certain wage complaint settlements to include interest on all amounts owed, with the option for an employee to request a waiver or reduction of interest as part of the settlement process.



**HB 1301            CREATING LICENSE REVIEW AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McClintock*

*Del to Gov*

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

**SHB 1323            REQUIRING A TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO APPLY FIRE-RESISTANT MATERIALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*(SB 5253 Senator Van De Wege)*

*C 145 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires individuals applying fire-resistant materials to be certified by the Department of Labor and Industries after receiving training from an approved trainer.
- Requires contractors, beginning January 1, 2026, to use only certified fire-resistant material applicators.
- Imposes civil penalties and debarment from public works contracts on contractors violating the requirements.

**SHB 1457            CONCERNING A MOTOR CARRIER’S ABILITY TO ACCESS RESTROOM FACILITIES REQUIRED BY RULES AUTHORIZED UNDER CHAPTER 49.17 RCW**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Robertson*

*(SB 5429 Senator Stanford)*

*C 251 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires a business that ships or receives goods to allow a motor carrier picking up or delivering the goods to use the business's restrooms during normal business hours under certain circumstances.
- Grants the Department of Health jurisdiction to enforce these requirements.

**SHB 1458            CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*

*C 30 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Employment Security Department to convene a work group to identify and address legal and procedural barriers faced by eligible claimants participating in apprenticeship programs.

**2SHB 1491      PROHIBITING UNJUSTIFIED EMPLOYER SEARCHES OF  
EMPLOYEE PERSONAL VEHICLES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt*

*C 252 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Prohibits an employer from searching an employee's vehicle in the employer's parking areas, subject to certain exceptions, and from retaliating against an employee for exercising any right under the legislation.

**HB 1514            ADDRESSING THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSIGNIA  
TO MANUFACTURERS OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND/OR  
PARK TRAILERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Robertson*

*(SB 5521 Senator Conway)*

*C 78 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows manufacturers of recreational vehicles and park trailers to purchase and distribute required insignia from the Department of Labor and Industries if the manufacturer has an approved quality control program and submits its model or prototype plans to L&I.

**SHB 1521           CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE SELF-  
INSURED EMPLOYERS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*(SB 5524 Senator Van De Wege)*

*C 293 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2024.*

- Specifies that self-insured municipal employers and self-insured private sector firefighter employers and their third-party administrators have a duty of good faith and fair dealing to workers with respect to all aspects of workers' compensation.
- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to enforce the duty of good faith and fair dealing, including assessing penalties for violations of the duty.
- Allows L&I to withdraw a municipal employer's certification as a self-insurer if the employer has been found to have violated the duty of good faith and fair dealing three times within a three-year period.

**2SHB 1534      STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR CONSUMERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 213 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- 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 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.
- Increases the fine for failure to register as a contractor from a range of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to a range of \$1,200 to \$10,000.
- Creates the homeowner recovery account and requires fines and penalties collected under the Contractor Registration Act to be deposited into the account.
- Establishes the Homeowner Recovery Program for eligible homeowners to receive recovery payments for unsatisfied final judgments brought against a contractor.

**HB 1542      REQUIRING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS TO BE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE WHEN WORK IS BEING PERFORMED ON HIGH VOLTAGE LINES AND EQUIPMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 253 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2025.*

- Requires an automated external defibrillator be available and accessible when work is being performed on high voltage lines and equipment or when line-clearance tree trimming is conducted in close proximity to high voltage lines and equipment.

**HB 1563      CONCERNING ARREST PROTECTIONS FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Kloba*

*(SB 5608 Senator Kuderer)*

*C 254 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Extends criminal and civil protections, rather than an affirmative defense, to qualifying patients and designated providers holding a valid authorization for the medical use of cannabis.
- Specifies the cannabis plant possession limit for an individual who is both a qualifying patient and designated provider for another qualifying patient.

**SHB 1570      CONCERNING SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAMS APPLICABLE TO  
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND DRIVERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry  
Del to Gov*

- Allows access to unemployment insurance for drivers providing services facilitated through a transportation network company's (TNC) digital network.
- Changes the conditions when an employer, who continues to provide part-time employment for claimants of UI benefits, may be relieved of UI benefit charges for purposes of the employer's UI experience rating.
- Creates a pilot program allowing drivers to elect to pay for Paid Family and Medical Leave coverage and requiring TNCs to pay those drivers an amount equal to the premiums.

**HB 1656      CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS APPEAL  
PROCEDURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt      (SB 5240 Senator Braun)  
C 85 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds disputes of unemployment insurance allowance or denial of benefits or redeterminations, in addition to a dispute of initial determinations, as issues in UI appeals, regardless of the grounds in the appeal notice.
- Removes certain issues from certain UI appeals, including the claimant's availability for work in specified situations.

**HB 1684      CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED  
TRIBES TO REPORT STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL  
CLASSIFICATIONS OR JOB TITLES OF WORKERS UNDER THE  
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Slatter  
C 256 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows federally recognized tribes to opt in, or out of the requirement to report the standard occupational classifications or job titles of their workers to the Employment Security Department.

**HB 1712      PROTECTING WORKERS DISPLACED DUE TO FINFISH  
AQUACULTURE FACILITY CLOSURE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick*

*(SB 5621 Senator Muzzall)*

*C 156 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds to the definition of dislocated worker, for purposes of UI, any individual who has separated from employment as a result of the denial of a commercial finfish net pen aquaculture lease renewal application, or the issuance of an order by the Commissioner of Public Lands on November 17, 2022, allowing those persons to seek access to additional benefits while enrolled in approved training plans.

**HB 1730      ALLOWING PEOPLE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO WORK IN  
CERTAIN 21 YEAR AND OLDER ESTABLISHMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 158 L 23    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Permits any liquor licensee, under certain conditions, to employ an individual who is at least 18 years old, allowing the individual to perform services unrelated to the sale or service of alcohol.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the emergency clause.

**ESHB 1731    CONCERNING COMPLIMENTARY LIQUOR BY SHORT-TERM  
RENTAL OPERATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 257 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes an annual liquor permit, with an associated \$75 fee, issued by the Liquor and Cannabis Board to a short-term rental operator, allowing the operator, under certain conditions, to provide one complimentary bottle of wine to rental guests who are at least 21 years old.

## **2SHB 1762      PROTECTING WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*C 306 L 23      Effective date 7/1/2024.*

- Requires certain warehouse distribution center employers to provide written descriptions of quotas to employees on specified dates.
- Provides that a violation occurs if the quota does not provide sufficient time for meal and rest breaks, exposes workers to health and safety hazards, or violates related laws.
- Requires employers to provide information about quotas and work speed data upon a request of an employee or a former employee for three years from separation.
- Prohibits retaliation and includes a rebuttable presumption that an adverse action is retaliatory.
- Allows the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate complaints and enforce the requirements, including assessing penalties.

## **HB 1772      PROHIBITING PRODUCTS THAT COMBINE ALCOHOL AND TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 217 L 23      Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

## **SB 5069      ALLOWING INTERSTATE CANNABIS AGREEMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers*

*C 264 L 23      Effective date .*

- Authorizes the Governor to enter into interstate cannabis agreements if the federal government legalizes cannabis or the U.S. Department of Justice issues an opinion or memorandum allowing or tolerating the interstate transfer of cannabis.
- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to, upon either condition occurring, notify the Legislature and the Office of the Code Reviser of the act's effective date, notify the Governor and the Legislature of necessary statutory changes, and adopt necessary rules.

**E2SSB 5080    EXPANDING AND IMPROVING THE SOCIAL EQUITY IN CANNABIS PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*C 220 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Modifies the Social Equity in Cannabis Program by amending certain definitions in the Program; extending the Program until July 1, 2032; adjusting the cannabis licenses available to be issued under the Program; waiving annual license fees under the Program until July 1, 2032; requiring a third-party contractor to score Program applicants; and adding provisions on where licenses may initially be located, subject to local jurisdiction input.
- Provides a one-time, one-license annual fee reimbursement to current cannabis licensees submitting a social equity plan to the Liquor and Cannabis Board.
- Changes the time period in which a cannabis licensee must have been issued a cannabis license to qualify for a Social Equity Technical Assistance Grant.
- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to submit a report on whether current levels of cannabis production align with market demand and capacity by June 30, 2025.

**SB 5084            CREATING A SEPARATE FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF SELF-INSURED PENSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*(HB 1558 Representative Cheney)*

*C 110 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2025\*.*

- Creates the Self-insurance Reserve Fund for payments from self-insured employers related to workers' compensation pensions and the Overpayments Reimbursement Fund.
- Allows the State Investment Board to invest any excess amounts in the Self-insurance Reserve Fund.
- Provides that the Second Injury Fund will receive its proportionate share of earnings in the fund held by the State Treasurer's Office.

**SB 5088            ADDING REFERENCES TO CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING LAWS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION, PUBLIC WORKS, AND PREVAILING WAGE STATUTES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*(HB 1309 Representative Fosse)*

*C 88 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds cross-references to plumbing, electrical, and elevator contractor licensing laws to existing workers' compensation, public works, and prevailing wage statutes.

**SB 5089      MAKING CHANGES TO FACTORY ASSEMBLED STRUCTURES, MANUFACTURED OR MOBILE HOMES, COMMERCIAL COACHES, CONVERSION VENDING UNITS, MEDICAL UNITS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, AND PARK TRAILERS REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING ADDING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FACTORY ASSEMBLED STRUCTURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*C 36 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes the number of members on the Factory Assembled Structures Advisory Board from 9 members to at least 11.
- Requires the director of the Department of Labor and Industries to consider the gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the state, including the interests of persons with disabilities, when appointing members to the Board.
- Requires members of the Board to apply for reappointment for consecutive terms and adds allied trades to the list of the groups that membership on the Board must represent.

**ESSB 5111      CONCERNING PAYMENTS FOR ACCRUED AND UNUSED SICK LEAVE FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*C 267 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Requires payment for accrued and unused sick leave for certain construction workers separating from employment.

**ESSB 5123      CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO LAWFULLY CONSUME CANNABIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*Del to Gov*

- Prohibits employers, with some exceptions, from discriminating against a person in hiring if the discrimination is based on the person's use of cannabis outside of work or on certain employer-required drug screening tests.



**SSB 5156      EXPANDING THE FARM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres*

*C 269 L 23    Effective date 5/4/2023.*

- Extends the Farm Internship Pilot Program to all counties and makes the program permanent.
- Adds requirements that the interns' work encourages them to participate in education with courses in agriculture or related programs and that small farms in newly eligible counties have at least one intern who has or whose parent or grandparent has direct experience working as a migrant farmworker, with limited exceptions.
- Increases the annual sales limit to qualify as a small farm to \$265,000.

**SSB 5176      CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR OFFICERS OF EMPLOYEE-OWNED COOPERATIVES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*C 92 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Exempts officers of employee cooperative corporations, cooperative associations, and limited cooperative associations from certain restrictions on corporate officers' eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.

**ESSB 5186      REQUIRING ANTIDISCRIMINATION CLAUSES IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires state contracts for public works or for goods or services to contain nondiscrimination clauses.
- 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 contracts that meet the requirements under the bill.

