



# 2025 Bills Passed the Legislature

## **BILLS PASSED DURING THE 2025 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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## AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### **SHB 1261                      PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN INCIDENTAL USES ON OPEN SPACE LAND**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low*

*(SB 5479 Senator Liias)*

*C 138 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows for certain agritourism activities to take place on classified open space farm and agricultural land without classification removal including educational farming programs, seasonal farm festivals, and celebratory gatherings.
- Adds the wholesale value of agricultural products sold to the consumers participating in harvest-your-own operations to the definition of income for the open space farm and agriculture land classification.
- Reduces the penalty for removal of classified open space farm and agricultural land from the amount of tax otherwise due for the past seven years to the past four years.

### **SHB 1294                      EXTENDING THE PESTICIDE APPLICATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 84 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2025\**

- Extends the expiration date of the Pesticide Application Safety Committee to July 1, 2035.

### **SHB 1309                      ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF BURROWING SHRIMP ON BOTTOM CULTURE SHELLFISH FARMING THROUGH INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT RESEARCH**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McEntire*

*(SB 5322 Senator Chapman)*

*C 87 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to establish an integrated pest management research program to address the impacts of burrowing shrimp on bottom culture shellfish farming in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.
- Establishes a governing board for reviewing research proposals, ensuring transparency and accountability, and guiding the WSDA on the expenditure of research grant funds.

**SHB 1325                      EXPANDING ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN FISH  
AND WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 76 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes certain hunting, firearms, fishing guide services, and hydraulic code violations as natural resource infractions.
- Modifies fish and wildlife enforcement regulations for hunting of big game that are gross misdemeanors and felonies and prescribes mandatory penalties.
- Classifies trafficking of seaweed as unlawful trafficking in fish, shellfish, or wildlife in the second degree.

**SHB 1539                      ADDRESSING WILDFIRE PROTECTION AND MITIGATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves*

*C 324 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes the Wildfire Mitigation and Resiliency Standards Work Group, cochaired by the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and the Commissioner of Public Lands, to make recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2025.

**HB 1553                      EXTENDING THE DAIRY INSPECTION PROGRAM UNTIL  
JUNE 30, 2031**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards*

*(SB 5454 Senator Chapman)*

*C 41 L 25    Effective date 6/30/2025\**

- Extends the expiration date for the assessment on milk processed in the state from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2031.

**E2SHB 1563                      ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIBED FIRE CLAIMS FUND PILOT  
PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum*

*(SB 5491 Senator Warnick)*

*C 93 L 25    Effective date 4/21/2025\**

- Establishes a Prescribed Fire Claims Pilot Program to support coverage for losses from prescribed fires and cultural burning.

**EHB 1609                      PROMOTING EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF STATE  
EDUCATION AGENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 94 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the superintendent of public instruction to use a designee on the Board of Natural Resources.

**HB 1615**                      **INCREASING CONSISTENCY IN THE CLASSIFICATIONS OF WATER SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Caldier*  
*C 65 L 25    Effective date 4/16/2025\**

- Prohibits using a default number to calculate the average number of people served by a water system, where use of a default number would cause a water system that would otherwise be classified as a Group B water system to be classified as a Group A water system.

**HB 1947**                      **REDUCING SATELLITE MANAGEMENT AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR SIMPLE GROUP B PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Engell*  
*C 43 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Does not require new Group B public water systems to be owned or operated by a satellite system management agency unless the water system provides fire flow, has atmospheric storage, serves ten or more service connections, or must provide treatment to meet water quality standards.

**SSB 5074**                      **CONCERNING PAYMENT OF SEED CONTRACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*  
*C 117 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes processes and terms regulating contracts for selling and distributing turf seed grass.
- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to adopt rules requiring a seed dealer to provide financial assurance for performance of turf seed production or purchase contracts.
- Authorizes the WSDA to make mediation services available for the resolution of turf seed production and seed purchase contract disputes.

**SSB 5076**                      **ESTABLISHING A PUGET SOUND NONSPOT SHRIMP POT FISHERY LICENSE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*  
*C 118 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a non-spot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery license as a commercial limited entry fishery license.
- Limits entry to the non-spot shrimp pot-Puget Sound fishery to current holders of shrimp trawl-Puget Sound fishery licenses voluntarily choosing to convert their license.

**SSB 5157**                      **CONCERNING THE DIRECT SALE OF VALUABLE  
MATERIALS FOR HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 121 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to conduct direct sales of valuable materials on public lands up to \$250,000 for qualifying habitat restoration projects.

**SSB 5165**                      **CONCERNING COMPENSATION IN FRONTIER ONE  
COUNTIES FOR DEER AND ELK DAMAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 185 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Reserves 20 percent of the available funds for damage caused to commercial crops by wild deer and elk for claims arising from frontier one counties.

**SSB 5212**                      **CONCERNING FILING OF ADJUDICATION CLAIMS FOR  
PRECODE USES OF GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER  
IN THE WATER RESOURCE INVENTORY AREA 1 WATER  
RIGHTS ADJUDICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*C 318 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides that, notwithstanding any time restrictions in current law, an adjudication claim form filed in Water Resource Inventory Area 1 after June 1, 2023, satisfies statement of claim filing requirements.

**ESSB 5303**                      **EXTENDING THE WATER SUPPLY MILESTONE FOR THE  
YAKIMA RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED PLAN TO 2035**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*(HB 1691 Representative Dent)*

*C 285 L 25    Effective date 6/30/2025*

- Extends water supply milestones to implement the Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2035.

**SB 5319**                      **ESTABLISHING SURFACE MINE RECLAMATION PERMIT  
FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*(HB 1647 Representative Springer)*

*C 326 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases certain surface mine reclamation permit fees.
- Directs the Department of Natural Resources to advise applicants revising a surface mine reclamation permit or plan of any information necessary to successfully complete the application within 60 days.

**SB 5334**                      **ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES'  
CIVIL ENFORCEMENT DECISIONS UNDER RCW 76.04.205 TO  
APPEALS THAT MAY BE HEARD BY THE POLLUTION  
CONTROL HEARINGS BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*(HB 1646 Representative Ormsby)*

*C 327 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes the Pollution Control Hearings Board to hear appeals of civil penalties issued by the Department of Natural Resources for violations of burning permits or silvicultural burning.

**SB 5343**                      **CONCERNING THE NORTHEAST WASHINGTON WOLF-  
LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Short*

*C 247 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the uses of the Northeast Washington Wolf-Livestock Account for wolf-livestock management and grants to the sheriffs' offices of Stevens and Ferry counties to aid the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the management of wolves.
- Creates an expiration date of July 1, 2031, for these expanded uses of the account.

**SB 5391**                      **CONCERNING THE SUSTAINABLE FARMS AND FIELDS  
GRANT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*C 128 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends allowable uses of funding, prioritization criteria, and timelines in the Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant Program.

**SB 5485**                      **CONCERNING LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*C 287 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the current livestock identification fees, the Livestock Identification Advisory Committee, and the Livestock Identification Program report from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2030.

**SB 5656**                      **MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF INFLATION RATE FOR  
AQUATIC LEASES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*C 151 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Replaces the All Commodity Producer Price Index with the Consumer Price Index for the Seattle metropolitan area as the inflation rate used for certain aquatic land leases.

**SB 5669****CONCERNING IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres*

*C 191 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes irrigation districts to adopt vote-by-mail elections.
- Creates an additional voting qualification by specifying that the land owned by a qualified voter in the irrigation district must be assessed or assessable by the district pursuant to federal or state law.
- Adds notice requirements and election security requirements for irrigation districts that have designated their own treasurer.
- Creates a gross misdemeanor violation when election security requirements for irrigation district elections are violated.



## BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE COMMITTEE

### **HB 1006                      REGULATING SERVICE CONTRACTS AND PROTECTION PRODUCT GUARANTEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*(SB 5108 Senator Kauffman)*

*C 50 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Revises financial responsibility requirements for service contract providers and protection product guarantee providers.
- Specifies when a consumer may apply directly to a reimbursement insurance company for payment or performance due.

### **SHB 1081                      ESTABLISHING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR OWNERS OF SOLICITED REAL ESTATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy*

*C 77 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides a property owner with the right to an appraisal at the expense of a potential buyer for solicited real estate transactions.
- Provides a property owner with the right to cancel a purchase contract without penalty or further obligation under certain conditions.
- Requires the purchase contract for solicited real estate transactions to include a statement about the property owner's rights.
- Provides enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act.

### **SHB 1209                      PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY BY REGULATING THE TRANSFER OF SODIUM NITRITE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*

*(SB 5178 Senator Trudeau)*

*C 13 L 25    Effective date 4/7/2025*

- Places restrictions on the sale and shipment of sodium nitrite products with a concentration of 10 percent or greater.
- Establishes civil penalties and the applicability of the Consumer Protection Act on covered entities that violate the restrictions on the sale and shipment of sodium nitrite products.

**HB 1327**                      **CONCERNING HORSE RACING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick*  
*C 89 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5563 Senator Fortunato)*

- Modifies certain requirements of commissioners at the Washington Horse Racing Commission.
- Removes the limit to the number of live races per day for a race meet.
- Reduces the annual threshold that a licensee must withhold 1.3 percent of the daily gross receipts to pay the Commission from \$50 million to \$20 million.
- Clarifies that licensees of race meets that are not nonprofits may retain 15 percent of the daily gross receipts.

**2SHB 1516**                      **CONDUCTING A STUDY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE  
OPTIONS FOR PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE  
HOMEOWNERSHIP UNITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill*  
*C 202 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to conduct a study on options for permanently affordable homeownership developers to reduce condominium construction defect liability costs, and provide a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2026.
- Authorizes the OIC to contract with actuarial or other consultants for the study.
- Requires insurers and risk retention groups to provide requested information to the OIC for the study.

**SB 5141**                      **REQUIRING THAT EXPERIENCE-RATED GROUP DISABILITY  
INCOME INSURERS INCLUDE ALL APPLICABLE RATING  
FACTORS AND CREDIBILITY FORMULAS IN RATE MANUAL  
FILINGS WITH THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes*  
*C 27 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(HB 1230 Representative Hackney)*

- Specifies rate filing requirements for experience-rated group disability income insurers.

**SSB 5262****CORRECTING OBSOLETE OR ERRONEOUS REFERENCES IN  
STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE INSURANCE  
COMMISSIONER**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman*

*(HB 1505 Representative Walen)*

*C 243 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Repeals provisions in the Washington Insurance Code relating to one-time studies and reports; revises various timeframes in the code; revises certain accounts; and makes technical changes.
- Creates a public records exception for certain information in annual statements submitted by direct patient-provider primary care practices.
- Revises a health plan coverage mandate for hearing aids and associated services.
- Repeals certain annual reporting requirements for the Office of the Insurance Commissioner and for health carriers.

**ESSB 5294****TRANSFERRING DEDICATED ACCOUNTS FOR CERTAIN  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO THE BUSINESS AND  
PROFESSIONS ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*(HB 1300 Representative Donaghy)*

*C 232 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Consolidates seven small professional accounts into the Business and Professions Account administered by the Department of Licensing.
- Requires the Department of Licensing to report annually on expenditures and revenues for each of the professions that use the Business and Professions Account.

**SSB 5419****MODIFYING REPORTS OF FIRE LOSSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*(HB 1793 Representative Griffey)*

*C 225 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Revises requirements for authorized insurers in reporting fire losses, including those known or suspected to be due to criminal activity, and requires that fire loss reports be made directly to the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) rather than to the chief of the Washington State Patrol.
- Specifies requirements and restrictions regarding the confidentiality and privilege of fire loss information and provides a public records exemption for fire loss information.
- Provides civil immunity to an insurer for certain reports and cooperation.
- Specifies reporting requirements for the OIC and prohibits the OIC from enforcing fire loss and criminal activity reporting until one year after adopting implementing rules.

**SSB 5492**                      **CONCERNING SUSTAINABLE STATE TOURISM  
PROMOTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*(HB 1437 Representative Walen)*

*C 189 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a tourism self-supported assessment advisory group, composed of representatives from various sectors of the Washington tourism industry.
- Requires the advisory group to report recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2025.

**ESSB 5677**                      **CONCERNING ASSOCIATE DEVELOPMENT  
ORGANIZATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes*

*(HB 1406 Representative Barnard)*

*C 392 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the base allocation of assistance that associate development organizations (ADOs) can provide for direct assistance in rural areas to \$40,000.
- Permits the locally matched portion of the allocation to be provided through cash, in-kind, or a combination.
- Prohibits the locally matched allocation from using the state general fund.
- Eliminates certain reporting requirements for ADOs in a county with a population over 1.5 million.

**ESB 5721**                      **ENHANCING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR  
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*C 394 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates a right to an appraisal in automobile insurance policies with first-party coverage for physical damage, which are issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026.
- Specifies requirements and procedures for appraisal, including timeframes for invoking appraisal, selecting appraisers, and appointing umpires; determining the amount of loss; and the bearing of appraisal costs.
- Requires the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to register competent and disinterested umpires and appoint an umpire upon request.

## EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### **SHB 1079                      SUPPORTING REMOTE TESTING OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ONLINE SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*(SB 5193 Senator Cortes)*

*C 251 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows school districts with online programs to provide students within those programs the ability to complete statewide assessments remotely beginning in the 2027-28 school year.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop or review and update assessment administration and security policies to support remote testing options by April 1, 2027.

### **HB 1167                      DIRECTING THE STATEWIDE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREERS IN MARITIME PROFESSIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*

*C 252 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Statewide Career and Technical Education Task force to develop recommendations for expanding and strengthening opportunities that lead or articulate to public and private postsecondary education programs approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, for awarding the standards of training, certification, and watchkeeping credentials.

**ESHB 1296****PROMOTING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE PUBLIC  
EDUCATION SYSTEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stonier*

*C 369 L 25 Effective date 5/20/2025\**

- Provides that it is a state policy that public school policies and procedures prioritize the protection of students' safety, access to an academic environment free of discrimination, access to the state's statutory program of basic education, and privacy.
- Adds the following four protected classes to the nondiscrimination provisions that apply to public schools: ethnicity, homelessness, immigration or citizenship status, and neurodivergence; and separates the protected class of sexual orientation including gender expression and identity into three separate protected classes.
- Requires a statement of student rights to be incorporated into educational and promotional materials including civics education.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a process to investigate and address complaints alleging willful noncompliance with state laws concerning civil rights; harassment, intimidation, and bullying; certain curriculum requirements; the use of restraint or isolation on a student; and student discipline.
- Directs the Professional Educator Standards Board to adopt rules that make a school district superintendent's or chief administrator's willful noncompliance with state law an act of unprofessional conduct.
- Amends the oath that elected or appointed school directors take to include that they must support Washington State laws.
- Prohibits adverse employment action for employees supporting students' exercise of rights and performing work in a manner consistent with certain state laws.
- Modifies, removes, and adds certain rights of parents and legal guardians of children enrolled in public school.
- Makes changes to reporting and notification requirements related to alleged physical or sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, and assault of students.

**SHB 1351****ADJUSTING AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSING THE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum*

*C 253 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025\**

- Amends the definition of eligible child for the purposes of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) to be a child who is at least three years old by August 31st of the school year, which aligns with agency rule.
- Allows a child who turns three after August 31st of the school year to enroll in ECEAP, subject to available space and funding, when the child otherwise meets the definition of eligible child.

**EHB 1393****PROVIDING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL EXPRESSION AT  
COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McEntire*

*C 88 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to permit students to wear an item or object of cultural significance with or attached to their gown at high school commencements and other official graduation ceremonies and events.

**ESHB 1414****IMPROVING ACCESS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
STUDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors*

*C 61 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds a minimum of eight additional members to the Statewide Career and Technical Education Task Force and requires its meetings to be held remotely.
- Directs the task force to recommend changes to laws, rules, and practices preventing or obstructing the training, certification, and employment of minors who are enrolled in or who have completed career and technical education programs, while maintaining safety protections.