**ESSB 5217      CONCERNING THE STATE'S ABILITY TO REGULATE CERTAIN INDUSTRIES AND RISK CLASSIFICATIONS TO PREVENT MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURIES AND DISORDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 112 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Repeals the law prohibiting the Department of Labor and Industries from adopting rules related to ergonomics or musculoskeletal disorders.
- Limits the adoption of new rules within a 12-month period to no more than one set of rules for an industry or risk classification and only for industries or risk classifications where workers' compensation claims involve musculoskeletal injuries and disorders at a rate greater than two times the overall state claim rate for these types of injuries and disorders over a recent five-year period.
- Requires L&I to provide legislative reports; publish lists of eligible industries and risk classifications; review claims data; and during rule making, to consider alternative employer control methods and to convene advisory committees with impacted employer and worker representatives.
- Allows L&I to fund equipment purchases, and to provide up to three additional ergonomists for consultation purposes to specified employers.

**E2SSB 5236      CONCERNING HOSPITAL STAFFING STANDARDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 114 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2024\*.*

- Modifies nurse staffing committee 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 breaks and overtime provisions for health care employees.

**SSB 5238      EXPANDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*(HB 1291 Representative Fosse)*

*C 115 L 23    Effective date 4/20/2023.*

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

**SSB 5261            CONCERNING CEMETERY AUTHORITY PERMIT, LICENSE, OR  
ENDORSEMENT DEADLINES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*C 185 L 23    Effective date 10/31/2023.*

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

**2SSB 5263            CONCERNING ACCESS TO PSILOCYBIN SERVICES BY  
INDIVIDUALS 21 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes a Psilocybin Advisory Board, consisting of certain experts, agency officials, and stakeholders appointed by the Governor, to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Health, the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), and the Department of Agriculture.
- Creates an Interagency Psilocybin Work Group, consisting of Health, LCB, and Agriculture, to provide advice and recommendations to the Advisory Board relating to developing a comprehensive regulatory framework for psilocybin and other specified topics.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to establish a Psilocybin Task Force, which must submit a final report by December 1, 2023, on specified topics relating to psilocybin.
- Directs the University of Washington to establish and administer a Psilocybin Therapy Services Pilot Program by January 1, 2025, for certain individuals experiencing PTSD, mood disorders, or substance use disorders.

**SB 5282            AUTHORIZING VEHICLE DEALERS TO FILE A REPORT OF SALE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*C 273 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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.
- Requires the dealer who files the report of sale to collect the required fees from the owner and remit them.

**SB 5283**      **AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS TO WAIVE THE FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR COMITY APPLICANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Van De Wege*  
*C 274 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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.

**SSB 5286**      **MODIFYING THE PREMIUM PROVISIONS OF THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*  
*C 116 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Modifies the statutory formula for calculating premium rates in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

**ESSB 5320**      **CONCERNING JOURNEY LEVEL ELECTRICIAN CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPETENCY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*      *(HB 1462 Representative Doglio)*  
*C 95 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- Modifies the eligibility requirements for journey level electrician certificate of competency exams.
- Allows certain trainees to work to gain the experience required for the journey level electrician certification examination without registering in an apprenticeship program until July 1, 2026.

**SB 5331**      **CONCERNING JOB SEARCH REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*  
*C 117 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Gives the Employment Security Department ongoing, rather than temporary, discretion to direct activities to meet the unemployment insurance work search requirements, provided the activities meet the objective of reemployment in suitable work.
- Requires ESD to submit a report to the Legislature every two years detailing the impacts of any flexibilities utilized in job search methods, monitoring, and outcomes.

**ESSB 5365      PREVENTING USE OF VAPOR AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MINORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*Del to Gov*

- Increases the maximum monetary penalties the Liquor and Cannabis Board may impose against cigarette, tobacco, and vapor products retailer licensees for violations related to selling or giving these products to persons under 21 years old.
- Limits detaining persons under 18 years old to determine their identity and date of birth and seizing cigarette, tobacco, and vapor products to Board enforcement officers, not peace officers, and when the actions occur within 100 feet or less of a retailer.
- Requires Board enforcement officers to collect certain information and receive training related to interactions with minors; and the Board to compile and analyze the collected information and report to the Legislature.
- Modifies the sanctions and fines for purchasing or possessing cigarette, tobacco or vapor products by persons under age 18, to requiring participation in up to four hours of community service and referral to a smoking cessation program.

**E2SSB 5367      CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING THC**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*(HB 1612 Representative Kloba)*

*Del to Gov*

- Amends the definition of cannabis products in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act (UCSA) to include, with certain exceptions, any product intended to be consumed or absorbed inside the body by any means including inhalation, ingestion, or insertion, with any detectable amount of THC and any product containing only THC content.
- Adds and amends other definitions in hemp statutes and the UCSA.
- Restricts licensed cannabis producers and cannabis processors from using cannabis, cannabis products, and synthetic cannabinoids to enhance the cannabidiol concentration of regulated cannabis products.
- Prohibits any person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing cannabis products without a valid state-issued license, except as permitted under certain cannabis agreements.

**2SSB 5425      CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM CONTRACTORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 329 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Increases licensing fees for fire protection sprinkler system contractors, and the fines the State Director of Fire Protection can impose on contractors.
- Creates the fire protection compliance account for fines collected by the State Director of Fire Protection.
- Requires direct supervision of sprinkler fitter trainees and establishes a supervision ratio of trainees to certified sprinkler fitters.
- Directs the State Director of Fire Protection to investigate alleged violations of the laws and rules related to fire protection sprinkler fitters.

**SSB 5448      CONCERNING LIQUOR LICENSEE PRIVILEGES FOR THE DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen*

*(HB 1375 Representative Reeves)*

*C 279 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- Removes the July 1, 2023, expiration date for liquor license privileges related to alcohol delivery and takeout, except for the authorizations for the curbside sale of alcohol and the sale of cocktail kits by restaurants.
- Prohibits the sale of alcohol for delivery after July 1, 2025.
- Requires the Liquor and Cannabis Board to submit recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature for a comprehensive alcohol delivery policy by November 1, 2023.
- Expands the class 12 alcohol server permit requirements to require an employee conducting alcohol deliveries for an alcohol delivery endorsement holder to have a class 12 permit before engaging in alcohol delivery.

**2SSB 5454      CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDERS AFFECTING REGISTERED NURSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*(HB 1593 Representative Macri)*

*Del to Gov*

- Allows workers' compensation occupational disease claims resulting from PTSD for direct care registered nurses who have PTSD that develops or manifests itself after being employed in Washington State for at least 90 consecutive days.
- Creates a rebuttable presumption that PTSD is an occupational disease for these nurses that may be rebutted by a preponderance of the evidence.

**ESSB 5528      CONCERNING RETAINAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE  
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1524 Representative Bronoske)*

- Establishes retainage requirements for contractors and subcontractors in private construction projects.

**SSB 5586      CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' PAID FAMILY OR MEDICAL LEAVE  
DATA**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King  
Del to Gov*

- Authorizes an employer, third-party administrator, employee, or other authorized individual, beginning January 1, 2024, to access specified information relating to an employee's claim under the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program for the sole purpose of administering internal employer leave or benefit practices.

## LAW & JUSTICE

### **HB 1002      INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR HAZING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 196 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Reclassifies the crime of hazing from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor, and, 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.

### **HB 1023      ELIMINATING WIRE TAP AUTHORIZATION REPORTING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 129 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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.

### **2SHB 1028      SUPPORTING CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES BY PROMOTING VICTIM-CENTERED, TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 197 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Reestablishes the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Best Practices Advisory Group.
- Modifies provisions related to medical disclosure authorization for a forensic examination, statute of limitations for sex offenses, evidentiary procedures regarding a defendant's use of a victim's social media account to prove consent, and statutory rights of victims and survivors.
- Modifies the curriculum and requirements for certain training programs offered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission and requires it to administer a grant program to establish a statewide resource prosecutor for sexual assault cases.
- Establishes biological sample collection procedures for jails, prisons, and sentencing courts for convicted persons required to provide a sample.



**SHB 1043      CONCERNING ASSOCIATION RECORDS IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McEntire*

*Del to Gov*

- Amends all common interest community association recordkeeping and disclosure requirements and aligns the requirements with the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act.
- Requires associations to redact or otherwise remove certain information from association records prior to disclosure.
- Allows unit owners of common interest communities to receive a free annual electronic or paper copy of the list of unit owners retained by a common interest community.

**HB 1066      MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND REMOVING OBSOLETE LANGUAGE FROM THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON PURSUANT TO RCW 1.08.025**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*Del to Gov*

- Corrects technical deficiencies in the Revised Code of Washington.

**SHB 1077      CONCERNING COURTHOUSE FACILITY DOGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 59 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes expanded access for courthouse facility dogs and their handlers to locations outside courthouses and to public transportation for meetings with potential witnesses or other activities.
- Supplements requirements for courthouse facility dogs and their handlers.

**SHB 1088      CONCERNING THE UNIFORM FAMILY LAW ARBITRATION ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 61 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Adopts the Uniform Family Law Arbitration Act to apply solely for the arbitration of family law disputes.

**SHB 1101 PROVIDING FOR TENANT SCREENING IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 23 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes an association of unit owners in a common interest community to require a unit owner to use a tenant screening service or obtain background information on a prospective tenant prior to entering into a lease.

**HB 1102 CONCERNING JUDGE PRO TEMPORE COMPENSATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 24 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the daily compensation for work as a temporary judge by retired judges to be consistent with compensation paid to practicing attorneys in that role.

**HB 1112 IMPOSING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVING INVOLVING THE DEATH OF A VULNERABLE USER VICTIM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Harris*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes the new gross misdemeanor crime of negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim in the first degree.
- Modifies the scope and name of the traffic infraction negligent driving in the second degree with a vulnerable user victim.
- Requires the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to implement a public outreach campaign to inform the public of the crime of negligent driving with a vulnerable user victim in the first degree.

**HB 1114 CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker*

*C 241 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the membership of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission from 20 to 25 voting members.
- Requires one of the five members representing the public to be a person who was formerly incarcerated in the state correctional system.

**SHB 1132      CONCERNING OVERSIGHT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIMITED AUTHORITY WASHINGTON PEACE OFFICERS AND AGENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 168 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds limited authority peace officers to law enforcement personnel subject to the Criminal Justice Training Commission requirements.
- Exempts the Department of Corrections from Commission requirements.
- Requires limited authority peace officers and officers with a 24-month service break to comply with background check investigations.
- Requires the Commission to certify limited authority peace officers employed before July 1, 2023.

**E2SHB 1143    CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry*

*(SB 5211 Senator Liias)*

*C 161 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Prohibits a dealer from transferring any firearm to a purchaser or transferee until completion of a background check indicating the person is eligible to possess firearms, and ten business days have elapsed since the dealer requested the background check.
- Prohibits a dealer from transferring a firearm to a purchaser or transferee unless the person provides the dealer with proof of completion of a recognized firearm safety training program.
- Updates firearm transfer and background check processes, including updates to conform to implementation of a state firearms background check program.

**ESHB 1155    ADDRESSING THE COLLECTION, SHARING, AND SELLING OF CONSUMER HEALTH DATA**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Slatter*

*(SB 5351 Senator Dhingra)*

*C 191 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes consumer rights of access, withdraw consent, and deletion regarding consumer health data.
- Provides that requirements to obtain consent in order to collect, share, or sell consumer health data, to respond to requests to exercise a consumer rights, and to meet specified obligations take effect beginning March 31, 2024, for regulated entities and June 30, 2024, for small businesses.
- Prohibits implementing a geofence around an entity that provides in-person health care services to collect or track data from consumers or to send advertisements related to consumer health data.
- Exempts government agencies, tribal nations, and personal information governed by certain federal or state laws.
- Makes violations enforceable under the Consumer Protection Act.

**SHB 1165      CONCERNING CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED  
DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 65 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Repeals the current statute imposing civil liability for wrongful disclosure of intimate images and replaces it with the Uniform Civil Remedies for the Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act.

**ESHB 1169      CONCERNING LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*Del to Gov*

- Eliminates the crime victim penalty assessment for juveniles and provides that a court must not impose the crime victim penalty assessment upon an adult defendant who is indigent at the time of sentencing.
- Establishes a crime victim and witness assistance account to support county crime victim and witness programs.
- Eliminates the DNA database fee and establishes alternative state funding for the DNA database.
- Requires a court, upon motion of an offender, to waive a previously imposed DNA database fee.

**SHB 1177      CREATING A MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN  
AND PEOPLE COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff*

*(SB 5137 Senator Dhingra)*

*C 104 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Cold Case Investigations Assistance Unit within the Office of the Attorney General.

**HB 1179      AUTHORIZING THE STATE AUDITOR TO RECEIVE  
NONCONVICTION DATA**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramos*

*(SB 5119 Senator Dhingra)*

*C 26 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**ESHB 1187      CONCERNING PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN  
EMPLOYEES AND THE UNIONS THAT REPRESENT THEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*

*(SB 5706 Senator Frame)*

*C 202 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a privilege from examination and disclosure for a union representative and a union employee concerning any communication between the union representative or union employee made during union representation and creates exceptions to this privilege.
- Applies the privilege from examination and disclosure to the union members and organizations that represent employees of college districts, employees of school districts, public employees, faculty at public four-year institutions of higher education, civil service employees, ferry employees, port employees, and labor unions.

**HB 1199      ADDRESSING LICENSED CHILD CARE IN COMMON INTEREST  
COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Senn*

*C 203 L 23    Effective date 5/1/2023.*

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

**EHB 1209      RESTRICTING THE POSSESSION, PURCHASE, DELIVERY, AND  
SALE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT USED TO ILLEGALLY PROCESS  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 66 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a class C felony for any person 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.

**SHB 1234      CONCERNING THE CIVIL FORFEITURE OF ANIMALS SEIZED FOR ABUSE OR NEGLECT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 246 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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      ESTABLISHING FIREARMS-RELATED SAFETY MEASURES TO INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*

*(SB 5265 Senator Kuderer)*

*C 162 L 23    Effective date 4/25/2023.*

- Prohibits the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or offer for sale of any assault weapon, subject to various exceptions for licensed firearm manufacturers and dealers, for individuals who inherit an assault weapon, for firearms dealers to sell or transfer their existing stock of assault weapons that were acquired prior to January 1, 2023, to outside of the state for the limited period of 90 days after the effective date.
- Makes violation of these restrictions a gross misdemeanor and actionable under the Consumer Protection Act.

**HB 1262      ESTABLISHING A LUMP SUM REPORTING SYSTEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*(SB 5255 Senator Kuderer)*

*C 248 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires an employer to notify the Division of Child Support before making any lump sum payment of \$500 or more to a parent who is responsible for child support.
- Establishes procedures for reporting, disbursing, withholding, and remitting lump sum payments.
- Exempts an employer from liability for reporting or withholding and remitting a lump sum payment.

**HB 1290      CONCERNING TRAINING FOR TRIBAL POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff*

*(SB 5086 Senator Lovick)*

*C 72 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires tribal agencies with tribal officer certification written agreements with the Criminal Justice Training Commission to reimburse the Commission 25 percent of the cost of training its personnel.
- Requires tribes without current written tribal officer certification agreements with the Commission to pay the full cost of providing such training.

**HB 1312 CONCERNING JURY SERVICE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rude*

*C 205 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows a person who is at least 80 years old to opt out of jury service by attesting they are unable to serve due to health reasons.
- Requires courts to develop attestation forms.

**EHB 1324 CONCERNING THE SCORING OF PRIOR JUVENILE OFFENSES IN SENTENCING RANGE CALCULATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*

*(SB 5475 Senator Saldaña)*

*Del to Gov*

- Prohibits juvenile adjudications except for murder in the first or second degree or a class A felony sex offense from being included in a defendant's offender score for the purpose of adult felony sentencing.

**ESHB 1335 CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen*

*(SB 5321 Senator Valdez)*

*Del to Gov*

- Prohibits publication of an individual's personal identifying information without consent when the publication is made 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.

**ESHB 1369 CONCERNING OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey*

*(SB 5382 Senator MacEwen)*

*C 250 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Permits Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife officers to engage in off-duty employment.
- Requires the chief of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement to adopt guidelines to ensure integrity and professionalism.
- Requires officers to complete training prior to off-duty employment on a tribal reservation, trust, or allotted lands.
- Specifies the state is not liable for tortious conduct by off-duty Fish and Wildlife officers.

**HB 1420 CONCERNING LIEN PRIORITY OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*

*(SB 5443 Senator Dozier)*

C 76 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.

- Clarifies that the first in time, first in right rule of lien priority applies to all mortgages and deeds of trusts regardless of whether the disbursements are obligatory.

**ESHB 1469 CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND GENDER-AFFIRMING TREATMENT IN WASHINGTON STATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hansen*

*(SB 5489 Senator Trudeau)*

C 193 L 23 Effective date 4/27/2023.

- Defines protected health care services in Washington to include reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment.
- Restricts the ability of a court to issue, and for law enforcement to enforce, subpoenas, warrants, criminal process, extradition, and other court orders for civil or criminal liability based on the provision or receipt of protected health care services.
- Restricts Washington businesses from complying with records requests or subpoenas for information related to 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.
- Authorizes the attorney general to bring an action to enjoin any person from violating the act and to recover costs.

**HB 1512 PROVIDING TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR THE LOCATION AND RECOVERY OF MISSING PERSONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker*

C 212 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.

- Directs the Office of the Attorney General to publish and maintain a missing persons toolkit containing information on locating and recovering missing persons.



**SHB 1562      REDUCING THE RISKS OF LETHALITY AND OTHER HARM  
ASSOCIATED WITH GUN VIOLENCE, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE,  
AND OTHER TYPES OF VIOLENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 295 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Makes various changes to the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm, including adding additional crimes that prohibit individuals from possessing firearms.
- Revises provisions governing restoration of firearm rights, including by establishing additional eligibility requirements and procedures applicable to the petition process.

**HB 1564      PROHIBITING THE SALE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER SEXUAL  
ASSAULT KITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker*

*C 296 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, or otherwise making available over-the-counter sexual assault kits that may be used to collect sexual assault evidence other than by law enforcement or a health care provider.
- Makes violations actionable under the Consumer Protection Act.

**SHB 1572      CONCERNING VENUE FOR ACTIONS FOR THE RECOVERY OF  
TAXES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer*

*C 81 L 23    Effective date 4/13/2023.*

- Authorizes actions against a county for recovery of taxes paid under protest to be filed in the superior court of either of the two nearest judicial districts, but only if the action is solely against one county.

**HB 1599      CONCERNING COURT FILES AND RECORDS EXEMPTIONS FOR  
FIREARM BACKGROUND CHECKS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 298 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows the Washington State Patrol Firearms Background Check Division to access files and records of Involuntary Treatment Act court proceedings for conducting background checks for firearms transfers, firearm rights restoration petitions, firearms-related licenses, and release of firearms from evidence.

**ESHB 1600 PROVIDING ACCESS TO SEALED JUVENILE RECORDS FOR FIREARM PURPOSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 180 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows sharing of sealed juvenile records with non-Washington criminal justice agencies solely for conducting background checks for processing firearms transfers and licenses, and for releasing firearms from evidence.

**EHB 1636 CONCERNING FORECLOSURE PROTECTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orwall*

*C 214 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Requires an association of unit owners in a common interest community to mail a second preforeclosure notice before commencing an action to foreclose a lien on a unit for past-due assessments.
- Delays the effective date of the shift from a 180-day waiting period to a 90-day waiting period before an association may commence an action to foreclose a lien for past-due assessments.
- Increases the threshold of unpaid assessments from \$200 to \$2,000 that a unit owner must owe before a common interest community association may bring an action to foreclose a lien on a unit.

**HB 1657 AUTHORIZING JUSTICES, JUDGES, AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS OF FEDERAL COURTS TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Street*

*C 86 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**HB 1696 CONCERNING STALKING-RELATED OFFENSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Davis*

*Del to Gov*

- Modifies the scope of conduct that constitutes the crime of stalking.
- Modifies certain conditions and exceptions related to stalking.
- Repeals the statute related to the crime of cyberstalking.

**E2SHB 1715 ENACTING COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER VIOLENCE INVOLVING FAMILY MEMBERS OR INTIMATE PARTNERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Davis*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the adoption of rules on electronic monitoring with victim notification technology.
- 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.
- Expands training for law enforcement and judicial officers regarding domestic violence.

**HB 1742 CONCERNING NONTAX STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie*

*C 258 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**ESHB 1766 CREATION OF A HOPE CARD PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey*

*C 308 L 23 Effective date 1/1/2025.*

- Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop a program for the issuance of protection order Hope Cards in a scannable electronic format by superior and district courts.
- Requires a Hope Card to contain specified information about a full protection order.
- Provides a Hope Card has the same effect as the underlying protection order.
- Permits a person who has been issued a valid full protection order to request a Hope Card from the clerk of the issuing court free of charge for the original and one duplicate Hope Card.

**SB 5003 INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGES IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*C 5 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the number of district court judges in Snohomish County.

**SB 5004            MAKING UPDATES TO THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*Del to Gov*

- Clarifies the mechanics for implementing a stock split.
- Enables holding company reorganization transactions and establishes requirements for such transactions.
- Clarifies when shareholder approval of a plan of merger or share exchange is not required.

**SSB 5005            CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 6 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes requirements for the partition of heirs property.
- Allows servient estate owners to file a civil action to relocate various easements if certain requirements are satisfied.

**SSB 5006            CLARIFYING WAIVER OF FIREARM RIGHTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 262 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a new civil infraction for persons who have in their possession or have under their control a firearm after filing a voluntary waiver of firearm rights and allows a court discretion to order community service instead of a monetary penalty.
- Permits voluntary waiver of firearm rights to be submitted or revoked either in writing or electronically and requires the clerk of the court to immediately notify a filer and contact persons when a voluntary waiver of firearm rights has been accepted.
- Allows a filer to update contact person information by making an electronic or written request to the clerk of the court.
- Encourages mental health professionals and substance use disorder professionals to discuss with their patients the voluntary waiver of firearm rights.

**SSB 5028      REVISING THE PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO REQUEST NAME CHANGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 34 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows any person to file a name change petition in any district court in the state.
- Allows certain name change petitions to be filed in any superior court in the state and allows juvenile courts to adjudicate name change petitions of children subject to the juvenile court's original, exclusive jurisdiction.
- Requires the superior court to seal a granted name change file.
- Allows qualified legal services providers to file fee waiver affidavits on behalf of persons seeking a name change in district court.

**SSB 5033      RECLASSIFYING THE SENTENCE FOR THE CRIME OF CUSTODIAL SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden*

*C 7 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the classification of the offenses of custodial sexual misconduct in the first and second degree (CSM 1 and 2) to a class B and class C felony.
- Increases the penalty range for CSM 1 and 2 to seriousness levels VII and V on the felony sentencing grid.