**E2SHB 1648****MODIFYING CHILD CARE PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 281 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the timeline for childcare providers to meet certain staff qualification requirements from August 1, 2026, to at least August 1, 2030.
- Allows childcare providers until August 1, 2030, to meet staff qualification requirements through an experience-based competency after having worked in a licensed childcare setting since August 1, 2021, or a cumulative five years of employment, and completion of requirements.
- Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to convene a temporary stakeholder group to identify strategies to improve early learning and school-age staff qualification requirements and verification processes and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

**ESHB 1651**                      **CONCERNING TEACHER RESIDENCY AND  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*  
*C 309 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5693 Senator Cortes)*

- Describes and establishes requirements for a teacher residency, which is a teacher preparation model.
- Describes a teacher apprenticeship model and establishes requirements for the content and approval of a teacher apprenticeship model.

**SHB 1709**                      **ADDRESSING THE CARE OF STUDENTS WITH ADRENAL  
INSUFFICIENCY BY PARENT-DESIGNATED ADULTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*  
*C 356 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires school districts to provide individual health plans for students with adrenal insufficiency and adopt policies governing student care.
- Establishes eligibility, training, liability, and related provisions for parent-designated adults.

**SHB 1827**                      **CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DELIVERY AND  
ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC EDUCATION SERVICES TO  
JUSTICE-INVOLVED STUDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*  
*C 70 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the duties and timeline related to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction assuming responsibility for the delivery and administration of basic education to certain justice-involved students.

**ESSB 5004**                      **UPDATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS INCLUDING PANIC OR ALERT BUTTONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres*  
*C 347 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Defines emergency response systems as it relates to an existing school district requirement to develop this type of system.
- Directs school districts and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit a report by December 1, 2025, on the types of emergency response systems used.
- Applies these existing requirements to charter schools and state-tribal education compact schools.



**ESSB 5009****ACCOMMODATING MULTIPLE VEHICLE TYPES FOR  
TRANSPORTING STUDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*C 372 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Provides that the pupil transportation funding formula may not be construed to mandate the type of vehicle used for pupil transportation and encourages districts to use a vehicle type that the district deems to be safe and cost-effective.
- Requires district-owned cars to be included in the overall transportation allocation rather than being subject to a private reimbursement rate and expands the school bus purchase and reimbursement process to include other vehicles used in lieu of school buses.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop rules for drivers transporting students in Washington State Patrol-inspected school vehicles other than school buses.
- Excludes drivers of student transportation vehicles that are not school buses from commercial driver's license requirements.

**SSB 5025****CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*C 255 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) to adopt separate standards for deaf and deaf-blind educational interpreters, as necessary.
- Creates a two-tiered certificate system for educational interpreters, where limited certificates are granted to educational interpreters who have met the limited performance assessment standard and full certificates are granted to educational interpreters who have met the full performance assessment standard.
- Authorizes PESB to adopt rules limiting the number of times an educational interpreter may take an educational interpreter assessment for qualifying for a certificate.

**SSB 5030****IMPROVING ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BY  
REDUCING BARRIERS TO OBTAINING VITAL RECORDS  
AND ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF  
DOCUMENTATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 109 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits the Department of Health and local registrars from charging a birth certificate fee when a birth certificate is requested by a parent or guardian who has a child who is a member of an assistance unit that is eligible for or receiving food benefits and enrolling in an early learning program or a public school.
- Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt a rule that requires the acceptance of birth certificates, passports, and alternative documents to show a child's age or date of birth for purposes of enrollment.
- Provides examples of alternative documents.

**SB 5189****SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETENCY-  
BASED EDUCATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman*

*C 278 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt rules to authorize funding for students enrolled in competency-based education (CBE) programs and to create competencies aligned with state learning standards.
- Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop and recommend a process to identify and designate schools and school districts that are implementing CBE, and identify costs associated with this process.
- Directs the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association to review barriers related to students participating in CBE in its rule adoption process.
- Requires SBE, in consultation with other agencies, to develop or identify and recommend a format for a CBE high school transcript as part of, or as an alternative to the standardized high school transcript.

**ESSB 5192****CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT MATERIALS, SUPPLIES,  
AND OPERATING COSTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 334 L 25 Effective date 9/1/2025*

- Increases allocations for materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC) in the prototypical school model and provides that the increased allocation amounts may only be expended on MSOC.
- Eliminates MSOC categories in the prototypical school model, but requires school districts to report disaggregated expenditures to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**SSB 5253****EXTENDING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THE STUDENT TURNS 22**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes*

*(HB 1257 Representative Pollet)*

*C 256 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires that special education and related services for students with disabilities be provided to the end of the school year in which a student turns age 22, or high school graduation, whichever occurs first.

**E2SSB 5263****CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 368 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Increases the special education funding multiplier for K-12 students to 1.16 and eliminates multiplier tiers that provide different levels of funding based on time spent in a general education setting.
- Aligns the funding multiplier for the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program to the multiplier for Pre-K students, increasing the multiplier from 1.15 to 1.2.
- Removes the 16 percent special education enrollment funding cap.
- Decreases the special education safety net eligibility threshold and directs quarterly safety net payments for certain districts.
- Allows the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reserve up to 0.006 of excess cost allocations to use for certain statewide special education activities.
- Directs the creation of a statewide online system for individualized education programs and the creation of a grant program for inclusionary practices.

**2SSB 5358****CONCERNING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN SIXTH GRADE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*(HB 1280 Representative Shavers)*

*C 134 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Permits school districts to offer Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) courses to sixth graders in middle school.
- Provides that sixth grade student enrollment must be excluded when calculating CTE funding.
- Requires middle and high school CTE courses to be treated as a single program for accounting purposes.

**SSB 5412**                      **PROVIDING TEMPORARY INTERFUND LOANS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 384 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows a school district in binding conditions or under enhanced financial oversight to take a temporary, interest-free interfund loan from its capital projects fund, subject to certain conditions.
- Allows a school board to sell real property when authorized by a financial oversight committee and deposit the sale proceeds into a fund selected by the committee.
- Allows a school district in binding conditions to request authorization from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to sell district real property to restore financial stability.

**SSB 5545**                      **MODIFYING PROVISIONS REGARDING FAMILY HOME PROVIDERS OVERSEEN AND CERTIFIED BY A FEDERAL MILITARY SERVICE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*C 181 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Exempts family home providers located in the surrounding metropolitan area of a federal military reservation that is overseen and currently certified by a federal military service, from child-care licensing by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

**SB 5641**                      **ENCOURAGING PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION IN AWARENESS OF BLOOD DONATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*(HB 1943 Representative Obras)*

*C 149 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Encourages school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to provide instruction in awareness of blood donation in addition to awareness of bone marrow donation.
- Allows this instruction to be included in at least one health class necessary for graduation, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

**SSB 5655**                      **CONCERNING CHILD CARE CENTERS OPERATED IN EXISTING BUILDINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*(HB 1582 Representative Caldier)*

*C 150 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires that when a child care center is operated in a dedicated space within an existing building that has more than one use, the occupancy load of the child care center must be based only on the areas in the building where the child care services are provided.

## ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

### **HB 1018                      ADDING FUSION ENERGY TO FACILITIES THAT MAY OBTAIN SITE CERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 80.50 RCW**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*

*(SB 5241 Senator Liias)*

*C 261 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows fusion energy facilities to opt in to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council certification process.
- Specifies that the type of nuclear power facilities that must use the certification process are fission nuclear power facilities.

### **2SHB 1154                      ENSURING ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION FROM SOLID WASTE HANDLING FACILITY OPERATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*

*C 311 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Department of Ecology to approve all permits for landfilling prior to issuance or renewal by the jurisdictional health department.
- Provides a number of conditions in which Ecology may take enforcement action with clarification on when it will take lead on enforcement.
- Authorizes civil penalties and requires a jurisdictional health department or Ecology to attempt education and outreach prior to issuing a penalty.

### **SHB 1253                      EXPANDING THE ABILITY OF CONSUMER-OWNED UTILITIES TO ENTER INTO JOINT USE AGREEMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ybarra*

*C 279 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the types of agreements that certain cities, public utility districts, and joint operating agencies may enter into for developing, operating, and owning transmission facilities and electric generating plants to be with any person or entity and include joint venture agreements and limited liability company agreements.

## **ESHB 1293                      CONCERNING LITTER**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Klicker*

*C 312 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Raises the penalty for littering from a class 3 civil infraction to a class 2 civil infraction and specifies that this penalty is in addition to any penalty imposed for materials thrown or dropped onto state highways.
- Delays the increase in the fee and the minimum allowable thickness of reusable plastic carryout bags from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028.
- Permits a retail establishment, until December 31, 2027, to offer for sale reusable carryout bags made of film plastic at a thickness equal to or greater than 4 mils if they collect the \$0.12 pass-through charge and a \$0.04 penalty.
- Deposits the penalty into the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account.

## **EHB 1329                      CONCERNING WHOLESALE POWER PURCHASES BY ELECTRIC UTILITIES UNDER THE WASHINGTON CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunt*

*C 221 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the exemption for limited duration unspecified wholesale power purchases in specific circumstances under the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
- Requires that limited duration wholesale power purchases are not used for the purpose of avoiding the restrictions on coal-fired resources.
- Exempts electricity purchased from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), in certain situations, from the requirement that each electric utility eliminate coal-fired resources from its allocation of electricity.
- Directs consumer-owned electric utilities to include the number of unspecified electricity contracts with certain terms in each interim performance or compliance report required by the Department of Commerce in rule.

## **2SHB 1409                      CONCERNING THE CLEAN FUELS PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*

*C 319 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the carbon intensity requirements for transportation fuels under the Clean Fuels Program (CFP).
- Removes violations of the CFP from civil and criminal penalty statutes in the Washington Clean Air Act and instead, establishes CFP-specific enforcement and penalties.
- Requires the Department of Ecology to publish specified information on its website, including an analysis and forecasts of the CFP credit markets.

**EHB 1461**                      **CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR MATERIALS OR WORK  
REQUIRED BY JOINT OPERATING AGENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stearns*

*C 62 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the dollar thresholds for joint operating agency contracts that require sealed bid standards.

**2SHB 1462**                      **REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED  
WITH HYDROFLUOROCARBONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*

*(SB 5438 Senator Lovelett)*

*C 313 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Phases in, between 2030 and 2033, prohibitions against selling, distributing, or otherwise entering into Washington commerce certain hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) with specified global warming potentials (GWP), subject to certain exceptions.
- Directs the Department of Ecology to establish a refrigerant transition task force to study and report, in 2027, on opportunities and barriers associated with transitioning to climate-friendly refrigerants.
- Requires Ecology to adopt rules, no earlier than 2028 and which must be informed by the task force's work, requiring low- or ultra-low GWP alternatives to HFCs in a sector unless it is not practicable.

**ESHB 1483**                      **SUPPORTING THE SERVICING AND RIGHT TO REPAIR OF  
CERTAIN PRODUCTS WITH DIGITAL ELECTRONICS IN A  
SECURE AND RELIABLE MANNER TO INCREASE ACCESS  
AND AFFORDABILITY FOR WASHINGTONIANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson*

*(SB 5423 Senator Stanford)*

*C 353 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes the Right to Repair Act, which requires original manufacturers of digital electronic products to make available to independent repair providers on fair and reasonable terms certain parts, tools, and documentation for the diagnosis, maintenance, or repair of digital electronic products.
- Specifies exceptions for certain entities and goods as well as when parts, tools, and documentation do not have to be made available to independent repair providers.
- Provides for enforcement by the attorney general pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act.

**2SHB 1497****IMPROVING OUTCOMES ASSOCIATED WITH WASTE  
MATERIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*C 314 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires certain solid waste collection containers to comply with coloring and labeling standards beginning January 1, 2028.
- Expands an existing grant program, administered by the Department of Ecology's Center for Sustainable Food Management, by authorizing grants for implementing the legislation.
- Modifies organic materials collection requirements in certain jurisdictions to, in part, facilitate source-separated organic materials collection from specified multi-family residences.
- Establishes new, and modifies existing, programs relating to procuring Washington-grown food and preventing food waste in schools.

**2SHB 1514****ENCOURAGING THE DEPLOYMENT OF LOW CARBON  
THERMAL ENERGY NETWORKS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel*

*C 263 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Brings thermal energy companies under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) with certain exemptions.
- Allows electric utilities to provide discounted rates to companies operating thermal energy networks under certain conditions with UTC authorization.

**ESHB 1522****CONCERNING APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC UTILITY WILDFIRE  
MITIGATION PLANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*(SB 5430 Senator Chapman)*

*C 156 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires each investor-owned electric utility to file a wildfire mitigation plan with the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) and provide updates no less than every three years.
- Requires the UTC to hold a public workshop and a hearing and by order, approve, reject, or approve with conditions each plan or plan update within a specified period of time.
- Directs the UTC to collect a reasonable fee from a utility for approving its plan or plan updates.



**SHB 1543**                      **INCREASING COMPLIANCE PATHWAYS FOR THE CLEAN BUILDINGS PERFORMANCE STANDARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*  
*C 264 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5514 Senator Shewmake)*

- Authorizes the Department of Commerce to adopt additional compliance pathways to comply with the State Energy Performance Standard (Standard) by meeting an alternative metric, rather than the energy use intensity target.
- Expands the exemption criteria under the Standard.
- Authorizes Commerce to approve extensions for covered buildings to comply with the Standard under certain conditions.
- Requires gas and electric utilities to provide energy consumption data to all buildings under the Standard, instead of only large commercial buildings.

**SHB 1670**                      **INCREASING TRANSPARENCY REGARDING SEWAGE-CONTAINING SPILLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunt*  
*C 315 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5450 Senator Slatter)*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to establish a public website for providing information about sewage spills.

**2SHB 1715**                      **REGARDING THE COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE ENERGY PERFORMANCE STANDARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dye*  
*C 158 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to report on the costs to state agencies to comply with the State Energy Performance Standard by June 30, 2027.

**HB 1842**                      **ALLOWING PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS TO FORM, OWN, OR USE CAPTIVE INSURERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele*  
*C 53 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes local governments or public utility districts to form, own, or use captive insurers.

**E2SHB 1912****CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION FOR FUELS USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES IN THE CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 282 L 25 Effective date 5/15/2025*

- Establishes a process by which certain entities may voluntarily notify the Department of Ecology of locations where agricultural fuels exempt from a compliance obligation under the Climate Commitment Act (exempt fuels) are available for purchase.
- Requires Ecology to publish, by October 1, 2025, certain information on its website to assist individuals seeking to purchase exempt fuels or obtain a remittance from the Department of Licensing.
- Extends the exemption for certain fuels used to transport agricultural products on public highways by two years.

**2SHB 1975****AMENDING THE CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT BY ADJUSTING AUCTION PRICE CONTAINMENT MECHANISMS AND CEILING PRICES, ADDRESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S AUTHORITY TO AMEND RULES TO FACILITATE LINKAGE WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR MARKET DYNAMIC ANALYSIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*

*C 320 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to analyze the Cap-and-Invest Program's compliance instrument markets and perform economic modeling.
- Adjusts cost containment mechanisms in the program, including the price ceiling and allowance price containment reserve.
- Authorizes Ecology to adjust greenhouse gas reporting deadlines and annual compliance obligation transfer requirements in certain circumstances.

**2SHB 1990****AUTHORIZING UTILITY COMPANIES TO SECURITIZE  
CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO DISASTERS OR  
EMERGENCIES TO LOWER COSTS TO CUSTOMERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*C 310 L 25 Effective date 5/17/2025*

- Permits electrical, gas, and water companies to petition the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) for a financing order authorizing them to issue bonds to recover certain costs related to disaster or emergency events.
- Authorizes the UTC to issue a financing order, if certain specific conditions are met, to allow bondable rate recovery expenditures, issue bonds, and impose separate rate recovery charges on customers.
- Pledges the state to not impair any financing orders or rate recovery charges until all payments on the bonds and financing costs are fully paid.
- Prohibits the state from being obligated to pay or guarantee any bond under this act.

**SSB 5033****CONCERNING SAMPLING OR TESTING OF BIOSOLIDS FOR  
PFAS CHEMICALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*C 317 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Department of Ecology to publish guidance on per- and poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals sampling requirements for facilities generating biosolids by July 2026 and convene an advisory committee by September 2028.
- Requires biosolids facilities to periodically sample biosolids for PFAS chemicals between January 2027 and June 2028, have the samples analyzed by an accredited laboratory, and provide sampling results to Ecology by September 2028.
- Requires Ecology to submit, in consultation with the advisory committee, a legislative report analyzing the levels of PFAS chemicals in biosolids produced or land applied in Washington, and recommendations on how to proceed based on the analysis.

**SB 5036****STRENGTHENING WASHINGTON'S LEADERSHIP AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY ON CLIMATE POLICY BY TRANSITIONING TO  
ANNUAL REPORTING OF STATEWIDE EMISSIONS DATA**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*C 195 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Department of Ecology and the Department of Commerce to report, biennially between 2026 and 2030, and annually beginning in 2031, the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for the most recent two years for which data are available.
- Directs Ecology and Commerce, in 2027 and 2029, to post and maintain a summary of the total GHG emissions for the most recent year for which data are available.
- Requires natural gas utilities to submit an annual GHG emissions report required under the Washington Clean Air Act to receive no-cost allowances in the Climate Commitment Act.

**E2SSB 5175****CONCERNING THE PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULE  
STEWARDSHIP AND TAKEBACK PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*(HB 1789 Representative Kloba)*

*C 126 L 25 Effective date 6/30/2025\**

- Delays the submission of photovoltaic module stewardship plans until 2030, and restrictions on the manufacture, sale, or distribution of photovoltaic modules until 2031.
- Establishes a photovoltaic module advisory committee and requires the Department of Ecology to submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2028.

**E2SSB 5284****IMPROVING WASHINGTON'S SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
OUTCOMES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovelett*

*(HB 1150 Representative Berry)*

*C 316 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes an extended producer responsibility program for covered packaging and paper products.
- Prohibits a producer of covered packaging and paper products from introducing materials into the state if they are not a member of the Producer Responsibility Program by March 1, 2029.
- Provides reimbursements for collection of covered products to service providers beginning in 2030.
- Requires the Department of Ecology to develop statewide collection lists and collection requirements for covered materials.
- Directs Ecology to complete a preliminary needs assessment by December 31, 2026, and a full needs assessment by December 31, 2027.
- Requires multiple independent reviews including consideration of a bottle deposit return program, evaluation of the first producer responsibility organization plan, and evaluation of the first seven years of the program.
- Specifies requirements related to planning, funding, enforcement, and outcomes for the program.

**SB 5317**                      **EXEMPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING CERTAIN SERVICES FOR PROJECTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ENERGY FACILITY SITING EVALUATION COUNCIL FROM CERTAIN APPEALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Goehner*

*C 246 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Specifies that an action taken by a city or county under a certain agreement with the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is not subject to appeal on the basis that the action is inconsistent with a code preempted by EFSEC, when the action is taken under an agreement with EFSEC to provide technical assistance or advice, or review an application or plan, related to the construction or operation of an EFSEC-certified energy facility.

**ESSB 5445**                      **ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*C 261 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Determines that certain types of distributed energy projects and activities are distributed energy priorities.
- Provides statutory exemptions from the State Environmental Policy Act for solar energy generation in certain locations.
- Specifies the addition of an agrivoltaic facility to land classified as farm and agricultural open space land does not constitute a reclassification, withdrawal, or removal from open space classification and is not subject to additional tax.
- Increases, for purposes of achieving renewable energy targets under the Energy Independence Act (EIA), the multiplier of the electrical output of certain distributed electrical generation facilities through 2029, from being a double multiplier to being a quadruple multiplier, but only for specified distributed energy generation.
- Authorizes qualifying utilities to meet EIA renewable energy targets through any combination of eligible renewable resources, accelerated conservation in excess of the utility's biennial acquisition target and demand response.

**SSB 5494**                      **PROTECTING WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES FROM LEAD-BASED PAINT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman*

*C 180 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes the Department of Commerce to administer and enforce a state Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program for lead-based paint.
- Modifies fee authority for the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program to allow fees to be established by rule.

**ESSB 5627****IMPROVING SAFE EXCAVATION PRACTICES AND  
PREVENTING DAMAGE TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Ramos*

*C 292 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies several requirements in the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act relating to, in part, notice before excavation, duties before and during excavation, and duties when excavation causes damage to certain underground infrastructure.
- Requires a one-number locator service to maintain a web-based platform providing the same services as the toll-free telephone number.
- Amends civil and criminal penalties in the Act.

**ESSB 5628****CONCERNING LEAD IN COOKWARE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*(HB 1756 Representative Street)*

*C 266 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Raises the allowable level of lead in cookware and cookware components from 5 parts per million (ppm) to 90 ppm, beginning January 1, 2026, and to 10 ppm beginning January 1, 2028.
- Narrows the scope of restrictions on the allowable lead content of cookware to apply only to aluminum or brass cookware, components, and utensils that are not completely encased in stainless steel.

**SB 5680****ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO REPAIR FOR MOBILITY  
EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hansen*

*(HB 1826 Representative Gregerson)*

*C 351 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a right to repair for mobility devices.
- Specifies what an original equipment manufacturer is not required to provide.
- Provides for enforcement by the attorney general pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act.

## HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

### **HB 1009                      ADJUSTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHARMACY QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low*

*C 211 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the membership composition on the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission from 15 to 16, adding an additional pharmacy technician member.
- Allows one member to be a public member who is an owner, operator, or officer of a pharmacy.

### **HB 1114                      CONCERNING THE RESPIRATORY CARE INTERSTATE COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 49 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Enacts the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact.

### **SHB 1142                      STANDARDIZING BASIC TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE WORKERS WHO PROVIDE IN-HOME CARE FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING SPOUSES OR DOMESTIC PARTNERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*(SB 5100 Senator Bateman)*

*C 18 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends the training requirements for long-term care (LTC) workers who are providing in-home care to their family members to align the training requirements across the in-home care provider types.
- Replaces references to "individual provider" with "long-term care worker providing in-home care" in the state laws related to training and certification examination requirements for LTC workers.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, a LTC worker providing approved services for a spouse or registered domestic partner and funded through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, is required to complete at least 21 hours of training.

### **HB 1157                      AUTHORIZING ACCESS TO CERTIFICATIONS OF BIRTH AND DEATH TO ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele*

*C 37 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the family members eligible to obtain a certification of birth or death to include great-grandchildren.

**SHB 1186**                      **EXPANDING THE SITUATIONS IN WHICH MEDICATIONS  
CAN BE DISPENSED OR DELIVERED FROM HOSPITALS AND  
HEALTH CARE ENTITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Parshley*

*C 213 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the circumstances in which hospitals and health care entities may dispense prepacked drugs.

**HB 1190**                      **ALLOWING ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS TO  
ACCESS THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HEALTH  
SCIENCES LIBRARY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Marshall*

*C 19 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows access to the Health Evidence Resource for Washington State to psychological associates and mental health counselor associates.

**HB 1234**                      **CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS,  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND SOCIAL  
WORKERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*(SB 5449 Senator Slatter)*

*C 20 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the one member of the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee who must currently be an advanced social worker, to be either an advanced social worker or an independent clinical social worker.
- Specifies that the prohibition against members of the Advisory Committee holding an office in a relevant professional association applies specifically to holding a governing office or board position.

**HB 1287**                      **ADDRESSING THE DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH  
INFORMATION FOR CARE COORDINATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Rule*

*C 83 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows a client's written acknowledgement of a disclosure statement provided by certain behavioral health providers, as well as information obtained from the client in a professional capacity in order to render professional services, to be disclosed under the Uniform Health Care Information Act.



**EHB 1382                      MODERNIZING THE ALL PAYERS CLAIM DATABASE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger*

*C 305 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Removes references to proprietary financial information in statutes implementing the Washington State All Payer Claims Database (APCD) on July 1, 2026.
- Allows the Health Care Authority to act as the lead organization for APCD.
- Modifies the timing of reports from the Office of Financial Management regarding APCD.

**ESHB 1395                      STREAMLINING THE HOME CARE WORKER BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar*

*(SB 5531 Senator Chapman)*

*C 214 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides conditions under which an employer may not conduct a character, competence, and sustainability (CC&S) review for long-term care (LTC) providers.
- Allows LTC providers to have unsupervised access of children and vulnerable adults for up to 30 days while a CC&S review is conducted, under certain circumstances.
- Limits the circumstances under which a fingerprint-based background check is conducted on a LTC provider.

**2SHB 1427                      CONCERNING CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Davis*

*C 360 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Changes the name of the profession of certified peer specialists to certified peer support specialists.
- Directs the Health Care Authority (HCA) to contract for the development of courses to supplement the training of certified peer support specialists related to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.
- Directs HCA to contract with an external entity to develop ways to expand access to peer support services through providing technical assistance, billing health carriers, creating substance use disorder peer-run respite centers, and exploring the use of capitated payment arrangements.
- Requires that the accessibility to peer services in a managed care organization's network be given significant weight in any procurement for Medicaid managed care services.

**E2SHB 1432                      IMPROVING ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH  
AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*(SB 5477 Senator Bateman)*

*C 227 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Defines medically necessary for purposes of certain requirements related to a health plan's coverage of mental health services and substance use disorder (SUD) services.
- Modifies the definition of mental health services and repeals and recodifies parts of the Mental Health Parity Act.
- Requires utilization review and clinical review criteria to be consistent with generally accepted standards of mental health and SUD care and establishes other requirements for utilization review including prior authorization.
- Incorporates the requirements of the final rules related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act into the act.
- Requires health carriers to provide meaningful benefits for mental health conditions and SUD conditions it covers in every classification in which medical or surgical benefits are covered.

**ESHB 1531                      PRESERVING THE ABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO  
ADDRESS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 105 L 25    Effective date 4/21/2025\**

- Requires that public health responses to communicable diseases be guided by the best available science.
- Requires state and local officials to implement and promote evidence-based appropriate measures to control the spread of communicable diseases, including immunizations and vaccines.
- Prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from enacting statutes, ordinances, rules, or policies that bar the implementation and promotion of such measures.

**HB 1640                      PLACING LICENSES ISSUED IN CHAPTERS 18.71B AND 18.71C  
RCW UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIFORM  
DISCIPLINARY ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn*

*C 66 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds licenses issued through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact to the provisions of the Uniform Disciplinary Act (UDA).
- Makes the Medical Commission the disciplining authority for purposes of the UDA for licenses issued through these compacts.

**SHB 1669**                      **CONCERNING COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
PROSTHETIC LIMBS AND CUSTOM ORTHOTIC BRACES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stonier*

*(SB 5629 Senator Harris)*

*C 96 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires group health plans, except those offered to public employees, to provide expanded coverage for prosthetic limbs and custom orthotic devices.

**E2SHB 1686**                      **CREATING A HEALTH CARE ENTITY REGISTRY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*(SB 5561 Senator Cleveland)*

*C 142 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Department of Health, in consultation with others, to develop a plan and provide recommendations to the Legislature on how to create a complete and interactive registry of the health care landscape in Washington.

**SHB 1706**                      **ALIGNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF APPLICATION  
PROGRAMMING INTERFACES FOR PRIOR  
AUTHORIZATION WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons*

*(SB 5324 Senator Cleveland)*

*C 25 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the requirements for prior authorization application programming interfaces to align with federal rules.
- Sets an enforcement date of January 1, 2027.

**ESHB 1718**                      **CONCERNING WELL-BEING PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN  
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 97 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Exempts, under certain circumstances, physician well-being programs from mandatory reporting requirements.
- Protects physician well-being program records from disclosure under certain circumstances.

**SHB 1720**                      **EXPANDING THE TYPES OF MEDICATION ASSISTANCE THAT  
MAY BE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITY-BASED  
CARE SETTINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick*

*C 26 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the authority of non-practitioners in community-based care or in-home care settings to assist individuals with setting up diabetic devices and handling injectable medications to the person for self-administration.

**HB 1755**                      **EXEMPTING ELECTIVE PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY  
INTERVENTION PERFORMED IN CERTAIN HOSPITALS  
OWNED OR OPERATED BY A STATE ENTITY FROM  
CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Street*

*C 144 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Exempts elective percutaneous coronary interventions provided in a hospital owned or operated by a state entity from certificate of need requirements.

**SHB 1811**                      **ENHANCING CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES THROUGH CO-  
RESPONSE INTEGRATION AND SUPPORT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin*

*C 346 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds individuals engaged in co-response services to the list of first responders who may not be compelled to testify about their communications with recipients of peer support services.
- Clarifies that a regional crisis line may not dispatch law enforcement.
- Adds members of first response teams that are engaged in co-response during a public health emergency to the definition of frontline employees for the purpose of presuming that an infectious or contagious disease was acquired during employment under the Workers' Compensation Program.
- Directs the University of Washington School of Social Work to establish a program to administer a crisis responder training academy for co-responders.

**CONCERNING THE REPROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE REALIGNMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES**

*C 216 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- SHB 1824**                      **CONCERNING INSPECTIONS FOR ACCREDITED BIRTHING CENTERS**

C 69 L 25    *Effective date 7/27/2025*

- ## ESHB 1971 INCREASING ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION HORMONE THERAPY

*C 171 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- SB 5051**                      **CONSOLIDATING REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR NURSING ASSISTANTS**

(HB 1792 Representative  
Obras)

- Consolidates regulatory authority relating to competency evaluation, disciplinary authority, and credentialization for nursing assistants under the Board of Nursing.
- Expands the Board of Nursing composition from 15 to 17 to include nursing assistant members, and an additional registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

**E2SSB 5083****ENSURING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND AFFORDABLE HOSPITAL SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*(HB 1123 Representative Macri)*

*C 373 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires licensed hospitals that participate in Medicaid programs to contract with the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) system carriers upon receipt of a good faith offer.
- Limits reimbursement for inpatient and outpatient services from PEBB and SEBB plans to licensed hospitals, except for certain critical access and sole community hospitals, beginning on January 1, 2027.
- Provides different reimbursement limits for children's hospitals and minimum reimbursement limits for primary care and non-facility-based behavioral health services.

**SB 5084****CONCERNING HEALTH CARRIER REPORTING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*(HB 1379 Representative Lekanoff)*

*C 6 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to consider the existing primary care definition and data reporting requirements developed by the Health Care Authority when determining the form and content of health carrier primary care reporting requirements.

**SSB 5118****UPDATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE LICENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*C 3 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the time-limited clinical experience license and amends the limited licensure requirements for international medical graduates by removing the one-year state residency requirement and passage of step three of the United States Medical Licensing Exam.
- Authorizes the Washington Medical Commission to elect to require alternative assessments for applicants experiencing hardship.
- Increases the number of times a limited license may be renewed to three times for a total of eight years.

**ESSB 5200****CONCERNING VETERANS' MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*C 108 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides an exemption from the state's adult family home licensure requirements for a medical foster home that meets certain requirements.

**SSB 5239**                      **CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Slatter*

*(HB 1394 Representative Parshley)*

*C 131 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires hospitals to retain medical records for all patients for a minimum of 26 years.

**SB 5244**                      **PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM STAFF TO PERFORM HEMATOLOGICAL SCREENING TESTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*(HB 1693 Representative Zahn)*

*C 8 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Exempts a program staff member, who is working at a Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program clinic and administering hematological screening tests and evaluations, from being required to register or certify as a medical assistant.

**E2SSB 5337**                      **CREATING A CERTIFICATION FOR MEMORY CARE SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*C 187 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a memory care certification beginning July 1, 2026, and prohibits anyone from operating or maintaining a memory care facility or memory care unit within the state without a certification after that date.