**2SSB 5046      CONCERNING POSTCONVICTION ACCESS TO COUNSEL**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*C 261 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Authorizes the Office of Public Defense to provide access to counsel for indigent persons to file and prosecute a first, timely personal restraint petition and requires Public Defense to establish eligibility criteria to prioritize access to counsel for youth and certain adult petitioners.
- Authorizes Public Defense 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.
- Tasks Public Defense to study the barriers to providing postconviction counsel to indigent persons.

**SB 5058            EXEMPTING BUILDINGS WITH 12 OR FEWER UNITS THAT ARE  
NO MORE THAN TWO STORIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF  
MULTIUNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden*

*C 263 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Exempts buildings with 12 or fewer units and no more than two stories from requirements to submit a building enclosure design document to the building authority before construction, and to undergo building enclosure inspections during construction and before conveyance of a condominium unit within the building to a third party.

**SSB 5077            CONCERNING THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 266 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Amends general provisions and definitions that apply throughout the Uniform Commercial Code.
- Amends articles of the Code governing sales, leases, negotiable instruments, fund transfers, letters of credit, documents of title, investment securities, and secured transactions.
- Establishes a new article in the Code governing controllable electronic records.
- Provides an adjustment date on or after which certain transactions must conform to the requirements of this act to remain valid, enforceable, or perfected.

**SSB 5078            PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY BY ESTABLISHING DUTIES OF  
FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*(HB 1130 Representative Hackney)*

*C 163 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires firearm industry members to establish, implement and enforce reasonable controls regarding the manufacture, sale, distribution, import, use, and marketing of the firearm industry members' firearm and firearm-related products.
- Prohibits firearm industry members from creating or maintaining a public nuisance.
- Authorizes the attorney general to investigate suspected violations of firearm industry members' duties and to enforce actions against such firearm industry members.

**SSB 5087      REMOVING LANGUAGE FROM THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OR JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURTS AS DEFECTS AND OMISSIONS IN THE LAWS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 25 OF THE WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*(HB 1090 Representative Orwall)*

*C 102 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes language from state laws identified as defects and omissions as reported by the Supreme Court pursuant to the state constitution.

**2SSB 5128      CONCERNING JURY DIVERSITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1598 Representative Hackney)*

*C 316 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to collect data on juror demographics.
- Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish a childcare assistance program workgroup.
- Permits electronic service of jury service summons.

**SSB 5145      CLARIFYING EXISTING LAW REGARDING LIABILITY PROTECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE OF LANDS OR WATERS UNDER A HYDROELECTRIC LICENSE ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 183 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands a landowner's exemption from liability for releasing water or flows and making waterways available for recreation by exempting injuries sustained while boating, swimming, or fishing.

**SB 5155      CONCERNING THE COURT OF APPEALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*C 184 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SB 5163      REMOVING THE SUNSET PROVISIONS ON THE MEDICAID FRAUD FALSE CLAIMS ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rivers*

*C 90 L 23    Effective date 4/14/2023.*

- Cancels the scheduled repeal of the qui tam provisions of the Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act on June 30, 2023, and makes those provisions permanent.

**ESSB 5173      CONCERNING PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1400 Representative Peterson)*

- Increases the value limit for certain exemptions of personal property from execution, attachment, and garnishment.
- Clarifies that in the case of married persons, each spouse is entitled to the exemptions of personal property from execution, attachment, and garnishment.
- Exempts workers' compensation payments from execution, attachment, or garnishment.

**SSB 5191      REFORMING THE REAL ESTATE AGENCY LAW**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 1284 Representative Corry)*

*C 318 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Requires a written brokerage service agreement between a real estate firm and the principal.
- Requires disclosure of general information relating to real estate brokerage and laws related to real estate brokerage relationships.
- Applies certain legal duties of real estate brokers to all parties to the transaction.

**ESSB 5231      CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NO-CONTACT ORDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 320 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Clarifies the court's authority in issuing pretrial no-contact orders.
- Establishes the process for issuance of an emergency domestic violence no-contact order.

**E2SSB 5258      INCREASING THE SUPPLY AND AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUM UNITS AND TOWNHOUSES AS AN OPTION FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*(HB 1298 Representative Hutchins)*

*C 337 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds additional requirements for construction defect actions.
- Modifies deposit requirements and local government planning related to the construction of condominiums.
- Creates the down payment assistance account.
- Requires all real estate excise tax revenue collected on sales of condominiums or townhouses to a person using a down payment assistance program offered by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, or \$250,000, whichever is less, to be deposited into the account.



**SB 5347            CONCERNING ACCESS TO ABSTRACT DRIVING RECORDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*C 118 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes the Department of Licensing to provide an abstract of the full driving record and all alcohol related offenses to an alcohol or drug assessment or treatment agency for an individual who has applied for evaluation or treatment.
- Permits probation officers and probation clerks employed by a court to provide an abstract driving record to a treatment agency.
- Permits courts to waive production and copying fees for the abstract driving records of indigent persons.

**ESB 5352            CONCERNING VEHICULAR PURSUITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*(HB 1363 Representative Rule)*

*C 235 L 23    Effective date 5/23/2023.*

- Lowers the evidentiary threshold required for engaging in a vehicular pursuit by allowing an officer to conduct the vehicular pursuit if the officer has reasonable suspicion that a person in the vehicle has committed or is committing specified criminal offenses.
- Limits vehicular pursuits to situations where the subject of the pursuit poses a serious risk of harm to others.
- Modifies certain vehicular pursuit requirements related to supervisory oversight and establishes new requirements related to direct communication with specified entities, development of a plan to end the vehicular pursuit, and the pursuing officer's training and certifications.

**SB 5392            CONCERNING OVERPAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN MATTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler*

*C 278 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Permits courts to retain overpayments in amounts of \$10 or less in connection with any litigation.
- Requires overpayments be remitted by the clerk of the court to the local treasurer for deposit in the Local Current Expense Fund.

**SSB 5415            CONCERNING PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES FOR PERSONS  
COMMITTED AS NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*C 120 L 23    Effective date 4/20/2023.*

- Transfers responsibility from counties to the Office of Public Defense to provide representation for persons acquitted by reason of insanity and committed to state psychiatric care.
- Directs Public Defense to contract with attorneys and other entities for legal representation for such persons throughout their term of commitment, and to pay costs related to expert witnesses, investigation, and litigation.

**SSB 5436            CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF FIREARMS TO MUSEUMS AND  
HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*(HB 1629 Representative Wylie)*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts a transfer, loan, gift, or bequest of firearms to a museum or historical society from background check requirements applicable to the sale or transfer of firearms.
- Requires a museum or historical society which is returning a loaned firearm to its lender to complete the transfer through a licensed dealer.

**E2SSB 5440        PROVIDING TIMELY COMPETENCY EVALUATIONS AND  
RESTORATION SERVICES TO PERSONS SUFFERING FROM  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires a court to determine if there is genuine doubt as to competency before ordering a competency evaluation.
- Requires jails to allow access by clinical intervention specialists to provide direct services and consultation for defendants waiting for competency to stand trial services.
- Prohibits jails from substituting or discontinuing an individual's medication for a serious mental health disorder when the individual is medically stable on the medication.
- Places certain limitations on the availability of competency restoration treatment for defendants charged with a nonfelony or specified class C felony.

**SSB 5453      CONCERNING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*C 122 L 23    Effective date 4/20/2023.*

- Establishes a civil cause of action for minor victims of female genital mutilation.
- Makes it unprofessional conduct for a health care professional to perform female genital mutilation on a minor and requires the Department of Health to establish an education program to prevent female genital mutilation.
- Includes female genital mutilation in the definition of abuse or neglect that must be reported by a mandatory reporter.
- Creates the crime of female genital mutilation.

**SSB 5542      PREVENTING THE DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE  
SUPPLY EQUIPMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*C 125 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SSB 5561      EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT PROJECT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*C 189 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the scope of the Law Enforcement Community Engagement Grant Project for all rural and urban counties across Washington State.
- Extends the Project expiration date five years from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2029.
- Changes reporting requirements for the Department of Commerce to odd-numbered years with reporting to include details on implementation and outcomes.

**SB 5606      DETERRING ILLEGAL RACING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*(HB 1631 Representative Hackney)*

*C 283 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Expands the crime of racing to include racing on any off-street facility and drifting, and allows those aiding and abetting racing to be charged as accomplices.
- Clarifies that a person may be charged with other crimes that occur as a result of, or in addition to, racing.
- Establishes procedures for the impoundment, redemption, and forfeiture of vehicles used in the crime of racing.
- Encourages law enforcement agencies to undertake a multimedia public education campaign regarding illegal racing.

**ESB 5623      MODIFYING AN ELEMENT OF THE OFFENSE OF HATE CRIME  
AND CLASSIFYING A HATE CRIME AS CRIMES AGAINST  
PERSONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 52 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Replaces the requirement for causing physical injury with simple assault for the offense of a hate crime.
- Classifies hate crime offenses as crimes against persons for purposes of sentencing.
- Replaces the term swastika with "Nazi emblem, symbol, or Hakenkreuz" to distinguish between different symbols and ideologies.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAND USE & TRIBAL AFFAIRS

### **HB 1049      UPDATING TIMELINES FOR ADOPTING COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOLLOWING EXPANSION FROM THREE TO FIVE COMMISSIONERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*(SB 5106 Senator Hunt)*

*C 237 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes the date by which a board of county commissioners must adopt a resolution creating new commissioner districts when the board expands from three to five members.
- Changes the date by which the prosecuting attorney must petition superior court to appoint a referee to designate the five commissioner districts if a board of county commissioners fails to do so.
- Changes the date by which a referee must designate the five districts if voters approve to increase the number of commissioners from three to five and then did not adopt a resolution by the deadline.

### **EHB 1086      INCREASING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ABILITY TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*

*C 238 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes a local government to contract with a community service organization for improvements to public spaces and maintenance services for an environmental justice stewardship or sustainability project.
- Amends the threshold for reimbursement of expenses based on value of work completed by community service organizations.
- Increases the limit on the yearly value of contracts that can be provided by a jurisdiction to community service organizations without competitive bidding to \$75,000.

### **HB 1100      CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS OF A COUNTY RESIDENT WHO DIES INDIGENT IN AN ADJACENT COUNTY OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick*

*C 62 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**E2SHB 1181 IMPROVING THE STATE'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE BY  
UPDATING THE STATE'S PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*

*(SB 5203 Senator Lovelett)*

*C 228 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Adds a goal of climate change and resiliency to the listed goals of the Growth Management Act.
- Adds a climate change and resiliency element to the list of elements required to be included within the comprehensive plans that certain counties and cities must adopt under the Act and divides the element into two subelements—a greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement and a resiliency subelement.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to adopt guidance that creates a model climate change and resiliency element and to publish guidelines that specify a set of actions counties and cities have available to them to take related to green house gas emissions reductions and per capita vehicle miles travelled reductions.
- Requires the Department of Ecology to update its Shoreline Master Program guidelines to address the impact of sea level rise and increased storm severity.
- Adds consideration of climate change impacts to the list of elements that must be contained in optional comprehensive flood control management plans.
- Adds requirements for a climate resiliency element for certain water system plans.

**HB 1243 CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 247 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the powers and duties that may be vested in a municipal airport commission.
- Establishes certain membership requirements for municipal airport commissions.

**SHB 1267 CONCERNING RURAL PUBLIC FACILITIES SALES AND USE TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger*

*(SB 5613 Senator Lovelett)*

*Del to Gov*

- Extends until December 31, 2054, the expiration of the local sales and use tax for public facilities in rural counties for those counties imposing the tax prior to August 1, 2009.
- Requires the state auditor to provide a publicly accessible report on its website to view county project and expenditure information of rural county public facilities sales and use tax proceeds.