**SSB 5351**                      **ENSURING PATIENT CHOICE AND ACCESS TO CARE BY PROHIBITING UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE DENTAL INSURANCE PRACTICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*(HB 1535 Representative Thai)*

*C 219 L 25    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits dental insurers from denying for multiple procedures solely on the basis that they were provided on the same day.
- Provides circumstances in which a dental insurer may include a processing fee or similar charge when paying a claim to a provider.
- Directs the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to contract with the Ruckelhaus Center to convene a forum to discuss dental loss ratio and payment to in- and out-of-network providers.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the emergency clause.

**SB 5361**                                **DELAYING THE USE OF THE ASAM 4 CRITERIA,  
TREATMENT CRITERIA FOR ADDICTIVE, SUBSTANCE  
RELATED, AND CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*(HB 1469 Representative Macri)*

*C 335 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the implementation date for adoption of new criteria for assessment and treatment of substance use disorders by treatment providers and insurance carriers in Washington by two years, until January 1, 2028.

**SB 5455**                                **CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANDY HILL  
CANCER RESEARCH ENDOWMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*C 199 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes changes to the administration of the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment Board and the accounts related to the Andy Hill Cancer Research Endowment.

**SB 5478**                                **CONCERNING BENEFITS AUTHORIZED TO BE OFFERED BY  
THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman*

*C 339 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Permits the Public Employees' Benefits Board to study, and subject to available funding, offer additional insurance products as employee-paid voluntary benefits.

**SSB 5493**                                **CONCERNING HOSPITAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*C 146 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires hospitals to comply with federal hospital price transparency rules, as they existed on January 1, 2025, and submit data to the Department of Health.

**SB 5498**                                **CONCERNING CONTRACEPTIVE COVERAGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado*

*(HB 1090 Representative Alvarado)*

*C 147 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Applies the requirement that health plans reimburse for a 12-month supply of contraceptives to all prescriptions, instead of only refills.



**ESSB 5557**                      **CODIFYING EMERGENCY RULES TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF A PREGNANT PERSON TO ACCESS TREATMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*C 182 L 25    Effective date 4/29/2025*

- Requires hospitals, when providing emergency services, to provide treatment to a pregnant person who comes to the hospital with an emergency medical condition that is consistent with applicable standard of care for such condition or, if authorized, transfer the patient to another hospital capable of providing the treatment, with the patient's informed consent.

**SSB 5568**                      **UPDATING AND MODERNIZING THE WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH PLAN**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 338 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Updates direction to the Office of Financial Management to develop a statewide health resource strategy.

**SB 5577**                      **CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HIV ANTIVIRAL DRUGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 11 L 25    Partial Veto    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires Medicaid coverage for all federal Food and Drug Administration-approved HIV antiviral drugs without prior authorization or step therapy.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the emergency clause.

**SSB 5579**                      **PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS, FACILITIES, AND PROVIDERS FROM MAKING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF ANY POTENTIAL OR PLANNED CONTRACT TERMINATIONS UNLESS IT SATISFIES A LEGAL OBLIGATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 389 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits health carriers or health care providers from making public statements regarding a possible contract termination, except under certain circumstances.

**SB 5672**                      **DELAYING THE HOME CARE AIDE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*C 341 L 25 Effective date 5/17/2025*

- Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules allowing long-term care workers additional time to become certified as the State Auditor's Office completes their 2026 Initiative 1163 performance audit and provides recommendations for the Legislature's consideration.
- Provides an exemption until December 31, 2027, for long-term care workers from being required to become certified as a home care aide within 200 days of their hiring date.

**SSB 5691**                      **ADOPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS ADDRESSING A REGULATORY OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*(HB 1889 Representative Macri)*

*C 218 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025 Filed with Secretary of State*

- Applies the Consumer Protection Act to all registration requirements related to continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), rather than select requirements, and allows the attorney general or a private citizen to enforce the standards.
- Removes the requirement that the attorney general notify the CCRC's management of complaints that it receives to allow the CCRC to take corrective action.
- Requires that application materials for registration as a CCRC include a written statement regarding whether the residency agreement includes an entrance fee in lieu of payment for future care and services.

**SJM 8004**                      **CONCERNING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*Filed with Secretary of State*

- Requests that the federal government create a universal health care program or allow Washington State to implement a universal health system by reducing barriers or granting appropriate waivers.

## HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### **2SHB 1273                    IMPROVING STUDENT ACCESS TO DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul*

*C 104 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends a pilot program to increase career and technical education dual credit participation and credit attainment by covering certain expenses of secondary and postsecondary schools.
- Directs the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to report to the Legislature on implementation of the program and recommendations for improvements to dual credit policies.

### **EHB 1279                    PROVIDING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*C 82 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes certain requirements on interstate reciprocity agreements beginning July 1, 2028.
- Establishes that degree-granting private vocational schools' information may be exempt from public disclosure only if it is imposed by the federal government and is not relied on for certain federal or state program purposes.
- Requires the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to establish a process for administering interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education outside of state authorization reciprocity agreements if rules do not conform to Washington's student consumer protections.
- Requires surety bond requirements for an institution headquartered outside of the state to be equivalent to those imposed in Washington.
- Expands the types of complaints that may be filed with WSAC.
- Establishes when WSAC may waive or exempt institutions from certain requirements.

### **SHB 1486                    ADDING A STUDENT MEMBER TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin*

*C 91 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds a student member to the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

**HB 1540**                    **EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STUDENTS  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND FOSTER YOUTH  
PROGRAM TO AN ACCREDITED TRIBAL COLLEGE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*(SB 5304 Senator Kauffman)*

*C 92 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025.*

- Expands participation in the Students Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Youth Program to a public tribal college.

**HB 1556**                    **EXPANDING TUITION WAIVERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
COMPLETERS AT COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Entenman*

*(SB 5542 Senator Boehnke)*

*C 42 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Eliminates the requirement that a student be 19 years of age or older to be eligible for a High School Completion Program tuition and fee waiver.

**ESHB 1572**                **MODIFYING HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION  
STANDARDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*C 157 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Requires the Washington Student Achievement Council to recognize certain accrediting agencies.
- Exempts certain nonprofit institutions operating in Washington State from the Degree-Granting Institutions Act if certain conditions are met.

**2SHB 1587**                **ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNER PROMISE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OPPORTUNITY  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist*

*C 254 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes Local Government Partner Promise Scholarship Programs within the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Program.

**EHB 1705**                      **CONVENING A WORK GROUP TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND STRATEGIES TO RECRUIT, TRAIN, AND RETAIN LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARIANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 86 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025.*

- Creates a work group to study and recommend strategies to recruit, train, and retain large animal veterinarians in the state.

**SB 5110**                      **PROVIDING TUITION WAIVERS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS AT WASHINGTON'S COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman*

*C 177 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a waiver for all or a portion of tuition fees and services and activity fees for tribal elders.

**E2SSB 5355**                      **IMPROVING SAFETY AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHILE SUPPORTING STUDENT SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*C 124 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits postsecondary institutions from requesting a student enter into a nondisclosure agreement relating to an alleged sexual assault.
- Requires public baccalaureates to print a phone number of a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week community support organization on new and replaced identification cards for employees and students.
- Allows sexual assault survivors, upon written request, to be granted preservation of their sexual assault kit, without charge, and receive notification regarding the destruction or the disposal of their sexual assault kit.

**SB 5543**                      **PROVIDING EQUITY IN ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*(HB 1554 Representative Timmons)*

*C 288 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands eligibility for the College Bound Scholarship to include those who have received a high school equivalency certificate.

## HOUSING COMMITTEE

### **HB 1003 ADDRESSING SERVICE OF NOTICE BY MAIL IN CASES INVOLVING FORCIBLE ENTRY AND FORCIBLE AND UNLAWFUL DETAINER**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*C 44 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies requirements for service by mail of notices required under the unlawful detainer laws.

### **HB 1075 EXPANDING HOUSING SUPPLY BY SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 31 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the requirement that rents may not exceed 15 percent of the area median income for dwelling units or mobile home lots in low-income housing developments financed by a public housing authority and owned by a for-profit entity.

### **E2SHB 1096 INCREASING HOUSING OPTIONS THROUGH LOT SPLITTING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Barkis*

*C 301 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities to establish a process for review and approval of an administrative lot split, which may be combined with concurrent review of a residential building permit for new single-family or middle housing.
- Requires as part of the administrative lot split process that, if certain conditions are met, a new buildable lot and residential building permit must be approved and not subject to administrative appeal.

**E2SHB 1108****CREATING A TASK FORCE ON HOUSING COST DRIVER ANALYSIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Klicker*

*Governor vetoed*

**Full Veto:**

- Directed the Washington Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to conduct a study researching, analyzing, and determining the primary cost drivers for homeownership and rental housing in Washington State and submit a report to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.
- Required that WSIPP, in conducting the study, conduct fact-finding and stakeholder discussions with representatives of specified groups.

**EHB 1191****CONCERNING REMOVING VEHICLE TITLES FROM MANUFACTURED HOMES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors*

*C 32 L 25 Effective date 10/15/2025\**

- Updates who may apply to the Department of Licensing to eliminate a vehicle title for a mobile or manufactured home and how the home can be conveyed.

**EHB 1217****IMPROVING HOUSING STABILITY FOR TENANTS SUBJECT TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT ACT AND THE MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME LANDLORD-TENANT ACT BY LIMITING RENT AND FEE INCREASES, REQUIRING NOTICE OF RENT AND FEE INCREASES, LIMITING FEES AND DEPOSITS, ESTABLISHING A LANDLORD RESOURCE CENTER AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, AUTHORIZING TENANT LEASE TERMINATION, CREATING PARITY BETWEEN LEASE TYPES, AND PROVIDING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Alvarado*

*C 209 L 25 Effective date 5/7/2025*

- Limits rent increases to 7 percent plus the Consumer Price Index or 10 percent, whichever is less, for tenants subject to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and 5 percent for tenants subject to the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA), with certain exemptions during any 12-month period and prohibits rent increases during the first 12 months of a tenancy.
- Establishes rent increase notice requirements and tenant termination provisions when the landlord increases rent above the amount allowed.
- Limits move-in fees, security deposits, and late fees for tenants subject to MHLTA.
- Authorizes a tenant or the attorney general to bring a court action to enforce compliance.

**SHB 1353****ESTABLISHING A SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PROJECT PERMIT  
APPLICATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel*

*C 22 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows cities planning under the Growth Management Act to operate self-certification programs through which registered architects can certify compliance with applicable building codes for the construction or development of detached accessory dwelling units.
- Requires each city operating a self-certification program to adopt rules and create a self-certification form for its program, and provides minimum requirements that must be included in the rules and on the form.
- Requires each city operating a self-certification program to provide a report on its program to the Department of Commerce by July 31, 2028, and requires Commerce to summarize the information received from cities and submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2028.

**EHB 1403****SIMPLIFYING CONDOMINIUM CONSTRUCTION STATUTES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 201 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Changes the implied warranty provisions of the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) for condominiums created on or after the effective date of the bill.
- Exempts certain declarants or dealers from the implied warranties of quality under WUCIOA if the declarant or dealer provides an express warranty that meets specific requirements.
- Excludes accessory dwelling units organized under WUCIOA as a condominium from the building enclosure design and inspection requirements.



### **3SHB 1491** **PROMOTING TRANSIT-ORIENTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*C 267 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities planning under the Growth Management Act to allow new residential and mixed-use development within a station area at certain transit-oriented development (TOD) densities.
- Establishes certain incentives, including a new 20-year Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption Program, for multifamily residential housing within a station area that meets TOD affordability requirements.
- Requires the Department of Commerce develop model TOD ordinances and administer a grant program to assist cities in providing the infrastructure, planning, and staffing necessary to implement the TOD requirements.
- Requires the Department of Transportation to review certain surplus property and select up to three park and ride facilities to conduct a pilot program to encourage TOD development that meets density and affordability requirements.

### **SHB 1621** **AUTHORIZING SUPERIOR COURTS TO APPOINT HOUSING COURT COMMISSIONERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*C 268 L 25 Effective date 5/13/2025*

- Authorizes superior courts to appoint housing court commissioners for unlawful detainer actions and specifies the limits of their powers.

### **2SHB 1696** **MODIFYING THE COVENANT HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 143 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the Covenant Homeownership Program by raising the area median income threshold for eligibility to 120 percent, authorizing full loan forgiveness under certain circumstances, and modifying one of the membership positions on the oversight committee.

### **HB 1757** **MODIFYING REGULATIONS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 203 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends allowances for existing buildings to be used for residential purposes in commercial and mixed-use zones to existing buildings in residential zones.
- Prohibits a city from requiring a change of use permit for the conversion of an existing building to residential purposes.
- Exempts portions of an existing building to be used for residential purposes from State Energy Code requirements if certain conditions are met.

**HB 1760**                      **REMOVING BARRIERS FOR ORGANIZATIONS SELLING  
MANUFACTURED HOMES TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Volz*

*C 68 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Excludes from the vehicle dealer licensing requirements certain entities that sell no more than 12 manufactured homes at cost to low-income households during any 12-month period.

**SHB 1899**                      **CONCERNING THE HOMELESSNESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn*

*C 160 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes changes related to the Washington homeless census or count requirements, including removing the requirement that a Washington homeless census be conducted annually.

**ESSB 5129**                      **CONCERNING COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 119 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Requires all common interest communities to abide by the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) related to conducting meetings, performing during government declared emergencies, accepting payment of assessments, and siting electric vehicle charging stations and heat pumps.
- Updates certain provisions related to meetings, voting, management of common interest communities, and protection of purchasers under the WUCIOA.
- Expands the definition of plat or miscellaneous communities exempt from certain provisions of the WUCIOA.

**E2SSB 5148**                      **ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE HOUSING ELEMENT  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman*

*(HB 1235 Representative Peterson)*

*C 269 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows a city or county that is required to plan under the Growth Management Act to submit any housing element or housing development regulations to the Department of Commerce for review.
- Specifies required content and processes for a determination of compliance from Commerce.
- Requires a city or county to submit its housing element and any housing development regulations if selected by Commerce for targeted review and limits targeted review to ten jurisdictions per calendar year.
- Prohibits a city or county from denying an affordable or moderate-income housing development under certain circumstances if their housing element is not in compliance after review and revision.

**ESSB 5184****CONCERNING MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman*

*(HB 1299 Representative Peterson)*

*C 204 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits cities and counties from requiring more than 0.5 parking space per multifamily dwelling unit or more than one parking space per single-family home.
- Prohibits cities and counties from requiring more than two parking spaces per 1000 square feet of commercial space.
- Prohibits cities and counties from requiring any minimum parking requirements for existing buildings undergoing change of use and various other categories of residential and commercial buildings.
- Provides various exceptions to parking limitations, including for cities or code cities with a population of 30,000 or less.

**SSB 5298****CONCERNING THE NOTICE OF SALE OR LEASE OF  
MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 1358 Representative Gregerson)*

*C 205 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the requirement for an owner to provide a notice of sale for a manufactured or mobile home community (MHC).
- Modifies the requirements for a notice of opportunity to purchase when selling or leasing an MHC.
- Requires an owner to provide the Department of Commerce with an update on the status of the sale every six months from delivery of the notice of opportunity to purchase.

**ESB 5313****ADDING TO THE LIST OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITED FROM  
RENTAL AGREEMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 206 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Updates the list of provisions that are prohibited in residential rental agreements.

**ESB 5471****AUTHORIZING MIDDLE HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED GROWTH AREAS AND UNINCORPORATED URBAN GROWTH AREAS, CERTAIN LIMITED AREAS OF MORE INTENSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FULLY CONTAINED COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Goehner*

*C 386 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows planning counties to authorize middle housing types on each parcel that permits single-family residences in urban growth areas and limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs).
- Limits units to four residential units per lot in LAMIRDs and in designated urban growth areas.
- Prohibits standards for middle housing that are more restrictive than those required for detached single-family residences and requires counties to apply the same development permit and environmental review processes that apply to single-family housing.
- Exempts adoption of related ordinances and regulations from administrative or judicial appeals and authorizes the Growth Management Hearings Board to hear petitions alleging noncompliance.

**SSB 5587****CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN COUNTIES NOT CLOSING THE GAP BETWEEN ESTIMATED EXISTING HOUSING UNITS WITHIN THE COUNTY AND EXISTING HOUSING NEEDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 390 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the biennial housing report from the Washington Center for Real Estate Research to include an analysis of estimated existing housing units and needs, as well as county progress in meeting certain housing goals.
- Adds infill development or any other increase in affordable housing as a prioritization factor for the Public Works Board.

**E2SSB 5686****EXPANDING AND FUNDING THE FORECLOSURE  
MEDIATION PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*C 393 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Expands the Foreclosure Mediation Program to include unit owners in common interest communities (CICs) facing possible foreclosure of association liens for delinquent assessments and establishes the process and timelines for mediation.
- Establishes an \$80 fee collected on certain residential mortgage loan originations to be deposited into the Foreclosure Fairness Account and modifies the distributions.
- Requires the Department of Commerce to make information and resources regarding CIC foreclosures and related programs publicly available online and report to the Legislature annually on performance of the Foreclosure Mediation Program.

## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

### **HB 1028 ADDRESSING CHILD EXPOSURE TO VIOLENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 75 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the scope of child advocacy centers to include addressing the needs of children exposed to violence.
- Permits child forensic interview recordings of closed cases to be used as part of a structured and confidential peer review.

### **HB 1130 CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar*

*C 212 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) to prioritize specific populations when enrolling eligible clients in open home and community-based services waiver slots for the purposes of determining access to specific waiver services.
- Requires DDA to routinely collect specific data related to the prioritized populations and make the data available on its website.

### **E2SHB 1131 CONCERNING CLEMENCY AND PARDONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 371 L 25 Partial Veto Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Expands the membership of the Clemency and Pardons Board.
- Increases compensation and training requirements for members of the Board.
- Authorizes a person granted conditional commutation to be supervised by the Department of Corrections for a period of community custody.
- Provides an expedited review when a petitioner indicates an urgent need for a pardon or commutation including, but not limited to, a pending deportation order or deportation proceeding.

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

- Removed the null and void clause.

**SHB 1171**                      **EXEMPTING ATTORNEY HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES  
FROM CERTAIN MANDATED REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE  
AND NEGLECT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet*

*C 192 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates an exception to the mandated reporting requirement regarding suspected child abuse or neglect for an attorney who is employed by a public or private institution of higher education, or an employee working under the direction or supervision of such an attorney, as it relates to the representation of the client.
- States that the Washington Rules of Professional Conduct continue to apply regarding the confidentiality of information including, but not limited to, disclosure to prevent reasonably certain death or substantial bodily harm.

**SHB 1177**                      **CONCERNING THE CHILD WELFARE HOUSING  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*(SB 5508 Senator Krishnadasan)*

*C 163 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), or entities contracted with DCYF, to operate the Child Welfare Housing Assistance Program, to provide housing assistance after DCYF is no longer providing child welfare or child protective services to the family.
- Directs DCYF to serve families eligible for the program who are placed on a waiting list of any kind in an attempt to serve all families eligible for the program and eliminate any waiting lists, subject to appropriation.
- Adds additional reporting requirements to DCYF's annual report to the Legislature.

**EHB 1185**                      **CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON THE CORRECTIONAL  
INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse*

*C 184 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds two voting members from underrepresented populations who have direct lived experience and who are not currently incarcerated in total confinement to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee.

**E2SHB 1232                      CONCERNING PRIVATE DETENTION FACILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*  
*C 235 L 25    Effective date 5/12/2025*

- Expands the definition of a private detention facility.
- Modifies operational standards and other requirements for certain private detention facilities.
- Allows the Department of Health to conduct inspections of private detention facilities and take enforcement action against noncompliant facilities in certain circumstances.

**SHB 1272                      EXTENDING THE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS COMPLEX CASES OF CHILDREN IN CRISIS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan* *(SB 5427 Senator Wilson, C.)*  
*C 161 L 25    Effective date 4/25/2025\**

- Changes the position of the Children and Youth Multisystem Care Coordinator to the Children and Youth Multisystem Care Project Director.
- Extends the duties of the project director and rapid care team from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.
- Removes outdated reporting requirements and requires the Governor to submit an annual report to the Legislature.

**ESHB 1385                      CONCERNING FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK ON APPLICANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*  
*C 60 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Directs the Washington State Patrol to execute the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact on behalf of the state in order to facilitate the authorized interstate exchange of criminal history information for noncriminal justice purposes.
- Modifies and adds statutory definitions regarding background checks.

**2SHB 1391                      IMPROVING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH OUTSIDE THE FORMAL COURT PROCESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes* *(SB 5426 Senator Wilson, C.)*  
*C 140 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes diversion agreements and successfully completed diversions from a youth's criminal history.
- Prohibits parents and guardians from declining to enter into or preventing a juvenile from entering into a diversion agreement.
- Creates new diversion data reporting requirements for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and requires the AOC to submit an annual report to the Legislature.



**SHB 1490****CONCERNING FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras*

*(SB 5318 Senator Kauffman)*

*C 46 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds specificity and definitions to the provisions outlining the current roles and circumstances that require a fingerprint-based background check.
- Establishes background check requirements for those working in transitional care facilities.

**SHB 1509****CONCERNING FAMILY RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 165 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Specifies that the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is to provide family reconciliation services (FRS) to families or youth when the youth is in a county juvenile detention center and family conflict exists, upon request of the youth, family, or juvenile detention center; or identified through the Housing Stability for Youth in Crisis Pilot Program, upon request of the youth, family, or the program.
- Directs DCYF to offer a contract or contracts to provide community-based FRS in at least one location that is already providing community-based FRS by July 1, 2025.
- Directs DCYF to make data about the use of community-based FRS available on its website.

**ESHB 1815****CONCERNING PRISON RIOT OFFENSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*

*C 169 L 25 Effective date 4/25/2025\**

- Excludes any facilities operated by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) or county juvenile detention facility from the definition of correctional institution for the purposes of prison riot offenses.
- Allows any person convicted or adjudicated of a prison riot offense at a DCYF or county juvenile detention facility to have their criminal conviction or adjudication vacated, or be resentenced, or both.
- Requires DCYF to establish rules for including prison riot behavior as an infraction that is managed through the internal behavioral management infraction system.

**ESSB 5029****CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF INDIVIDUALS  
RELEASED OR DISCHARGED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 223 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the requirement that the public transportation provided by the Department of Corrections (DOC) at release, discharge, or transfer from total confinement in a state correctional facility be the least expensive method not to exceed \$100.
- Requires public transportation to be limited to a location within the state, except as provided.
- Requires DOC to make a reasonable effort to coordinate the timing of the individual's release from DOC custody, including the timing of transportation, if DOC has made arrangements with a partnering nonprofit organization that will support the individual's reentry into the community.

**SB 5032****EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE FAMILY  
AND CHILDREN'S OMBUDS TO INCLUDE JUVENILE  
REHABILITATION FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 348 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the statutory authority of the Office of the Children and Family's Ombuds (OFCO) to include youth and individuals in the state's care or custody, including at juvenile rehabilitation facilities.
- Directs the Department of Children, Youth and Families to provide OFCO physical access to state institutions, including juvenile rehabilitation facilities, serving children, youth, and families as well as granting OFCO unrestricted online access to the juvenile rehabilitation case management system.

**SB 5079****ADDRESSING THE BURDEN OF UNINTENTIONAL  
OVERPAYMENTS ON OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH  
DISABILITIES SERVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
AND HEALTH SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall*

*(HB 1243 Representative Simmons)*

*C 331 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Allows the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to waive collection of unintentional overpayments of the Aged, Blind or Disabled Cash Assistance Program and to functionally disabled clients receiving services and supports through Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports and the Developmental Disability Administration waiver programs.
- Directs DSHS to adopt rules establishing circumstances when collection efforts will be waived.

**ESSB 5128**                      **CONCERNING MEDICAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS IN JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 12 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Clarifies that confinement facilities operated by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families are included in Medicaid suspension and reinstatement requirements.
- Clarifies that county juvenile detention facilities are not included in Medicaid suspension and reinstatement requirements.
- Requires the Health Care Authority to collaborate with certain entities to implement federal law requiring provision of certain services to eligible juveniles before and after release from confinement.

**SSB 5139**                      **CONCERNING REENTRY COUNCIL**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 196 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the membership of the Statewide Reentry Council from 15 to 22 members.
- Allows eligible members to receive compensation for council activities.

**SSB 5149**                      **EXPANDING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COURT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes*

*(HB 1659 Representative Timmons)*

*C 120 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Permits an Early Childhood Court to serve families with children who are under the age of six at the time the case enters the program.

**SSB 5163**                      **MODERNIZING THE CHILD FATALITY STATUTE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*(HB 1459 Representative Bernbaum)*

*C 123 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows local health department child fatality review teams to collect new sources of data and reports from medical providers, law enforcement, criminal justice, social services, and school records.
- Permits the child fatality review team to designate a member of the review team to report any current, unresolved concern about child abuse or neglect.
- Clarifies that individuals associated with child fatality reviews are not prohibited from testifying in civil, criminal, or administrative actions when they are doing so based on information or personal knowledge obtained independently of the child fatality review or relying on public information.

**SSB 5182**                      **CONCERNING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR  
INCARCERATED PARENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 129 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes language specifying that nothing requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish or provide funding for midwifery or doula services.
- Allows DOC to contract with a nonprofit organization or partner with volunteers to deliver midwifery or doula services to incarcerated individuals.

**SB 5199**                      **PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO MEMBERS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES  
OVERSIGHT BOARD WITH DIRECT LIVED EXPERIENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 179 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows Department of Children, Youth, and Families Oversight Board members with direct lived experience to receive compensation and be entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses, as provided in statute.

**SSB 5214**                      **CONCERNING MOBILE MARKET PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake*

*(HB 1388 Representative Bernbaum)*

*C 127 L 25    Effective date 3/1/2026*

- Establishes the Mobile Market Program within the Department of Health.
- Allows Women, Infant, and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program participants to use their benefits at mobile markets.

**ESSB 5219**                      **CONCERNING PARTIAL CONFINEMENT ELIGIBILITY AND  
ALIGNMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*(HB 2014 Representative Goodman)*

*C 407 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Aligns several partial confinement programs at the Department of Corrections to allow a person to participate up to the final 18 months of their term of confinement.
- Expands eligibility and modifies requirements related to partial confinement programs.

**ESSB 5232****SUPPORTING ECONOMIC SECURITY BY UPDATING PROVISIONS  
RELATED TO THE HOME SECURITY FUND AND THE ESSENTIAL  
NEEDS AND HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*(HB 1263 Representative Cortes)*

*C 408 L 25 Partial Veto Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Gives the Department of Commerce discretion to continue to serve low or extremely low-income elderly or disabled adults who are transitioning off Housing and Essential Needs Referral Program (HEN) benefits, receiving federal Social Security benefits, and still have an immediate housing need.
- Allows benefits under the HEN program and programs funded through the Home Security Fund to be provided in the form of debit cash cards, with certain conditions.
- Permits flexible funding assistance, such as vouchers for transportation, gift cards, direct payments to vendors, and other similar methods of assistance in addition to debit cash cards.
- Raises the administration rate for HEN support entities from 7 percent to 15 percent, in alignment with the administration rate for programs funded through the Home Security Fund.
- Requires a HEN referral from the Department of Social and Health Services for rental assistance to be verified by a housing support provider every 12 months.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Restores current law regarding eligibility for a HEN program referral, including citizenship, residency, and Social Security numbers.

**SB 5375****CONCERNING THE DUTY OF CLERGY TO REPORT CHILD  
ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 1211 Representative Walen)*

*C 197 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires members of the clergy to be reporters of child abuse and neglect.
- Modifies the privileged communication exception for reporting child abuse and neglect to exclude members of the clergy.

**SSB 5388****CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CERTIFICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 382 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires substance use disorder treatment services at the Department of Corrections (DOC) to be provided by persons licensed by the state, instead of requiring the services to be licensed by the Department of Health (DOH).
- Requires DOC and DOH to jointly establish and adopt standards for behavioral services provided in correctional facilities.
- Requires DOH to conduct annual inspections to determine compliance and requires DOC to reimburse DOH for the cost of inspections and technical assistance.

**SB 5506****EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF LICENSING LIVING  
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Christian*

*C 257 L 25 Effective date 5/13/2025*

- Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), starting July 1, 2026, to license living accommodations of residential private schools, unless exempted, as well as engage in negotiated rulemaking with the state Board of Education and other affected interests.
- Delays the due dates of the DCYF preliminary progress report and final report on the licensing and oversight of residential private schools to July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2027, respectively.

## LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

### **SHB 1023                      ADOPTING THE COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*C 238 L 25    Effective date 6/1/2028*

- Enacts the Cosmetology Licensure Compact, which allows cosmetologists with a multistate license to practice across state lines in states that have adopted the Compact.
- Requires the single-state cosmetology license program and the multistate cosmetology license program to be considered separate professional licensing programs and for the Department of Licensing to track and manage the revenues and costs separately.

### **HB 1068                      REMOVING THE EXCLUSION FROM INTEREST ARBITRATION OF WASHINGTON MANAGEMENT SERVICE EMPLOYEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*(SB 5039 Senator Conway)*

*C 162 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Includes Washington Management Service members in the Department of Corrections employees that are eligible for interest arbitration.

### **SHB 1105                      EXEMPTING EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO COALITION BARGAINING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse*

*(SB 5433 Senator Ramos)*

*C 78 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Exempts certain exclusive bargaining representatives of Department of Corrections (DOC) employees from the requirement to bargain as part of the coalition of exclusive bargaining representatives that represent fewer than 500 employees.
- Requires the Governor and the exclusive bargaining representative for DOC employees to negotiate one master collective bargaining agreement.

**SHB 1121**                      **CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE WORKING  
CONDITIONS AND HOURS OF SIXTEEN- AND SEVENTEEN-  
YEAR OLDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative McClintock*

*C 79 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2026\**

- Requires rules adopted by the Department of Labor and Industries to allow a 16- or 17-year-old to work the same number of hours and days during the school year as would be permitted during school vacations or holidays if the minor is enrolled in a Career and Technical Education Program and the work is performed for an employer approved by the Career and Technical Education Program or is enrolled in a bona fide college program.

**ESHB 1141**                      **CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR  
AGRICULTURAL CANNABIS WORKERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*(SB 5468 Senator Stanford)*

*C 106 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes collective bargaining procedures for certain cannabis agricultural workers.
- Places cannabis agricultural worker collective bargaining under the jurisdiction of the Public Employment Relations Commission.

**2SHB 1162**                      **CONCERNING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HEALTH CARE  
SETTINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*(SB 5162 Senator Lovick)*

*C 303 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Requires health care settings to conduct timely investigations of every workplace violence incident.
- Requires health care settings to conduct a comprehensive review and update their workplace violence prevention plans at least once per year.

**EHB 1173**                      **CONCERNING WAGES FOR JOURNEYPEPERSONS IN HIGH-  
HAZARD FACILITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 210 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Requires registered apprentices at petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing facilities (high-hazard facilities) receive written notification from their employer identifying their applicable occupation and wage rates and prohibits apprentices from performing work outside of their applicable occupations.
- Requires workers in apprenticeable occupations at high-hazard facilities that are neither registered apprentices nor skilled journeypersons to be paid at least the rate required for skilled journeypersons.