## **ESHB 1293     STREAMLINING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Klicker*

*C 333 L 23     Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires counties and cities planning under the Growth Management Act to apply only clear and objective design review standards to the exterior of new development, with exceptions.
- Clarifies project review provisions and adds expedited review of project permit applications that include dwelling units that are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

## **SHB 1326     WAIVING MUNICIPAL UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes*

*C 249 L 23     Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows municipal utilities to waive connection charges for properties owned or developed by, or on behalf of, a nonprofit organization, public development authority, housing authority, or local agency that provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable housing.
- Requires that any waived connection charges be funded through general funds, grant dollars, or another identified revenue stream.
- Establishes that, when a property that received a waiver is no longer eligible for a waiver, any waived connection charges become immediately due and payable as a condition of continued service.

**EHB 1337      EXPANDING HOUSING OPTIONS BY EASING BARRIERS TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson*

*C 334 L 23    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires a city or county planning under the Growth Management Act to adopt ordinances, development regulations, or other measures that allow for the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) within urban growth areas within six months after the jurisdiction's next periodic comprehensive plan update.
- Prohibits a city or county from imposing certain regulations or restrictions on the construction of ADUs, including certain maximum gross floor area requirements and roof height limits.
- Prohibits a city or county from requiring off-street parking as a condition of permitting development for ADUs under certain circumstances.
- Prohibits restrictive covenants or deed restrictions created after the effective date of the bill from prohibiting the construction, development or use of ADUs within urban growth areas.
- Requires Department of Commerce to revise its recommendations for encouraging ADUs no later than December 31, 2023.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed authority for cities and counties to adopt ordinances, development regulations, or other measures that waive, defer, or reduce fees and taxes, or offer other incentives for the construction or development of ADUs that are subject to certain binding commitments or covenants.

**SHB 1352      AUTHORIZING TRIBAL INVESTMENT IN COUNTY INVESTMENT POOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stearns*

*C 74 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows a county treasurer, subject to their approval, to invest funds of a federally recognized tribe when an authorized tribal official enters into an intergovernmental agreement with the county treasurer.

**HB 1419      CONCERNING COUNTY TREASURERS' DUTIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Chapman*

*C 75 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- 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 FACILITATING MUNICIPAL ANNEXATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg  
Del to Gov*

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

**HB 1544 CONCERNING SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM REVIEW SCHEDULES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado (SB 5159 Senator Torres)  
C 80 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Changes the master program review and revision cycle for master programs in the Shoreline Management Act from eight years to ten years.
- Extends by one year the date by which the next round of master program reviews and revisions are due.

**HB 1575 MODIFYING THE SALES AND USE TAX FOR CULTURAL ACCESS PROGRAMS BY ALLOWING THE TAX TO BE IMPOSED BY A COUNCILMANIC OR COMMISSION AUTHORITY AND DEFINING TIMELINES AND PRIORITIES FOR ACTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed (SB 5612 Senator Lovelett)  
C 179 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows counties and cities the option of imposing 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.
- Prohibits a county and a city within the county from imposing the tax concurrently.

**SHB 1577 CONCERNING MUNICIPAL OFFICERS' BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN CONTRACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick  
C 153 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Increases the annual and monthly value of certain contracts in which municipal officers may have a beneficial interest.
- Limits the cities in which a municipal officer may have a beneficial interest in a contract let by the city to those with a population under 5000.

**SHB 1620            CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS REQUIRED FOR INCORPORATION AS A CITY OR TOWN**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*C 82 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Suspends until June 30, 2028, the requirement that an area must have at least 3000 inhabitants to incorporate if it is within five air-miles of a city with a population of 15,000.

**SHB 1621            CONCERNING STANDARDIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT RULES AMONG SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS, FIRST-CLASS AND SECOND-CLASS CITIES, AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*C 255 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Increases the limit for contracts that require competitive bidding to \$150,000 if two or more trades are involved, or to \$75,000 if only one trade is involved.
- Allows current employees of first-class cities, second-class cities, water-sewer districts, and fire protection 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 for public utility districts, cities, towns, water-sewer districts, and fire protection districts.
- Requires the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to review the provisions of the bill and make recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2023.

**HB 1645            CONCERNING MEETINGS OF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Barnard*

*(SB 5067 Senator Dozier)*

*C 84 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes county legislative bodies to hold regular meetings outside of the county seat up to once per calendar month or per calendar quarter under certain circumstances.

**EHB 1663      ALLOWING FUNCTIONALLY CONSOLIDATED PORT DISTRICTS  
TO ADOPT A UNIFIED LEVY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goehner*

*C 215 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows two or more port districts that jointly operate under a mutual agreement to conduct a joint property tax levy under certain circumstances and provides conditions for the conduct of the joint levy.
- Provides for the division of the assets and liabilities of jointly operating port districts that cease to operate together and for the conduct of an initial individual port district property tax levy occurring after the cessation of a joint levy.

**ESHB 1758      CONCERNING PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN HATCHERY  
MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*

*C 305 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**E2SSB 5001      CONCERNING PUBLIC FACILITY DISTRICTS CREATED BY AT  
LEAST TWO CITY OR COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hawkins*

*C 218 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows the legislative authority of certain cities and counties that previously created a public facilities district (PFD) to create an additional PFD prior to July 1, 2026, for financing, constructing, and operating regional aquatics and sports facilities and for providing funding for transportation improvements directly related to the facilities.
- Allows the PFD to impose a voter-approved local sales and use tax at a rate of not more than 0.2 percent.
- Establishes a limit on the value of general obligation bond that can be issued by the new PFD.

**2SSB 5290      CONCERNING CONSOLIDATING LOCAL PERMIT REVIEW PROCESSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet*

*(HB 1296 Representative Peterson)*

*C 338 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Amends the process for local project permit applications.
- Amends annual performance reporting requirements for jurisdictions issuing project permits.
- Creates a consolidated permit review grant program for local governments to issue final decisions for residential permit applications within specified time frames.
- Establishes a grant program to support local governments' transition from a paper permit filing system to software systems capable of processing digital permit applications.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to convene a temporary work group to study potential statewide license and permitting software for local governments to streamline existing permit review processes.

**SSB 5374      CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF COUNTY CRITICAL AREA ORDINANCES BY CITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 225 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes cities with a population fewer than 25,000 to adopt the county critical areas regulations by reference to satisfy the Growth Management Act critical areas requirements.

**2SSB 5412      REDUCING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' LAND USE PERMITTING WORKLOADS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts, categorically, project actions from the State Environmental Policy Act that propose to develop one or more residential housing units within the incorporated areas in an urban growth area, or middle housing within the unincorporated areas in an urban growth area, if the proposed projects are consistent with all development regulations implementing a comprehensive plan under the growth management act and the city or county has prepared an environmental analysis that considers the proposed use or density and intensity of use in the area proposed for exemption and analyzes multimodel transportation impacts.
- Requires cities and counties to provide a minimum of 60 days' notice to affected tribes, relevant state agencies, other jurisdictions that may be impacted, and the public, and address any probable adverse impacts.
- 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 Act until September 30, 2025.

**SSB 5437            CONCERNING VACANCIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF  
SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires that, after a vacancy occurs, the remaining members of the governing body of certain special purpose districts must nominate at least one candidate at a meeting of the governing body.
- Requires the governing body to post notice of the vacancy and the name of the nominated candidate in three public places, including the district's website, for a minimum of 15 days.
- Allows registered voters who reside in the special purpose district to submit nominations to the remaining members of the governing body.

**SB 5452            AUTHORIZING IMPACT FEE REVENUE TO FUND  
IMPROVEMENTS TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*(HB 1135 Representative Slatter)*

*C 121 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Amends the definition of public facilities, within the context of impact fees, to add bicycle and pedestrian facilities that were designed with multimodal commuting as an intended use.

**SB 5457            IMPLEMENTING GROWTH MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE  
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SMALL CITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 280 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes cities or towns located in a fully planning county to opt out of a full review and revision of its comprehensive plan update if they meet certain population criteria.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to review the population growth rate for a city or town participating in the partial review for purposes of program eligibility.

**SSB 5491            CONCERNING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP TO STUDY  
SINGLE STAIRWAY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory work group to recommend changes to the International Building Code (IBC) that would allow a single exit stairway for multifamily residential structures up to six stores above grade plane.
- Requires the advisory group to provide recommendations to the Council in time for implementation of the 2024 IBC.
- Requires the Council to take action to adopt changes by July 1, 2026.

**SB 5553            AUTHORIZING STANDARDS FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
SHELTERS FOR LOCAL ADOPTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovelett*

*C 47 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the State Building Code Council to adopt standards for temporary emergency shelters to be made available for local adoption.

**SSB 5604            CONCERNING COUNTY SALES AND USE TAXES FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH AND HOUSING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 101 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows counties to use chemical dependency and mental health treatment services tax revenue for modifications to existing facilities to address health and safety needs of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs or services.
- Allows all counties and cities, regardless of population, to use the affordable and supportive housing sales and use tax for acquiring, rehabilitating, or constructing affordable housing; providing rental assistance to tenants; and for the operation and maintenance cost of new units of affordable or supportive housing, and allows the county or city to retain up to 10 percent of the revenue from the tax for administrative costs.

**SSB 5627            CONCERNING SALARIES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt*

*C 49 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SSB 5714      CONCERNING PAYMENTS MADE FOR PROPERTY TAXES OR  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS BY AN AUTOMATED CHECK  
PROCESSING SERVICE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*Del to Gov*

- Establishes that tax payments generated by an automated check processing service or payments sent via United States mail with no discernable postmark date and received within three business days of the 30th day of April or the 31st day of October are not delinquent.

## STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

### **HB 1020      DESIGNATING THE SUCIASAURUS REX AS THE OFFICIAL DINOSAUR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Morgan*  
*C 330 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes the *Suciasaurus rex* as the Washington State dinosaur.

### **HB 1031      MODIFYING MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low*  
*C 131 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes the requirement that the Medal of Valor presentation must occur during a joint session of the Legislature.
- Removes the requirement that the Governor is only able to delegate presentation of the Medal of Valor during times of disability or illness.

### **ESHB 1048    ENHANCING THE WASHINGTON VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena* *(SB 5047 Senator Saldaña)*  
*C 56 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Allows recovery of costs incurred by claimants who file a notice of intent to challenge a political subdivision's election system under the Washington Voting Rights Act (WVRA) to conduct research supporting the notice if the political subdivision alters its behavior.
- Grants standing to organizations and tribes to challenge election systems under the WVRA on behalf of their members.
- Authorizes increasing the number of county commissioners to remedy a violation of the WVRA on the basis of Indian tribal status.

### **EHB 1210      CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rude*  
*C 67 L 23    Effective date 6/30/2024.*

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



**HB 1221            CONCERNING THE PRIVACY OF LOTTERY PLAYERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stearns*

*(SB 5432 Senator Hunt)*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts a lottery player's personal and financial information, except for name and city or town of residence, from public disclosure requirements without the player's written permission.

**HB 1259            UPDATING THE EXECUTIVE TEAM OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE BY ADDING SIGNING AUTHORITY TO THE  
CHIEF OF STAFF POSITION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*C 142 L 23    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Codifies the Chief of Staff position within the Office of the Secretary of State.
- Adds signing authority to the executive team of the Secretary of State—Assistant Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary of State, Chief of Staff.

***Partial Veto Summary:*** Removed the emergency clause.

**HB 1317            CONCERNING GRASS ROOTS LOBBYING DISCLOSURE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires expedited registration from grassroots lobbying campaigns.
- Requires additional donor information for contributions above \$25 to grassroots lobbying campaigns from general treasury funds or special solicitations.
- Requires Top Five donor disclosure on grassroots lobbying advertisements.

**ESHB 1361      UPDATING STATUTES RELATED TO STATE EMPLOYMENT BY REMOVING OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY REPORTS, CONFORMING A REPORTING PERIOD TO FISCAL YEAR, AND MODERNIZING EMPLOYEE PAY PROCEDURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*C 148 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Removes obsolete language related to comparable worth and locally competitive higher education salary schedules, as well as removes several outdated temporary salary freeze provisions.
- 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 civil service exempt employees to revert to a classified position if the employee has been notified in writing that they are the subject of a specified workplace investigation.

**ESHB 1533      EXEMPTING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, HARASSMENT, OR STALKING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*

*(SB 5746 Senator Trudeau)*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts personally identifying information of public employees from public disclosure requirements if the employee provides a sworn statement, subject to renewal every two years, that the employee or a dependent is a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or harassment, or demonstrates that the employee or dependent participates in the Address Confidentiality Program.
- Creates an exception to the exemption allowing for disclosure to the news media.
- Requires that the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee report the impacts of the exemption to the Legislature.

**2SHB 1639      CONCERNING THE BILLY FRANK JR. NATIONAL STATUARY HALL SELECTION COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff*

*Del to Gov*

- Assigns additional tasks to the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Selection Committee and modifies its membership.
- Allows legislators to raise funds for the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Collection Fund, outside of the legislative fund-raising freeze periods.
- Permits the use of the state general fund to supplement the Billy Frank Jr. National Statuary Hall Collection Fund to fund the creation and installation of the replacement statue.
- Designates March 9th as Billy Frank Jr. Day.

**SHB 1700      ESTABLISHING A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE FEATURE ON THE CAPITOL CAMPUS TO COMMEMORATE EASTERN WASHINGTON**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Kretz*

*C 302 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Specifies criteria for an Eastern Washington cultural landscape feature on the Capitol Campus in Olympia, including specific floral components.
- Creates a non-appropriated account for the deposit of funds, gifts, and grants to support the establishment and maintenance of the feature.

**2SHB 1728      CREATING A STATEWIDE RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy*

*C 157 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Military Department to develop and administer a Disaster Resilience Program.

**HB 1750      PROMOTING WATER SAFETY EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg*

*C 181 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Establishes May 15th as Water Safety Day.
- Requests that individuals working with children ages 18 and under provide water safety training, educational materials, and resources to the children and their families around water safety, water rescue, and drowning prevention.

**SB 5000            RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHINESE AMERICANS AND AMERICANS OF CHINESE DESCENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*Del to Gov*

- Designates January of each year as Chinese American/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.
- Encourages public schools to designate time for appropriate activities in commemoration of Chinese Americans/Americans of Chinese Descent History Month.

**ESB 5015            REESTABLISHING THE PRODUCTIVITY BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Fortunato*

*C 106 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Reestablishes the Productivity Board and requires members to be appointed by July 31, 2025, or as soon as practicable.
- Requires the Board to prepare a topical list of all awards granted and send it to the Legislature and state agencies.
- Adjusts the award amounts that may be granted for the Statewide Employee Suggestion Program and the Employee Teamwork Incentive Program.

**ESSB 5082            ENCOURAGING ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION AND MAKING BALLOTS MORE MEANINGFUL BY ABOLISHING ADVISORY VOTES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kuderer*

*(HB 1158 Representative Walen)*

*C 109 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Repeals the requirement that advisory votes for tax increase legislation appear on the ballot and voters' pamphlet.
- Requires creation of a public website with summaries of operating, capital, and transportation budgets, graphs of state budgeted expenditures by object for the most recent biennium, a table charting state and local expenditures relative to personal income, and information on measures analyzed under Initiative 960.

**E2SSB 5112     UPDATING PROCESSES RELATED TO VOTER REGISTRATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1229 Representative Simmons)*

- Requires that the Department of Licensing make voter registration, signing up to register, or voter registration updates automatic for enhanced driver's license and enhanced identicard applicants unless subsequently declined in writing.
- Modifies procedures and timelines related to challenges of a voter's eligibility.
- Exempts date of birth, rather than year of birth, in voter registration files from public disclosure requirements.
- Sets penalties for failure to transmit voter registration information automatically and intentional registration of ineligible persons.

**SSB 5127     CLARIFYING SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ABILITY TO REDACT  
PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO A STUDENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.  
C 182 L 23     Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Exempts personal information of children enrolled or who were enrolled in a school district contained in any nonstudent records maintained by local education agencies from public disclosure requirements.

**ESSB 5152     DEFINING SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN CAMPAIGNS FOR ELECTIVE  
OFFICE, AND PROVIDING RELIEF FOR CANDIDATES AND  
CAMPAIGNS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1442 Representative Low)*

- Requires a disclosure when any manipulated audio or visual media of a candidate is used in an electioneering communication.
- Creates a private cause of action for candidates whose voices or likenesses appear in synthetic media distributed without disclosure.

**SB 5153     CONCERNING UNIFORM DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS RELATED TO  
FUTURE VOTERS AND MAKING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS  
RELATED TO PARTICIPATION OF FUTURE VOTERS IN STATE  
PRIMARIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez  
Del to Gov*

- Clarifies that information in voter records otherwise subject to public disclosure requirements which concerns a future voter is not disclosable until the person turns 18 or is eligible to participate in a primary or election.

**SSB 5170            CONCERNING FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES FOR LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONS BY LEGISLATORS WHO SERVE AS ELECTED LEADERS OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt*

*C 91 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows solicitation by certain legislators and staff of gifts, grants, or donations to support conferences of national or regional legislative organizations held outside the state.

**SSB 5182            CONCERNING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATE FILING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nguyen*

*Del to Gov*

- Moves the deadline for candidates to file for office from two Mondays before Memorial Day to the first Monday in May.
- Modifies deadlines for candidate statements in voters' pamphlets.
- Requires all candidates for the Legislature, courts of appeals, or superior courts to file declarations of candidacy with the Secretary of State rather than county auditors.

**SSB 5208            UPDATING THE PROCESS FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION BY ALLOWING VOTER APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOR AUTHENTICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1443 Representative Low)*

*Del to Gov*

- Permits an applicant to use the last four digits of a social security number to verify their identity when registering to vote online.

**2SSB 5268 ADDRESSING EQUITY AND EFFICIENCIES IN PUBLIC WORKS  
PROCUREMENT INCLUDING MODIFYING SMALL WORKS  
ROSTER REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*(HB 1306 Representative Tharinger)*

*Del to Gov*

- Modifies small works roster requirements to address equity and efficiencies in public works procurement and modifies the small and limited works roster process to increase efficiency.
- Requires the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises to adopt rules governing a public works small business certification plan.
- Removes the requirement for the Department of Enterprise Services to survey which states provide a bidding preference on public works contracts for their resident contractors.
- Requires the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to review construction cost escalation data for Washington State and to make recommendations to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on adjustments to existing contracting thresholds.

**SB 5323 CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen*

*(HB 1288 Representative Reeves)*

*C 327 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates a director of nursing services position at each state veterans' home, which is exempt from civil service provisions.
- Provides certain limited instances in which the Washington Department of Veterans' Affairs may disclose a veteran's discharge papers.
- Repeals statutory references to the Soldiers' Home Colony, fundraising for the eastern Washington veterans' home, and a requirement to provide domiciliary and medical care.

**SB 5324 CONCERNING THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY COMPATIBILITY  
ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*Del to Gov*

- Moves the deadline for the Department of Commerce to submit the Defense Community Compatibility Account (DCCA) report to November 1, 2024, and every two years thereafter.
- Authorizes Commerce to provide grants using DCCA funds to federally recognized Indian tribes.
- Allows the use of local funds to meet matching fund requirements for DCCA grants.

**SSB 5358      EXPANDING VETERANS' SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*C 224 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs to submit reports to the Legislature to determine the effectiveness of the Veterans Service Officer Program and the Veteran Peer-to-Peer Training and Support Program in meeting veterans' needs.
- States legislative intent to increase appropriations for these programs while prioritizing smaller counties and counties with below-average rates of veterans receiving federal benefits.

**SSB 5381      CONCERNING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION OR  
CONGRATULATIONS SENT BY LEGISLATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*C 226 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Clarifies when legislators may send letters of recommendation or congratulations.

**SB 5421      EXEMPTING BENEFIT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION  
COLLECTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE HEALTH CARE  
AUTHORITY FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING UNDER  
THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*C 45 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Exempts personal, demographic, and documentary information of individuals used to enroll in the Public Employee Benefits Board and the School Employees' Benefits Board from public disclosure requirements.

**SB 5459      CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR RECORDS CONTAINING ELECTION  
INFORMATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires that all public records requests for information from the statewide voter registration database be submitted to the Secretary of State, rather than county auditors.
- Exempts records of infrastructure of private entities submitted to elections officials from public disclosure requirements for 25 years after submission if the entity states disclosure would increase risk to election operations.
- Exempts voted ballots and voted ballot images from public disclosure requirements.
- Eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State develop statewide rules for maintenance and reporting of election data.



## TRANSPORTATION

### **HB 1004      INSTALLING SIGNS ON OR NEAR BRIDGES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO DETER JUMPING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*  
*C 54 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5478 Senator Braun)*

- Requires the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to install a sign in memory of Zachary Lee Rager that also provides information about the hazards of cold-water shock.
- Authorizes counties, cities, towns, and state agencies to erect informational signs near or attached to bridges providing location-specific information about the hazards of jumping.
- Requires port districts, railroad corporations, and certain state agencies to consider whether to require the installation of informational signs as part of a contract for the construction or replacement of a bridge.

### **HB 1058      STREAMLINING THE LICENSING PROCESS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE BY ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS THAT PREVIOUSLY SURRENDERED THE LICENSE, ALLOWING THE LICENSE TO BE RENEWED ONLINE, AND MODIFYING THE LICENSE TEST FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul*  
*C 57 L 23    Effective date 1/1/2024.*

*(SB 5251 Senator Valdez)*

- Reduces the fee charged by the Department of Licensing for a skills examination for a commercial motor vehicle license and lowers the number of attempts to pass the examination for the payment of each fee from two to one.
- Removes the requirement that an applicant for the renewal of a commercial driver's license apply in person at a licensing service office.
- Provides the Department of Licensing authority to waive commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit qualification standards for applicants who previously have voluntarily surrendered a commercial driver's license.

**SHB 1084      CONCERNING FREIGHT MOBILITY PRIORITIZATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*C 167 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Changes the primary duty of the Freight Mobility and Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) to providing strategic guidance to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the highest priority freight mobility needs in the state.
- Requires FMSIB to recommend a six-year investment program of the highest priority freight projects and also identify critical emerging freight mobility issues.
- Establishes threshold criteria for project inclusion in the six-year investment program that the project sponsor must demonstrate a plan for sufficient engagement with overburdened communities impacted by a project and a plan for evaluation of project alternatives and mitigation measures addressing community impacts to the greatest extent possible.
- Increases FMSIB membership by five members.
- Requires a study of best practices for preventing or mitigating the impacts of investments in and the operation of freight systems in overburdened communities.