**E2SHB 1213****EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS IN THE STATE  
PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry*

*(SB 5539 Senator Alvarado)*

*C 304 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Reduces the minimum claim period for benefits under the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Program (PFML) from eight consecutive hours to four consecutive hours of leave.
- Extends employment protection rights in PFML to an employee who began employment with their current employer at least 180 calendar days before taking leave, and the employer employs at least 25 employees as of the bill's effective date—January 1, 2026, which is phased down to employers with at least 8 employees beginning January 1, 2028.
- Allows employers to prevent stacking of certain employment protection rights by extending employment protection in PFML to periods of unpaid leave protected by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, so long as the employer provides certain notices to the employee, and providing that employment protection expires after certain periods.
- Expands health care coverage protection during paid family or medical leave if the employee is entitled to employment protection.
- Extends access to grants for small employers to offset the certain costs of employees' use of leave in PFML and outreach regarding PFML responsibilities, benefits, and grants.
- Requires the Office of Actuarial Services to submit a report to the Legislature if the Office projects a deficit in the PFML account that will not be recovered in the next quarter.

**HB 1275****ESTABLISHING DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY TO ENSURE  
PAYMENT IS RECEIVED FROM THE SELF-INSURED  
EMPLOYER AFTER A SELF-INSURED GROUP OR  
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYER HAS THEIR SELF-INSURER  
CERTIFICATION WITHDRAWN**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott*

*(SB 5381 Senator Conway)*

*C 57 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to fulfill the workers' compensation obligations of any decertified self-insurance group or decertified municipal employer.
- Requires a decertified self-insurance group or decertified municipal employer to reimburse L&I for any payments made on its behalf.

**SHB 1308****CONCERNING ACCESS TO PERSONNEL RECORDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*(SB 5345 Senator Saldaña)*

*C 273 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires a private employer to provide an employee or former employee with a copy of the employee's personnel file within 21 calendar days of a request, and a public employer to do so in accordance with the Public Records Act.
- Requires a private employer to provide to a former employee, upon written request, a statement of the employee's discharge date and reasons, if any, within 21 calendar days of the request.
- Allows a private cause of action by an employee or former employee against a private employer for violations of the requirements to provide a copy of a personnel file and a written discharge statement and provides specified statutory damages.

**ESHB 1332****CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras*

*C 229 L 25 Effective date 9/J/2025\**

- Requires a transportation network company (TNC) to make available to a driver a single aggregated, searchable, and downloadable record of all the driver's per trip receipts.
- Requires a TNC to make information available to drivers on which vehicles are available for each product class and provide notice of planned modification to requirements for an existing product class.
- Mandates a TNC to reinstate a vehicle to a product class for 12 months if the vehicle lost eligibility for the class during a certain period, except in specified situations.

**HB 1341****CONCERNING THE MEDICAL CANNABIS AUTHORIZATION  
DATABASE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie*

*(SB 5700 Senator King)*

*C 59 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the Liquor and Cannabis Board to use an existing medical cannabis authorization database to verify if patients were properly exempted from paying a 37 percent excise tax on medical cannabis.

**2SHB 1515**                      **MODERNIZING THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOL SERVICE  
IN PUBLIC SPACES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*C 361 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows certain businesses in locations approved by the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) to, until December 31, 2027, expand their outdoor alcohol service by, among other things, enclosing an outdoor area with movable barriers or sharing use of an outdoor area with another business.
- Allows certain businesses in a city with a population of more than 220,000 to, until December 31, 2027, expand indoor and outdoor alcohol service in public spaces during events on a publicly owned civic campus, including a multiday event in June or July of 2026.
- Requires a publicly owned civic campus that implements expanded alcohol service to submit a report to the Legislature and LCB, and a city or county that implements expanded alcohol service to conduct a public engagement review.

**2SHB 1524**                      **CONCERNING WORKPLACE STANDARDS AND  
REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYERS OF  
ISOLATED EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras*

*C 47 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026\**

- Adds enforcement provisions to existing statutes related to isolated employees by authorizing the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate violations and assess penalties for willful violations.
- Modifies definitions and terminology in the existing statutes related to isolated employees.

**ESHB 1533**                      **ALLOWING A SPECIALTY ELECTRICIAN TO CONTINUE  
WORKING UNDER A VALID SPECIALTY CERTIFICATE OF  
COMPETENCY WHILE ENROLLED IN A JOURNEY LEVEL  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt*

*C 240 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Allows an employer operating a Journey Level Electrical Apprenticeship Program to use an apprentice to perform specialty electrical work outside the program without having to change the apprentice's status in the program.

**EHB 1602 ADDRESSING FOOD SERVICE OPTIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 141 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows breweries to hire a food service business to satisfy the food service requirements of certain liquor licenses.
- Allows breweries to lease their kitchen area to a mobile or independent food service business that sells food and nonalcoholic beverages and does not hold a liquor license.

**HB 1636 ELIMINATING THE PER TRANSACTION LIMIT FOR WINE AND SPIRIT SALES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Volz*

*(SB 5371 Senator MacEwen)*

*C 95 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes a restriction that banned certain businesses from selling more than 24 liters of alcohol in one transaction to other businesses that allow customers to consume alcohol on their premises.

**ESHB 1644 CONCERNING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF WORKING MINORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse*

*(SB 5756 Senator Stanford)*

*C 173 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2026*

- Establishes minimum penalties for violations of restrictions governing the employment of minors.
- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to conduct a safety and health consultation at a worksite before granting a student-learner variance allowing a minor to perform work typically prohibited based on the minor's age.
- Requires L&I to revoke an employer's minor work permit for certain violations of the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act or laws pertaining to the employment of minors.
- Modifies the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects to exclude bidders subject to a minor work permit revocation.

**HB 1698 UPDATING LIQUOR PERMIT AND LICENSING PROVISIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*

*C 167 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires workers to obtain an alcohol server permit if they sell or serve alcohol on the premises of a business, rather than requiring this only if the business holds a specific liquor license.
- Eliminates the special liquor permit for military facilities and the public house liquor license.

**HB 1722**                      **REVIEWING STATE RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER STATE-APPROVED CAREER PATHWAYS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors*

*C 98 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows students who are 16 years old to begin emergency medical technician training.
- Requires the state Fire Marshal's Office to examine their policies for students who are participating in fire services training, including age restrictions, to increase professional and volunteer opportunities in the fire service.
- Prohibits the Department of Labor and Industries from banning minors that hold a certain license or certification from working in occupations with high risk of exposure to bloodborne and other infectious diseases.

**EHB 1747**                      **EXPANDING PROTECTIONS FOR APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYEES UNDER THE WASHINGTON FAIR CHANCE ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self*

*C 71 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the circumstances under which an employer is prohibited from obtaining information about an applicant's criminal history record under the Washington Fair Chance Act.
- Limits an employer's ability to pursue a tangible adverse employment action against an applicant or employee based on criminal history information.
- Changes enforcement procedures and monetary penalties under the Washington Fair Chance Act.

**2SHB 1788**                      **CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards*

*(SB 5548 Senator Shewmake)*

*C 168 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2025\**

- Modifies the percentages of wages an injured worker may receive for workers' compensation benefits, standardizing payments between married and unmarried injured workers.

**SHB 1821**                      **EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "INTERESTED PARTY" FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREVAILING WAGE LAWS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes*

*C 99 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to provide a copy of an employer's payroll records to certain interested parties, including joint labor management committees, for the purpose of filing wage complaints in public works projects.

**EHB 1874**                      **REQUIRING TRAINING FOR COSMETOLOGISTS, BARBERS, ESTHETICIANS, AND HAIR DESIGNERS ON THE CARE, STYLING, AND TREATMENT OF TEXTURED HAIR**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Morgan*

*C 194 L 25    Effective date 3/1/2026*

- Adds training on the care, styling, and treatment of textured hair to the training program for cosmetologists, barbers, estheticians, and hair designers.

**ESHB 1875**                      **ALLOWING THE USE OF PAID SICK LEAVE TO PREPARE FOR OR PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin*

*C 170 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows employees and transportation network company drivers to use their paid sick leave or earned paid sick time for judicial or administrative immigration proceedings under certain circumstances.
- Requires employers and transportation network companies to accept documents or written statements from specified individuals for verification that an employee or driver is using paid sick leave or earned paid sick time for an immigration proceeding.

**SHB 1879**                      **CONCERNING MEAL AND REST BREAKS FOR HOSPITAL WORKERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thomas*

*C 101 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026\**

- Allows a hospital employer and employee to agree to waive a meal or rest period, and the timing of those periods, subject to certain conditions.

**SSB 5040**                      **EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY A CITY, TOWN, COUNTY, OR GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPAL AIRPORT OPERATING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14.08 RCW**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 1045 Representative Bronoske)*

*C 113 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the right to interest arbitration for law enforcement officers by removing existing population thresholds for cities, towns, and counties.
- Adds law enforcement officers employed by the governing body of a municipal airport to the definition of uniformed personnel, granting them the right to interest arbitration.

**ESSB 5041****CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS  
FOR STRIKING OR LOCKOUT WORKERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*C 352 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Allows an individual unemployed due to a labor strike to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits following a specified disqualification period and the waiting week, provided that the labor strike is not found to be prohibited by federal or state law in a final judgment.
- Limits the number of weeks a striking worker may receive UI benefits to six weeks.
- Requires the Employment Security Department (ESD) to recover benefits paid if, in a final judgment, the strike is found to be prohibited by state or federal laws, or if retroactive wages are paid for weeks benefits were paid.
- Removes the provision disqualifying an individual for UI benefits based on an employer-initiated lockout resulting from a strike against another employer in a multi-employer bargaining unit.
- Provides a ten-year sunset for the changes to the disqualification for striking and locked out workers.
- Requires the ESD to provide an annual report to the Legislature regarding the prevalence of strikes and the impact on the UI Trust Fund.

**SSB 5101****EXPANDING ACCESS TO LEAVE AND SAFETY  
ACCOMMODATIONS TO INCLUDE WORKERS WHO ARE  
VICTIMS OF HATE CRIMES OR BIAS INCIDENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*C 375 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Expands access to certain leave and safety accommodations to workers who are victims of hate crimes, including hate crimes that are committed online.

**SSB 5104****PROTECTING EMPLOYEES FROM COERCION IN THE  
WORKPLACE BASED ON IMMIGRATION STATUS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*C 236 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate a claim that an employee has been coerced by an employer based on their, or their family member's, immigration status.
- Imposes a civil penalty on an employer that is found to have coerced an employee in order to violate other labor laws, such as withholding wage payments.

**SSB 5191**                      **CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE  
PREMIUM COLLECTION FOR DOCKWORKERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*(HB 1619 Representative Parshley)*

*C 178 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides that representatives for employers of dockworkers who normally work for several employers in the same industry interchangeably through a collectively bargained agreement constitute an employer for the purposes of the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

**ESB 5206**                      **CONCERNING CANNABIS RETAILER ADVERTISING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen*

*C 378 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Modifies restrictions and requirements for advertising signs for licensed cannabis retailers.
- Allows up to four advertising signs and two trade name signs.
- Places the regulation of trade name sign size for licensed cannabis retailers under the authority of local jurisdictions.

**E2SSB 5217**                      **EXPANDING PREGNANCY-RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles*

*C 379 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2027*

- Requires employees to be paid for break and travel time to express breast milk during work for two years after a child's birth, in addition to receiving regular meal and rest breaks.
- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate and fine employers who fail to provide pregnancy-related accommodations, rather than the Office of the Attorney General.
- Requires a court to grant a request for a delay or excusal from jury service if a person is breastfeeding or expressing breast milk for an infant under 24 months old.

**SSB 5265**                      **EXPANDING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL  
INSPECTORS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OUT-OF-STATE  
EXPERIENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*C 132 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the minimum requirements for electrical inspectors to allow for experience from other states that have a reciprocity agreement with Washington.



**ESSB 5291****IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TRUST COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*(HB 1415 Representative Macri)*

*C 380 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026\**

- Prohibits out-of-state participants from withdrawing from the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program.
- Makes the exemption from the Program automatic for active-duty military service members with off-duty civilian work and employees holding a non-immigrant visa for temporary work.
- Allows an exempt employee who previously attested to having long-term care insurance to rescind the exemption prior to July 1, 2028.
- Allows for a limited pilot program in 2026, to assess the Program's processes and system capacities.
- Creates standards and requirements for supplemental long-term care insurance policies designed for coverage after Program benefits are exhausted.

**ESSB 5403****LIMITING FINANCIAL INTEREST AGREEMENTS FOR LICENSED CANNABIS RETAILERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*

*C 250 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Bans a licensed cannabis business and all other persons with a financial interest in the business from entering into certain agreements that give them a financial interest in more than five cannabis licenses.
- Applies this ban retroactively to agreements made before January 1, 2026.

**SSB 5408****ALLOWING FOR CORRECTIONS TO WAGE AND SALARY DISCLOSURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*(HB 1831 Representative Springer)*

*C 383 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires an employer to disclose a fixed wage amount rather than a scale or range if the employer is offering only a fixed wage amount for a job opening.
- Provides an administrative enforcement mechanism and private right of action with statutory damages and civil penalties.
- Allows an employer to be afforded an opportunity to correct a violation before a job applicant may seek administrative remedies or file a private right of action for any postings from the effective date of the bill through July 27, 2027.

**SB 5435**                      **REORGANIZING AND ADDING SUBCHAPTER HEADINGS TO  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
STATUTES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Ramos*

*C 290 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Reorganizes and adds subchapter headings to the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act.

**ESSB 5459**                      **CONCERNING CALL CENTER RETENTION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*C 114 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires an employer that intends to relocate a call center to a foreign country to notify the Employment Security Department (ESD) at least 120 days before the relocation, unless the employer is a state agency and the call center's primary activity is providing language interpretation services.
- Imposes a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day on an employer that violates this requirement.
- Requires ESD to create a semiannual list of all employers that intend to relocate a call center.
- Prohibits an employer that appears on the list from being eligible for any grants or loans awarded by a state agency for five years.

**SB 5463**                      **CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE  
SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS AND THIRD-PARTY  
ADMINISTRATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado*

*(HB 1059 Representative Alvarado)*

*C 338 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Applies the duty of good faith and fair dealing to all workers' compensation self-insured employers and third-party administrators, rather than only self-insured municipal employers, self-insured private sector firefighter employers, and their third-party administrators.
- Modifies the circumstances when the Department of Labor and Industries may withdraw a self-insurer's certification if the self-insurer has been found to have violated the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

**SB 5473**                      **CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL  
GRIEVANCE ARBITRATION PROCEDURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*C 188 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires, for the purposes of disciplinary grievance arbitration for law enforcement officers, a request for grievance arbitration to be in accordance with the procedures established in the collective bargaining agreement.
- Removes the prohibition on expiring the terms of more than three arbitrators on the law enforcement grievance arbitration roster in the same year.

**SSB 5501**                      **CONCERNING EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*C 115 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits an employer from requiring a driver's license as a condition of employment or stating in a job posting that an applicant must have a valid driver's license.

**SSB 5503**                      **CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING PROCESSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*C 387 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Changes Public Employment Relations Commission procedures related to representation petitions, hearings, selection of arbitrators, and the merging of bargaining units.
- Prohibits public employers from requiring a worker to waive any federal or state statutory right to make a claim as a condition of settling a grievance under a collective bargaining agreement.

**ESSB 5525**                      **CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT LOSS DUE TO BUSINESSES  
CLOSING OR MASS LAYOFFS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland*

*C 277 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires, with some exceptions, employers with 50 or more employees to provide 60 days' notice to their employees prior to a business closing or mass layoff.

**SSB 5528**                      **CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF TRANSPORTATION  
ELECTRIFICATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 233 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Requires the installation of electric vehicle supply equipment on all public works be performed by persons certified by the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program or a similar nationally recognized program with specified exceptions.

**SB 5653**                      **CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY FISH AND  
WILDLIFE OFFICERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Chapman*

*C 322 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds lieutenants and captains to the list of Department of Fish and Wildlife officers that are eligible for interest arbitration under the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Act.

**2SSB 5786**                      **INCREASING LICENSE, PERMIT, AND ENDORSEMENT FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 2035 Representative Lekanoff)*

*C 343 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases fees for certain liquor licenses that allow a business to manufacture, sell, or serve alcoholic beverages.

## LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### **HB 1007**                      **CONCERNING REQUISITES OF NOTICE IN SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low*

*(SB 5132 Senator Wagoner)*

*C 34 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires notice of claim documents for small claims lawsuits to state that failure to appear may, rather than will, result in default judgment against the defendant.

### **EHB 1014**                      **IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2023 CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE WORK GROUP**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt*

*C 272 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Extends the child support economic table to include monthly income levels up to \$50,000 and raises the floor on monthly income levels to \$2,200.
- Adds more state mandated income deductions that are included in calculating income for child support.
- Increases the minimum income level that restricts amounts of child support payments.
- Allows for temporary reduction of child support payments when a parent is in court-ordered behavioral health treatment.

### **HB 1046**                      **PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE BY PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ARISING FROM THE RESCUE OF VULNERABLE PERSONS OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 183 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Grants immunity to civil liability for damage to motor vehicles for people rescuing vulnerable persons or domestic animals if certain requirements are met.

### **EHB 1052**                      **CLARIFYING A HATE CRIME OFFENSE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*

*C 249 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the conduct that constitutes a hate crime offense to include when a person commits a specified act in whole or in part because of the person's perception of another person's certain characteristics.

**HB 1112**                      **REMOVING THE CITY RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR JUDGES PRO TEMPORE IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 400,000 INHABITANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar*

*C 36 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the city residency requirement for judges pro tempore in municipal courts in cities with a population greater than 400,000 inhabitants.

**SHB 1133**                      **CONCERNING SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 48 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes county prosecuting attorneys and the attorney general to use the inquiry judge procedures and civil investigative demands to obtain records and other specified documentary material relevant to determining whether to seek a person's civil commitment as a sexually violent predator.
- Prohibits a person from earning supervision compliance credit on any cause served concurrently with a less restrictive alternative subject to supervision by the Department of Corrections.

**ESHB 1149**                      **PREVENTING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hackney*

*(SB 5376 Senator Chapman)*

*C 220 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the crimes of animal cruelty and animal fighting.
- Modifies enforcement and penalties for violations of animal cruelty laws.

**E2SHB 1163**                      **ENHANCING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, TRANSFER, AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry*

*(SB 5140 Senator Liias)*

*C 370 L 25    Effective date 5/1/2027\**

- Requires a permit to purchase a firearm and establishes requirements for the application, issuance, and revocation of such permits.
- Specifies requirements and standards for firearm safety training programs and the issuance of concealed pistol licenses.
- Specifies circumstances when a firearm transfer may be delayed.
- Requires recordkeeping for all firearm transfers.
- Establishes reporting requirements related to permits to purchase firearms and concealed pistol licenses.

**E2SHB 1174                      CONCERNING COURT INTERPRETERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*  
*C 55 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Revises provisions related to court interpreters.
- Removes certain statutory subsections related to appointment of interpreters for hearing-impaired persons that were previously found unconstitutional by state courts.

**SHB 1205                      PROHIBITING THE KNOWING DISTRIBUTION OF A FORGED  
DIGITAL LIKENESS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*  
*C 51 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the conduct that constitutes the crime of second-degree criminal impersonation to include the knowing distribution of a forged digital likeness.

**HB 1215                      REMOVING REFERENCES TO PREGNANCY FROM THE  
MODEL DIRECTIVE FORM UNDER THE NATURAL DEATH  
ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor* *(SB 5096 Senator Dhingra)*  
*C 56 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes a pregnancy provision from the model form for an advance health care directive.

**EHB 1219                      CONCERNING THE INTERBRANCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*  
*C 398 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the number of members on the Interbranch Advisory Committee from the judicial branch from eight to nine.
- Extends the sunset date to January 1, 2031.
- Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide staff support for the committee.

**SHB 1244                      CONCERNING TRAINING AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVER  
LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR THE ACCUMULATION OF  
CERTAIN TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Wylie* *(SB 5198 Senator Valdez)*  
*C 175 L 25    Effective date 4/1/2026*

- Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to terminate a 60-day driver's license suspension early for three or more moving violations in a one-year period, or four or more violations in a two-year period, when a person completes a safe driving course approved by DOL.

**SHB 1281**                      **MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND REMOVING  
OBSOLETE LANGUAGE FROM THE REVISED CODE OF  
WASHINGTON PURSUANT TO RCW 1.08.025**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 58 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Makes technical corrections to many provisions of the Revised Code of Washington.

**2SHB 1359**                      **REVIEWING LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL INSANITY AND  
COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*

*C 358 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes a task force to review laws related to criminal insanity and competency to stand trial, and to recommend specific law changes.
- Recodifies sections of law relating to forensic mental health under topical subject headings.

**HB 1361**                      **UPDATING PROCESS SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill*

*C 40 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Revises procedures and terms for service of process on corporate entities to align with the Uniform Business Organizations Code.
- Revises service of process requirements for claims against nonresident motorists by reformatting the governing section and modifying provisions that authorize substitute service on the secretary of state.

**E2SHB 1440**                      **CONCERNING SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE PROCEDURES  
AND REPORTING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*

*C 306 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Establishes a new chapter governing civil asset forfeiture under laws relating to specified criminal activity and establishes standard procedures and requirements for seizure and forfeiture proceedings.
- Amends civil asset forfeiture provisions under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to conform to requirements under the new civil asset forfeiture chapter.
- Applies the Service Members' Civil Relief Act to civil asset forfeiture proceedings.



**HB 1457**                      **REQUIRING ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF SEXUALLY  
VIOLENT PREDATORS GRANTED CONDITIONAL RELEASE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey*

*C 33 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the court to impose electronic monitoring that, to the extent feasible, has specified tracking and notification capabilities prior to authorizing a person's conditional release to a less restrictive alternative.

**SHB 1460**                      **CONCERNING PROTECTION ORDER HOPE CARDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Griffey*

*C 222 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires that Hope Cards be in a scannable electronic format when the card issuer has the means and information available.
- Changes the information that is required to be included in Hope Cards.
- Prohibits charging fees for issuance of Hope Cards.
- Changes when and where Hope Cards may be obtained.

**HB 1484**                      **CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL SENTENCES FOR OFFENSES  
WHICH RESULT IN THE PREGNANCY OF A VICTIM OF RAPE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin*

*(SB 5366 Senator Dhingra)*

*C 90 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the statutory list of aggravating circumstances that may support imposition of an exceptional sentence above the standard range to include offenses that result in the pregnancy of a victim of rape, regardless of the victim's age.

**ESHB 1620**                      **CONCERNING LIMITATIONS IN PARENTING PLANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*(SB 5575 Senator Dhingra)*

*C 166 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Changes provisions regarding parenting plan limitations that a court may order.
- Changes guidelines for judges on ordering decision-making authority between parents or guardians.
- Amends provisions on dispute resolution in child custody cases.
- Adds new provisions for limitations in parenting plans involving a parent or someone they reside with who has committed a sex offense against a child.

**HB 1731**                      **REGARDING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY A MUSEUM  
OR HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Waters*  
*C 242 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Changes notification methods for museums and historical societies to notify owners of loaned or abandoned property.
- Creates procedures to establish ownership of property with unknown or undocumented ownership.

**SHB 1733**                      **INCREASING THE REIMBURSEMENT CAP FOR MOVING  
AND RELOCATION EXPENSES INCURRED BY PERSONS  
AFFECTED BY AGENCY DISPLACEMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thomas*  
*C 297 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the statutory cap on relocation assistance payments for expenses necessary to reestablish a displaced farm, small business, or nonprofit organization.
- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation to annually increase the cap by two percent beginning on August 1, 2025.

**ESHB 1829**                      **CONCERNING TRIBAL WARRANTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff*                      *(SB 5585 Senator Dhingra)*  
*C 259 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes multiple modifications to procedures for certified and noncertified tribes under the Tribal Warrants Act.

**ESHB 2015**                      **IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING BY PROVIDING  
RESOURCES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE AND  
LOCAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES, AND AUTHORIZING  
A LOCAL OPTION TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Entenman*  
*C 350 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates a Law Enforcement Grant Program administered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission, to provide direct support in hiring, retaining, and training law enforcement officers, peer counselors, and behavioral health personnel working in co-response to increase community policing and public safety.
- Creates the Supplemental Criminal Justice Account.
- Authorizes a new local 0.1 percent sales and use tax for criminal justice purposes.

**SB 5006**                      **MAKING UPDATES TO WASHINGTON'S CORPORATION ACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen*

*C 4 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the composition, powers, and limitations of corporate and nonprofit board committees.
- Clarifies issuance of shares procedures, rights of former holders of shares exchanged in share exchanges, dissenters' rights during a conversion of a corporation, and voting thresholds in corporate dissolutions.

**SB 5021**                      **CONCERNING RETENTION OF COURT EXHIBITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner*

*C 107 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Reduces the six-year retention period for court exhibits to five years.

**SB 5037**                      **ENACTING THE UNIFORM CUSTODIAL TRUST ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Holy*

*C 111 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Enacts the Uniform Custodial Trust Act which enables a person to create a custodial trust by a property transfer or short writing.
- Gives the beneficiary of a custodial trust powers to direct a custodial trustee in managing trust assets and to terminate the custodial trust.
- Allows several categories of persons who are interested in a custodial trust, or in the beneficiary, to petition the court for relief should an issue arise in trust management.

**ESB 5065**                      **PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS.**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 116 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes the use of certain, nondomestic animal species in traveling animal acts a gross misdemeanor crime.

**SSB 5093**                      **CONCERNING DIGNITY IN PREGNANCY LOSS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*(HB 1333 Representative Taylor)*

*C 374 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Removes the jurisdiction of county coroners and medical examiners over certain bodies whose death resulted from known or suspected abortion, premature births, or stillbirths.
- Requires correctional institutions and private detention facilities to report on the aggregate number of confined and incarcerated people who experience miscarriage, stillbirth, or perinatal loss.
- Repeals the crime of concealing birth.

**SB 5122**                      **ENACTING THE UNIFORM ANTITRUST PREMERGER NOTIFICATION ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*C 7 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates a process for the attorney general to receive federal pre-merger notification forms and additional documentary material.

**ESSB 5142**                      **PROVIDING OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE TAKEN THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR SOLD UNDER THREAT OF EMINENT DOMAIN, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE REAL ESTATE BACK WHEN IT IS NOT PUT TO INTENDED PUBLIC USE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*C 224 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires school districts that acquire real estate through a condemnation action, or threat of a condemnation action, to offer the previous owner an opportunity to purchase it back before selling, transferring, or putting it to any other use.

**ESSB 5202**                      **ENSURING THE EFFICACY OF JUDICIAL ORDERS AS HARM REDUCTION TOOLS THAT INCREASE THE SAFETY OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE AND SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ENFORCE THE LAW**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 122 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Makes changes to civil protection orders.
- Expands the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm.

**SB 5209****EXPLICITLY LISTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES IN THE DEFINITION OF LIMITED AUTHORITY WASHINGTON LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHILE NOT GRANTING NEW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*C 28 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds the Department of Labor and Industries to the statutory list of limited liability law enforcement agencies.

**SB 5224****CONCERNING OFFICER CERTIFICATION DEFINITIONS, PROCESSES, AND COMMISSIONING**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*

*(HB 1400 Representative Goodman)*

*C 349 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Specifies that certified peace officers and certified corrections officers must undergo background checks when moving to new agencies and positions within Washington.
- Removes a requirement for an administrative law judge to issue a proposed recommendation to the five-member panel in a certification revocation hearing for a certified peace officer or corrections officer.
- Makes technical language changes.

**SSB 5323****CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR THEFT AND POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY FROM FIRST RESPONDERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*C 286 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes stealing or possessing stolen property that is used in firefighting or emergency medical service a first-degree felony when stolen from a fire station, fire department vehicle, emergency medical service building or emergency medical service vehicle and the loss of that property significantly hinders or delays an emergency response or the property exceeds \$1,000 in value.

**2SSB 5356****CONCERNING TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*C 125 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2026*

- Expands sexual assault and gender-based violence investigative training to include persons responsible for regularly investigating prohibited conduct under Title IX at institutions of higher education.
- Clarifies that peace officers working on patrol must also complete training related to interacting with victims and responding to calls involving sexual violence.

**ESSB 5480****PROTECTING CONSUMERS BY REMOVING BARRIERS  
CREATED BY MEDICAL DEBT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*(HB 1632 Representative Timmons)*

*C 145 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Declares a medical debt void and unenforceable if it is reported to a consumer credit reporting agency or credit bureau.
- Prohibits specific entities from reporting medical debts to a consumer credit reporting agency or credit bureau, on pain of committing a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.

**ESSB 5486****CONCERNING OPEN MOTION PICTURE CAPTIONING IN  
MOTION PICTURE THEATERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall*

*C 355 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Requires movie theaters to provide captioning for movie screenings.

**SB 5632****PROTECTING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS AND  
INFORMATION THAT MAY BE RELEVANT TO ANOTHER  
STATE'S ENFORCEMENT OF ITS LAWS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hansen*

*C 248 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Defines assistance as that term relates to the provision or receipt of protected health care services.
- Prohibits agents of state or local agencies, commissions, boards, or departments from cooperating with or providing information to other entities for the purpose of enforcing another state's law or an investigation related to another state's law that asserts criminal or civil liability related to the provision or receipt of protected health care services.
- Requires Washington businesses that provide electronic communication services to notify the Attorney General's Office if the entity receives legal process related to the provision or receipt of protected health care services when the required attestation is missing or contains an incomplete.

**E2SSB 5651                      CONCERNING EXEMPTIONS FROM GARNISHMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado*

*C 391 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Increases the amount of personal property in financial accounts and securities that is automatically protected from execution, attachment, and garnishment in nonbankruptcy proceedings for consumer debt.
- Requires regular adjustments of exempt personal property amounts according to the consumer price index.
- Makes automatic protections in nonbankruptcy proceedings permanent.
- Exempts alimony and spousal support moneys paid or owed to the debtor from execution, attachment, and garnishment.

**SSB 5714                      DECLARING CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AS  
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF BAIL BOND RECOVERY  
AGENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*C 237 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes changes to unprofessional conduct of bail bond agents and bail bond recovery agents.

**E2SSB 5745                      CONCERNING LEGAL REPRESENTATION UNDER THE  
INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra*

*C 226 L 25    Effective date 5/12/2025\**

- Clarifies and makes changes to the process for appointed counsel under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA).
- Allows the Office of Public Defense to provide appointed counsel under the ITA for individuals detained at a state facility.
- Standardizes terms and definitions.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

### **2SHB 1024**                      **CONCERNING THE LEASING AUTHORITY OF THE STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AT ST. EDWARD STATE PARK**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Kloba*

*(SB 5300 Senator Stanford)*

*C 14 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the maximum lease term for Saint Edward State Park property from 62 years to 80 years.

### **HB 1039**                      **CONCERNING EXTENDING GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES FROM CITIES TO TRIBAL LANDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*(SB 5301 Senator Braun)*

*C 258 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows a federally recognized Indian tribe and a city to agree, by December 31, 2028, to extend urban governmental services beyond the city and urban growth areas to tribal property.

### **HB 1054**                      **CONCERNING COUNTY FERRY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CONTRACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 35 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides that, for counties with purchasing departments, a unit priced contract for the maintenance or repair of a county ferry vessel or county ferry district vessel may be for a term of up to ten years.

### **ESHB 1135**                      **ENSURING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING COMPLIES WITH THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*

*C 17 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes that the Growth Management Hearings Board may not issue a finding of compliance unless the county or city has amended the portion of the plan or regulations that were found noncompliant, and the amendments addressing the noncompliance order are compliant with the requirements of the Growth Management Act.