**SHB 1103      AVOIDING INTEREST ARBITRAGE CHARGES ON BOND  
PROCEEDS IN THE CAPITAL VESSEL REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*(SB 5276 Senator King)*

*C 2 L 23    Effective date 2/16/2023.*

- Eliminates transfers 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 a 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      MAKING TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2021-  
2023 AND 2023-2025 FISCAL BIENNIA**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*(SB 5162 Senator Liias)*

*Del to Gov*

- Makes transportation appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium and supplemental appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

**SHB 1171      MODIFYING THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mosbrucker  
C 137 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the Motorcycle Safety Education Advisory Board by two members who must represent motorcycle safety instructors.
- Requires all Board members to be specially endorsed to operate a motorcycle.

**HB 1237      REDISTRIBUTING THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTION FEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Robertson  
C 139 L 23    Effective date 7/1/2023.*

- Changes the distribution of the \$65 vehicle identification number inspection fee to go entirely to the State Patrol highway account.

**HB 1257      CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF CARGO AND PASSENGER PORTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney  
Del to Gov*

- 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 ten years.

**SHB 1271      CONCERNING ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low* *(SB 5177 Senator Mullet)*  
*C 290 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Creates an organ transport vehicle classification licensed by the Department of Health that can use lights, sirens, and signal preemption devices for transporting an emergency organ.
- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation and local governments to allow organ transport vehicles into their high-occupancy vehicle lanes under certain circumstances.

**HB 1319 ADDRESSING COLLISION REPORTING CRITERIA TRIGGERING DRIVER'S LICENSE REEXAMINATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*(SB 5216 Senator Frame)*

*C 29 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Modifies the criteria for when police officers are required to report certain accidents to the Department of Licensing to when a collision has occurred that results in substantial bodily harm as opposed to serious injury, which requires the driver involved in the accident to submit to a driver's license reexamination.

**HB 1540 REQUIRING DRIVER TRAINING CURRICULUM TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON SHARING THE ROAD WITH LARGE VEHICLES, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hutchins*

*(SB 5603 Senator Valdez)*

*C 32 L 23 Effective date 4/1/2024.*

- Adds commercial vehicle, bus, and other large vehicle awareness to the required curriculum for driver training schools and school districts providing a traffic safety education program.

**SHB 1638 CREATING A STATE TROOPER EXPEDITED RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*Del to Gov*

- Creates the State Trooper Expedited Recruitment Incentive Program (STEIP).
- Allows the Washington State Patrol to establish hiring procedures and an accelerated training program for lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies in Washington.
- Authorizes bonuses for cadets and lateral hires subject to amounts and provisions in the omnibus transportation appropriations act.
- Subjects STEIP to the collective bargaining process.

**ESHB 1736 REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING TO REQUEST MOTOR VEHICLE ODOMETER READINGS UPON VEHICLE REGISTRATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes*

*Del to Gov*

- Requires the Department of Licensing to request odometer information in the application for vehicle registration and vehicle registration renewal.
- Exempts from public disclosure the personally identifying information of persons who voluntarily report the vehicle odometer mileage as part of the vehicle registration renewal.
- Requires the Department of Licensing to provide a report by May 1, 2025, on specified issues related to odometer reporting.

**EHB 1782 ADDRESSING THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE DEFICIT OF THE WAHKIAKUM COUNTY FERRY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McEntire  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5750 Senator Wilson, J.)*

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

**ESHB 1791 STUDYING THE NEED FOR INCREASED COMMERCIAL AVIATION SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey  
Del to Gov*

- Creates a Commercial Aviation Work Group to replace the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission.
- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to evaluate long-range aviation needs in the broader context of state transportation needs.
- Requires the Commercial Aviation Work Group to investigate the expansion of existing airports and potential siting locations for greenfield sites.

**ESHB 1838 TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE FORECAST FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO THE ECONOMIC AND REVENUE FORECAST COUNCIL**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5757 Senator Shewmake)*

- Increases the legislative membership of the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council.
- Creates a Transportation Revenue Forecast Council (TRFC).
- Requires the TRFC to prepare six-year transportation revenue forecasts.

**EHB 1846 ADDRESSING VESSEL PROCUREMENT AT THE WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5760 Senator Liias)*

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to contract for up to five new hybrid diesel-electric vessels that can carry up to 144 vehicles, using a one or two contract procurement approach to potentially accelerate vessel delivery.
- Requires that the contracts must be for a minimum of two vessels, with options for up to five vessels.
- Exempts the procurement from the existing ferries-specific design-build statutes.
- Specifies that Transportation must establish and apply evaluation criteria beyond low price to meet other best value and highest scored proposal objectives.
- Requires Transportation to establish a credit of 13 percent of the bid price for ferry vessels constructed in the State of Washington, which must be adjusted to reflect the proportion of the construction that occurs with the state.
- Provides that Transportation must require contractors to meet state apprenticeship and stormwater standards, or other state or federal equivalents where such equivalents exist.
- Requires contractors located within the state to meet the requirements of the small business enterprise enforceable goals and modifies that program to develop contractual remedies in the absence of good faith efforts by a contractor.

**ESHB 1853 MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIVE CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 182, LAWS OF 2022 (TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES)**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey  
Del to Gov*

- Makes various corrective changes to certain provisions of the transportation resources chapter law enacted in 2022.

**SHJM 4001 REQUESTING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE A SECTION OF STATE ROUTE NUMBER 411 THE COWLITZ COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF JUSTIN DEROSIER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt  
HFiled Sec/St*

*(SJM 8003 Senator Wilson, J.)*

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

**SB 5023            CONCERNING ROADSIDE SAFETY MEASURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*(HB 1485 Representative Orcutt)*

*C 33 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows tow trucks to operate rear-facing blue lights for use only at the scene of an emergency or accident.
- Allows tow trucks to use their intermittent or revolving red lights when reentering the roadway for a reasonable distance from the scene of an emergency or accident.
- Requires drivers to reduce their speed when approaching an emergency or work zone on a highway having four or more lanes.

**SB 5041            CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*(HB 1448 Representative Hackney)*

*C 35 L 23    Effective date 11/18/2024.*

- Links the disqualification of commercial drivers for drug and alcohol violations to ones reported through the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.
- Removes certain requirements related to drug and alcohol violations of commercial drivers reported to the state.

**ESSB 5272        CONCERNING SPEED SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEMS ON STATE HIGHWAYS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 17 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes the use of speed safety camera systems in state highway work zones between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2030.
- Requires revenue generated from speed safety camera systems to be first used for operating and administration expenses, with excess revenue to be distributed for traffic safety purposes.
- Requires the Washington State Patrol and Department of Transportation to report biennially on the data and efficacy of speed safety camera system use in state highway work zones, beginning July 1, 2025.

**SSB 5317        CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES BY A REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY WHEN OBSTRUCTING THE OPERATION OF HIGH CAPACITY TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES OR JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC SAFETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 326 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows Regional Transit Authority representatives to direct an immediate tow of unauthorized vehicles on or within a Regional Transit Authority right-of-way.

**SB 5342 CONCERNING TRANSIT AGENCIES' ABILITY TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman*

*C 43 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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

**SSB 5504 ADDRESSING OPEN MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RECALLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*(HB 1280 Representative Wylie)*

*Del to Gov*

- 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 CONCERNING SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR MILK PRODUCT HAULERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*(HB 1786 Representative Rule)*

*C 281 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to issue a special permit for double trailers hauling liquid milk that together are up to 85 feet in length.

**SB 5550 ADDRESSING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, INCLUDING CULTURAL ISSUES, AT THE WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 188 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Requires Washington State Ferries to adopt a formal diversity, equity, and inclusion implementation strategy, and on an annual basis conduct an employee survey and use the results to perform an in-depth cultural assessment and form an action plan to remediate issues identified.
- Requires Washington State Ferries to develop programs for employees to gain maritime credentials and pilotage while on the job, as well as to adopt a formal policy to assist applicants to gain maritime credentials and documentation for entry level positions.
- Requires Washington State Ferries to evaluate management practices and develop a staffing model to better forecast staffing needs and succession planning.



**ESSB 5583      IMPROVING YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias  
Del to Gov*

- Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to develop a comprehensive implementation plan, by October 1, 2024, to expand driver training education requirements for persons between the ages of 18 and 24 to acquire a driver's license, with a target implementation date of July 1, 2026.
- Exempts an intermediate license holder from the hours of operation restriction when the holder operates a motor vehicle for school, religious, or employment activities for the holder or their immediate family.
- Authorizes DOL to develop rules to establish alternative pathways to driver training instructor licensing.
- Requires DOL to publish an interactive map of all driver training education course providers that includes certain contact information, with course and program pricing reported to DOL annually.
- Requires the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises to develop a program to foster the development of women, minority-owned, and veteran-owned licensed driver training schools, with a report update by October 1, 2024.

**SSB 5742      CODIFYING CERTAIN EXISTING GRANT PROGRAMS AT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman  
Del to Gov*

- Codifies the Rideshare Grant Program, Special Needs Grant Program, the Freight Rail Investment Bank, Freight Rail Assistance Program, and the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Grant at the Department of Transportation.

**SSB 5753      CONCERNING A ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND THE LUMMI NATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake  
Del to Gov*

- 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 ADDRESSING TOLLING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INTERSTATE  
5 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*(HB 1852 Representative Wylie)*

*Del to Gov*

- Authorizes imposition of tolls on the I-5 Bridge Replacement (IBR) Project, to only be charged for travel on the existing and replacement I-5 Columbia River bridges.
- Authorizes the Washington State Transportation Commission, as tolling authority, to enter into a bistate agreement with the Oregon State Transportation Commission regarding setting, adjusting, and reviewing toll rates and exemptions, with certain restrictions.
- Conditions toll collection on the IBR Project until there is a sufficient federal funding plan in place and sufficient state and local funds are available to complete the IBR Project and the bistate agreement between the respective commissions has taken effect.

## WAYS & MEANS

### **SHB 1007 CONCERNING INTERRUPTIVE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul*

*(SB 5296 Senator Nobles)*

*C 18 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands the definition of period of war for veterans' benefits in state pension systems, legal assistance, scoring criteria on civil service exams, and other programs, to include any armed conflicts where an expeditionary medal was awarded.

### **HB 1008 CONCERNING PARTICIPATING IN INSURANCE PLANS AND CONTRACTS BY SEPARATED PLAN 2 MEMBERS OF CERTAIN RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*(SB 5420 Senator Conway)*

*C 164 L 23 Effective date 1/1/2024.*

- Allows certain individuals who separate from a position covered by the Public Employees', School Employees', and Teachers' Retirement System Plans 2, without retiring, the opportunity to participate in retiree benefits of the Public Employees' Benefits Board.

### **HB 1018 CHANGING THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION OF HOG FUEL TO COMPLY WITH THE 2045 DEADLINE FOR FOSSIL FUEL-FREE ELECTRICAL GENERATION IN WASHINGTON STATE AND TO PROTECT JOBS WITH HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger*

*(SB 5030 Senator Van De Wege)*

*Del to Gov*

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

### **HB 1055 CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN MEMBERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary*

*(SB 5328 Senator Van De Wege)*

*C 199 L 23 Effective date 6/1/2024.*

- Makes certain public safety telecommunicators eligible for membership in the Public Safety Employees' Retirement System.

**SHB 1056 REPEALING SOME POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5349 Senator Conway)*

- Permits certain retirees of the state's retirement systems that took a specific early retirement option to work in a retirement system-covered position prior to reaching age 65, for up to 867 hours per year without a suspension of their retirement benefits.

**ESHB 1148 CONCERNING STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND RELATED ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5201 Senator Mullet)*

- 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.

**HB 1218 ADDING A NEW CASELOAD FOR THE OFFICIAL CASELOAD FORECAST FOR THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR THE WORKING FAMILIES' TAX CREDIT UNDER RCW 82.08.0206**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist  
C 244 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5285 Senator Nguyen)*

- Requires the Caseload Forecast Council to forecast the number of people eligible for the Working Families Tax Credit Program.

**SHB 1254 CLARIFYING AMBIGUITIES IN STATUTORY PROVISIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE RELATING TO PERIODIC ADJUSTMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Street  
C 68 L 23 Effective date 7/23/2023.*

*(SB 5406 Senator Robinson)*

- Updates and clarifies how the Department of Revenue annually adjusts certain statutory values and tax rates.

**HB 1303**                    **CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY TAXES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Street*

*(SB 5407 Senator Robinson)*

*C 28 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*.*

- Allows the Department of Revenue to convert certain informal tax appeals to a formal appeal under certain additional circumstances.
- Aligns the valuation date for government-owned property that loses its tax exempt status with that provided under current law for real property.
- Provides that a correction of a levy error may exceed the levy's statutory maximum levy rate when the error is not the fault of the taxing district.
- Makes changes to a taxing district's authority to restore a levy and the highest levy amount for merged taxing districts.

**SHB 1318**                    **CONCERNING RETAIL SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby*

*(SB 5500 Senator Billig)*

*Del to Gov*

- Modifies the sales and use tax exemption for the construction of new aircraft repair stations certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**EHB 1336**                    **SPLITTING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESERVE OFFICERS' RELIEF AND PENSION PRINCIPAL FUND INTO TWO ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stokesbary*

*(SB 5567 Senator Lovelett)*

*C 73 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023\*\*.*

- Divides the Volunteer Firefighters' and Reserve Officers' Relief and Pension System into two separate plans, one for volunteer firefighters and one for reserve officers.
- Allows rate increases and benefit enhancements enacted in 2020 to go into effect.

**SHB 1355**                    **UPDATING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS AND SENIOR CITIZENS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie*

*C 147 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Expands eligibility for the retired persons property tax exemption program by increasing the income thresholds.
- Requires adjustments to income thresholds every three years instead of five years for retired persons property tax relief programs.
- Allows continued eligibility under the Retired Person Property Tax Exemption Program if a property owner's income exceeds the threshold as the result of certain cost of living adjustments for property taxes collected in 2024.

**SHB 1431 CLARIFYING THAT MEALS FURNISHED TO TENANTS OF SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES AS PART OF THEIR RENTAL AGREEMENT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO SALES AND USE TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*Del to Gov*

- Exempts food, drink, or meals provided by a senior living community to tenants as part of a rental or residency agreement from sales and use tax.
- Changes the business and occupation taxation of food, drink, or meals provided by a senior living community from a retailing activity to a service activity.

**2SHB 1477 MAKING CHANGES TO THE WORKING FAMILIES' TAX CREDIT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*Del to Gov*

- 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 1481 PERMITTING GENERAL AUTHORITY PEACE OFFICERS CERTIFICATED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION AND EMPLOYED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 2**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes*

*C 77 L 23 Effective date 7/1/2025.*

- Permits federally recognized tribes in Washington to opt in to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2.

**HB 1573 EXTENDING TAX PREFERENCES FOR DAIRY, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE, AND SEAFOOD PROCESSORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rule*

*(SB 5277 Senator Wilson, L.)*

*Del to Gov*

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

**SHB 1682            CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON AUTO THEFT PREVENTION  
AUTHORITY ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Maycumber*

*Del to Gov*

- Stops revenues from the traffic infraction surcharge from being deposited into the Washington auto theft prevention authority account.
- Requires beginning July 1, 2023, and each July 1st thereafter, the Office of the State Treasurer to deposit \$7 million of the insurance premium tax into the Washington auto theft prevention authority account.

**SHB 1711            PROVIDING A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION RELATED TO  
INTERNET AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECTS INVOLVING A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN  
TRIBE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Chapman*

*(SB 5689 Senator Stanford)*

*Del to Gov*

- Provides a state sales and use tax exemption for the construction of buildings and utilities related to the deployment of modern global internet and telecommunications infrastructure owned by a federally recognized tribe.

**SHB 1756            SUPPORTING CLEAN ENERGY THROUGH TAX CHANGES THAT  
INCREASE REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SCHOOLS, AND  
IMPACTED COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel*

*Del to Gov*

- Provides a property tax exemption from the state property tax levy for personal property used for the generation of 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            ESTABLISHING A METHOD OF VALUING ASPHALT AND  
AGGREGATE USED IN PUBLIC ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR  
PURPOSES OF TAXATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie*

*C 307 L 23    Effective date 8/1/2023.*

- 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.

**SHB 1784      CONCERNING HUNGER RELIEF**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson*

*C 63 L 23    Effective date 4/13/2023.*

- Appropriates \$28 million to the state general fund in fiscal year 2023 to support food assistance programs operated by the departments of Agriculture, Social and Health Services, and Health.

**SHB 1804      CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS BOARD FOR RETIRED OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES OF COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele*

*(SB 5696 Senator Robinson)*

*C 312 L 23    Effective date 5/4/2023.*

- Allows retired employees of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision that ceases to provide employee health care through an agreement with the Health Care Authority to continue participation in insurance plans provided under the Public Employees' Benefits Board.

**EHB 1812      CONTINUING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX DEDUCTION FOR FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION OR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT OR MEDICAID QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OR STANDARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer*

*C 313 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

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



**SHB 1850            CONCERNING THE HOSPITAL SAFETY NET PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri  
Del to Gov*

*(SB 5764 Senator Robinson)*

- Changes the Hospital Safety Net Assessment (HSNA) to the Hospital Safety Net Program.
- Changes how hospitals are assessed from non-Medicare bed days to non-Medicare patient revenue.
- Includes an assessment on both inpatient and outpatient services.
- Creates a Medicaid directed payment program for designated public hospitals.
- Changes the amounts of payments to hospitals from the HSNA Fund.
- Increases the amount of assessment dollars the state may use in lieu of state general fund payments for Medicaid hospital services, designating a part for post-acute hospital transitions.

**ESSB 5187            MAKING 2023-2025 FISCAL BIENNIUM OPERATING  
APPROPRIATIONS AND 2021-2023 FISCAL BIENNIUM SECOND  
SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1140 Representative Ormsby)*

- Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.
- Makes supplemental operating appropriations for the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.

**ESSB 5200            CONCERNING THE CAPITAL BUDGET**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Mullet  
Del to Gov*

*(HB 1147 Representative Tharinger)*

- Makes biennial capital budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.
- Makes 2023 supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.

**SSB 5218            PROVIDING A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION FOR MOBILITY  
ENHANCING EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY OR FOR A COMPLEX  
NEEDS PATIENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Padden  
C 319 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Exempts certain mobility enhancing equipment from retail sales and use tax.

**SSB 5275            EXPANDING ACCESS TO BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 13 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Allows tribal compact schools, employee organizations representing school employees, and school board directors the option of providing health care through the School Employees' Benefits Board.

**ESSB 5293            CONCERNING ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes*

*(HB 1203 Representative Ormsby)*

*Del to Gov*

- Revises the existing Office of Financial Management central service account, personnel service fund, and higher education personnel services account to align with current practices.
- Creates a new GOV central service account to fund the costs of the Governor's Office of Equity.
- Creates a new opioid abatement settlement account to receive funds and settlement moneys designated to abate the opioid epidemic.
- Creates a new state hazard mitigation revolving loan account to receive funds from the federal Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Act.
- Reenacts two accounts created in the 2022 omnibus supplemental operating appropriation bill.
- Revises the dedicated uses of the community reinvestment account and the foundational public health services account.
- Allows transfers between the public employees' and retirees' insurance account and the school employees' insurance account.
- Allows school districts to balance a borrowing fund with an interfund loan for school fiscal year 2024.
- Changes the date for the state treasurer to deposit moneys from the climate investment account into other accounts..

**ESSB 5294            CONCERNING ACTUARIAL FUNDING OF STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes*

*(HB 1201 Representative Ormsby)*

*Del to Gov*

- Modifies the unfunded liability portion of the employer contribution rates plans 1 of the Teachers' Retirement and Public Employees' Retirement Systems.
- Reduces the \$800 million transfer to the Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 fund scheduled for June 30, 2023, to \$250 million.

**SB 5295 ELIMINATING ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, L.*

*(HB 1202 Representative Ormsby)*

*C 41 L 23 Effective date 7/1/2023\*.*

- Eliminates numerous accounts and transfers remaining balances in those accounts to the state general fund or other related fund.

**SB 5350 PROVIDING A BENEFIT INCREASE TO CERTAIN RETIREES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 1 AND THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM PLAN 1**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*(HB 1057 Representative Stokesbary)*

*Del to Gov*

- 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 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

**SSB 5490 CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR RETIRED OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES DENIED COVERAGE FOR FAILURE TO TIMELY NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR INTENT TO DEFER COVERAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes*

*C 15 L 23 Effective date 3/30/2023.*

- Allows certain retired or disabled public employees who were denied retiree health care coverage provided by the Public Employees Benefits Board another limited opportunity to enroll.

**SB 5497 CONCERNING MEDICAID EXPENDITURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, L.*

*Del to Gov*

- Directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) to provide reasonable oversight of all Medicaid program integrity activities required by federal regulation.
- Requires HCA to establish and maintain effective internal control over any state agency that receives Medicaid funding in compliance with federal regulation.
- Requires HCA to update managed care contracts to include appropriate program integrity requirements.

**SSB 5538            CONCERNING POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT IN NURSING  
POSITIONS FOR A STATE AGENCY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 99 L 23    Effective date 4/14/2023.*

- Allows certain retirees of the state's pension systems returning to work in a nursing position for a state agency to work up to 1040 hours while collecting a retirement benefit.

**SSB 5565            MODIFYING TAX AND REVENUE LAWS BY MAKING TECHNICAL  
CORRECTIONS, CLARIFYING AMBIGUITIES, EASING  
COMPLIANCE BURDENS FOR TAXPAYERS, AND PROVIDING  
ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler*

*Del to Gov*

- Makes a number of administrative and technical changes to the state tax and licensing codes.

**ESB 5650            CONCERNING SALARY INFLATIONARY INCREASES FOR K-12  
EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes*

*C 50 L 23    Effective date 7/23/2023.*

- Updates the definition of the inflationary adjustment index used for salary increases for school district employees.

**SB 5768            PROTECTING ACCESS TO ABORTION MEDICATIONS BY  
AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO  
ACQUIRE, SELL, DELIVER, DISTRIBUTE, AND DISPENSE  
ABORTION MEDICATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Keiser*

*(HB 1854 Representative Bateman)*

*C 195 L 23    Effective date 4/27/2023.*

- Authorizes the Department of Corrections to engage in an activity constituting the practice of pharmacy or wholesale distribution of abortion medications.
- Requires Corrections to establish and operate a program to deliver, dispense, and distribute abortion medications individually or wholesale at a cost not to exceed list price.
- Requires Corrections to charge a fee of \$5 per dose to offset the cost of secure storage and delivery of medication.
- Exempts Corrections from obtaining a wholesaler license.

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