**HB 1172**                      **CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt*  
*C 38 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5172 Senator Christian)*

- Allows a fire protection district to dissolve its civil service system if the board of commissioners adopts a resolution and a majority of the civil service employees vote to dissolve civil service.

**2SHB 1183**                      **CONCERNING BUILDING CODE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION REFORM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*  
*C 139 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities and counties planning under the Growth Management Act to modify setback, height limit, and gross floor area requirements for retrofits of existing buildings to be used for residential housing and new construction or retrofit of existing buildings meeting passive house requirements.
- Allows planning cities and counties to permit a building to exceed any maximum allowable roof height limit by at least 48 inches to accommodate a roof-mounted solar panel.
- Provides that planning cities and counties may not require off-street parking, façade modulation, or upper-level setbacks as a condition of permitting certain residential projects.
- Establishes that planning cities and counties may not require affordable housing to exceed specified size requirements.

**ESHB 1201**                      **IDENTIFYING ACCOMMODATIONS ALLOWING PETS IN AN EMERGENCY OR EXTREME WEATHER EVENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*  
*C 80 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities, towns, and counties to address the cosheltering of companion animals in local comprehensive emergency management plan updates and to identify certain emergency shelters.
- Requires cities, towns, and counties to provide certain companion animal emergency preparedness information on their websites.

**HB 1304**                      **CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FILING OF A  
NOTICE OF INTENTION WITH A BOUNDARY REVIEW  
BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy*

*C 39 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Specifies that a boundary review board has 45 days from the effective filing date of a notice of intention regarding a local government's proposed action to determine whether a proposed action will be reviewed.
- Establishes that the effective filing date is the earlier of the date the notice of intention is sufficient, or the date the notice of intention is deemed sufficient based on certain time periods.

**ESHB 1562**                      **INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF BABY DIAPER CHANGING  
STATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hunt*

*C 274 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires any newly constructed building required to have a public restroom, or any existing building permitted for a remodel or renovation of a public restroom with an estimated cost of \$15,000 or more, to provide baby diaper changing stations and applicable signage in both a restroom accessible to women and a restroom accessible to men, or in a gender-neutral restroom.
- Specifies penalties for violations and provides exemptions from the requirement.

**SHB 1576**                      **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC  
LANDMARKS BY CITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*

*C 241 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits a city or code city from designating a property as a historic landmark if the property that would be designated as a historic landmark is less than 40 years old, or the designation would restrict the use of the property and written consent of the owner of the property has not been obtained.
- Provides that these limitations do not apply if the property to be designated as a historic landmark is documented to be more than 125 years old or within an established historic district.
- Exempts a city's actions to comply with these restrictions from review under the State Environmental Policy Act.

**ESHB 1688                      CONCERNING ELECTRIC SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Parshley*  
*C 67 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires local governments without regulations related to electric security alarm systems to allow such systems, subject to specified conditions and requirements.
- Authorizes local governments to continue to regulate or prohibit electric security alarm systems, subject to certain requirements and an exception for prior installed systems.

**SHB 1935                      CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF PROJECT PERMIT AND PROJECT PERMIT APPLICATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr*  
*C 102 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends the definition of project permit to exclude building permits for the purposes of local government project permit procedures.

**ESHB 1946                      CLARIFYING TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ON LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill*  
*C 260 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies how tribal representatives are selected for local boards of health and health district boards.
- Requires a tribal representative from each tribe and each Urban Indian Organization within the county be allowed on a local board of health or health district board.
- Requires the tribal representative to be selected by the tribe or organization.

**SB 5138                      CONCERNING PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña*  
*C 376 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires a county in which a convention center is located to use convention center lodging tax on short-term rental revenues collected by the public facilities district for community-initiated equitable development and affordable housing, rather than only affordable housing.

**SSB 5221                      SIMPLIFYING PROCESSES AND TIMELINES RELATED TO  
PERSONAL PROPERTY DISTRAINT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman*

*C 130 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows a county treasurer to waive personal property taxes if the cost for the county to collect and distraint the property is more than the tax due.
- Establishes a process for an owner of property in a notice of distraint to apply for a refund of the excess distraint sale proceeds.
- Allows a person to have a new certificate of title created if certain property is purchased in a county's foreclosure or distraint sale where no title can be found.

**SB 5288                      CONCERNING VACANCIES ON BOARDS OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler*

*C 133 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Repeals statutory provisions related to vacancies on a board of county commissioners.

**SB 5315                      STANDARDIZING NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS RELATING  
TO LOCAL TAX RATE CHANGES AND SHARED TAXES  
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*(HB 1126 Representative Walen)*

*C 245 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires local governments to notify the Department of Revenue of a change in local sales and use tax rates in writing and include additional information as needed.

**SSB 5365                      CONCERNING ALTERNATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*C 275 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends the definition of recreational facilities for park and recreation districts to include community centers which could include public libraries within less than 50 percent of the usable space.
- Requires a public library that is a part of a recreational facility be operated in accordance with the public library statutes.

## **SSB 5370                      LENGTHENING PORT COMMISSIONER TERMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*C 336 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows port districts with three port commissioners that are not countywide or are countywide in a county with fewer than 100,000 people, to increase the length of commissioner terms from four to six years through a ballot proposition.

## **ESSB 5390                      CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECREATION SITES OR LANDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 1914 Representative Doglio)*

*C 323 L 25    Partial Veto    Effective date 10/1/2025*

- Increases the cost of a Discover Pass from \$30 to \$45.
- Increases the threshold at which biennial Discover Pass and Day-Use Permit revenue is distributed evenly amongst the State Parks and Recreation Commission (State Parks), Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
- Makes changes to the Lifetime Disabled Veteran Pass.

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

- Removed the creation of a work group to review recreation and park funding structures for State Parks, WDFW, and DNR.

## **ESSB 5509                      CONCERNING THE SITING OF CHILD CARE CENTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado*

*(HB 1212 Representative Alvarado)*

*C 276 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities, towns, and code cities to allow childcare centers as outright permitted uses in all zones except industrial zones, light industrial zones, and open space.
- Establishes that cities, towns, and code cities are not limited from allowing childcare centers in other zones, including industrial zones or light industrial zones.
- Requires cities, towns, and code cities to provide for conditional use approval of an on-site childcare center in industrial or light industrial zones, except in or around high hazard facilities.

**SSB 5558****CONCERNING TIMELINES FOR GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION  
UPDATES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Goehner*

*C 148 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the next deadline for Benton, Chelan, Cowlitz, Douglas, Franklin, Kittitas, Skamania, Spokane, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties, and the cities within those counties, to review and revise their comprehensive plans from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2026.
- Requires counties and cities fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to update development regulations related to clear and objective design review and accessory dwelling units at the same time as their next periodic comprehensive plan update, rather than six months after the update.
- Requires certain cities fully planning under the GMA to authorize minimum development densities in residential zones and include specific provisions related to middle housing in their development regulations by the city's next periodic comprehensive plan update, rather than six months after the update.

**ESB 5559****STREAMLINING THE SUBDIVISION PROCESS INSIDE URBAN  
GROWTH AREAS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovelett*

*C 271 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires cities and towns fully planning under GMA to adopt or enact procedures for unit lot subdivisions by certain deadlines and sets specific requirements for the procedures.
- Establishes that, if cities or towns have not adopted or enacted procedures for unit lot subdivisions, they may not decline to process a unit lot subdivision application consistent with the procedural requirements.
- Provides that cities and towns are not prohibited from applying public health, safety, and other permitting requirements to a development project under a unit lot subdivision or required to authorize a development project or unit lot subdivision in a location where development is restricted under other laws, rules, or ordinance.

**SB 5571****REGULATING EXTERIOR CLADDING MATERIALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman*

*C 270 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Prohibits a city, code city, and county from requiring or excluding exterior cladding materials that are in compliance with the state building code, subject to exceptions.

**ESSB 5611                      STREAMLINING AND CLARIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS'  
LAND USE PERMITTING WORKLOADS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 208 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Establishes that for binding site plans, commercially zoned property includes property that is zoned to permit or conditionally permit any multifamily residential uses.
- Provides that a local government is not prohibited from extending project permit deadlines for any reasonable and certain period of time specified and mutually agreed upon in writing by the applicant and the local government.

**ESB 5662                      CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY  
CONNECTION CHARGES FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli*

*C 351 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the waiver of certain municipal utility connection charges without an explicit requirement to pay the exempted connection charges from general funds, grant dollars, or other identified revenue stream, in a county east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains with a population of greater than 500,000, if the waiver is conditioned upon requiring the developer to record a covenant that prohibits using the property for any purpose other than emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable housing.
- Requires the property owner to pay applicable connection charges in effect if the property is converted to a use other than emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, or affordable housing.

## STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

### **HB 1012**                      **AUTHORIZING THE WOMEN'S COMMISSION TO SOLICIT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND ENDOWMENTS FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor*

*C 174 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes the Washington State Women's Commission to solicit gifts, grants, and endowments from public and private sources for the benefit of the commission.

### **HB 1013**                      **CONCERNING EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES FROM CIVIL SERVICE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt*

*C 73 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Revises the positions within the Department of Social and Health Services that are exempt from the State Civil Service Law.

### **HB 1064**                      **ELIMINATING THE EXPIRATION OF THE INTERAGENCY, MULTIJURISDICTIONAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT TEAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Abbarno*

*(SB 5034 Senator Boehnke)*

*C 54 L 25    Effective date 6/30/2025\**

- Removes the expiration date of the interagency, multijurisdictional system improvement (SYNC) team.
- Requires the SYNC team to submit a biennial report to the Legislature.



**E2SHB 1102                      INCREASING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers*  
*C 294 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2028*

- Requires the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) to provide information to recently discharged veterans about veterans' benefits and services.
- Changes the definition of an eligible county under the Veterans Service Officer Program from a county with a population of 100,000 or less to a county where the percentage of the veteran population receiving federal disability or pension compensation is below the national average.
- Prioritizes counties with the lowest percentage of veterans receiving benefits for the program.
- Requires WDVA to provide reports every two years including county-specific information about the number of resident veterans and services available.

**HB 1222                      CONCERNING PUBLIC INSPECTION AND COPYING OF  
PROPRIETARY FINANCIAL AND SECURITY INFORMATION  
SUBMITTED TO OR OBTAINED BY THE GAMBLING  
COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Stearns* *(SB 5196 Senator Conway)*  
*C 81 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the public records disclosure exemption relating to gaming records submitted to or obtained by the Gambling Commission to include additional financial statements and transactions, information that describes certain internal operational systems or procedures of a gaming facility, certain gaming facility security information, and certain gaming equipment information.

**SHB 1321                      CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO LIMIT  
OUTSIDE MILITIA ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE STATE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena*  
*C 72 L 25    Effective date 4/21/2025\**

- Prohibits a military force from another state, territory, or district from entering Washington for the purpose of military duty unless under the authority of the President of the United States, or with permission from the Governor.

**HB 1372**                      **MODIFYING PROVISIONS ON JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AND REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt*

*(SB 5598 Senator Salomon)*

*C 198 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the Sunset Act to 2045.
- Requires the legislative auditor to develop and implement criteria to ensure resources and costs dedicated to program reviews are proportionate to the size and complexity of the program's budget.
- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to consider, when developing its biennial work plan, whether certain planned reviews would provide the Legislature with new or additional information.
- Removes a provision limiting JLARC's ability to review the Department of Natural Resource's sustainable harvest calculation if there is pending or ongoing litigation against the calculation.

**E2SHB 1549**                      **MODIFYING THE RESPONSIBLE BIDDER CRITERIA FOR  
PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse*

*(SB 5476 Senator Hasegawa)*

*C 63 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Requires bidders to submit an apprentice utilization plan to the awarding agency before receiving notice to proceed on public works projects subject to apprentice utilization requirements.
- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to develop an apprentice utilization template and publish certain information on its website.
- Provides that a contractor may bid on public works projects without receiving training on public works and prevailing wage if it has completed at least one public works project within the previous three years and has not received a citation for certain violations within that time.

**HB 1573**                      **REVISING THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE OATH OF OFFICE  
MUST BE TAKEN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES OF COUNTIES,  
CITIES, TOWNS, AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Parshley*

*C 307 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the period during which a person elected to certain local offices may take the oath of office between the date of the certification of the election and the day before the term of office begins.

**SHB 1606**                      **CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Engell*  
*C 64 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5152 Senator Warnick)*

- Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to conduct a study on providing state employees with electronic access to peer-reviewed journals.

**EHB 1628**                      **CREATING THE FIRE SERVICE POLICY BOARD**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*  
*C 193 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes the Washington State Fire Service Policy Board as an advisory board to the state fire marshal.

**HB 1631**                      **ESTABLISHING THE STATE MARINE FOREST**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Nance*  
*C 45 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Designates bull kelp forests as the state marine forest.

**HB 1633**                      **CONCERNING PRIME CONTRACTOR BIDDING  
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS  
CONTRACTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill*  
*C 308 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires certain subcontractors to be licensed at the time they are named by prime contract bidders on public works projects estimated to cost \$1 million or more.
- Removes a provision permitting prime contractors to substitute a listed subcontractor due to inability to obtain the necessary license.
- Removes an outdated statutory requirement for the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board to produce a report.

**HB 1934****CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION  
PERTAINING TO COMPLAINANTS, ACCUSERS, AND  
WITNESSES IN AN EMPLOYMENT INVESTIGATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Chase*

*C 283 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends the Public Records Act by requiring employee images, agency job titles, email addresses, and phone numbers be redacted in workplace investigations of discrimination or harassment, except that the names and titles of elected officials are not redacted if they are the complainants.
- Requires that alteration of employee voices on audio recorded during the investigation retains inflection and tone.

**SHB 1967****MODIFYING BONDING REQUIREMENTS IN THE DESIGN  
PORTION OF DESIGN-BUILD PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn*

*C 103 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Provides that, for public works design-build projects, a performance and payment bond is not required for the portion of the contract that includes design services.

**ESSB 5014****CONCERNING ELECTION SECURITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke*

*C 329 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires Secretary of State approval on equipment and platforms used in the conduct of elections prior to use.
- Sets forth security breach disclosure requirements for organizations contracted to provide support to, or manufacturers or distributors of the voter registration database system or official voter list, or both.
- Mandates cybersecurity measures to be implemented by each county auditor, including partitioning, by July 1, 2027, unless after consultation, the deadline is extended by the secretary of state for a county auditor to comply with partitioning requirements.

**SSB 5049****CONCERNING THE PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTIONS  
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.*

*C 110 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the quarterly meeting requirement of the Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee to require four meetings annually.

**SB 5077**                                      **CONCERNING EXPANSION OF VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez*

*C 330 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Governor to decide which additional local, state, federal, and tribal agencies may offer automatic voter registration.
- Allows the Health Benefit Exchange to provide an applicant's Healthplanfinder information to the Secretary of State to facilitate voter registration, contingent on federal approval.
- Clarifies the voter registration process if the Department of Corrections is designated to provide voter registration services.
- Authorizes the Secretary of State to employ online voter registration through agency and higher education websites.

**SB 5102**                                      **ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OF PUBLIC RISK POOLS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*C 176 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates an exemption in the Public Records Act for certain information used by public risk pools.

**SSB 5106**                                      **CELEBRATING EID AL-FITR AND EID AL-ADHA**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1434 Representative Salahuddin)*

*C 30 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as legislatively recognized days.

## **ESSB 5143                      CONCERNING THE ETHICS IN PUBLIC SERVICE ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*C 377 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Increases the gift threshold from \$50 to \$100 and excludes from the definition of gift the following: gift cards of \$25 or less given to legislative employees and unsolicited gifts from legislators to legislative staff.
- Allows the following information to be posted to an official legislative website or social media account: generally recognized days or months of note; achievements, honors or awards of extraordinary distinction relating to a constituent as long as the constituent has agreed to the posting; information about a legislator if the information posted has a direct and tangible relationship to a legislative proposal or policy introduced in the Legislature; and commemorations or celebrations of state historical events, holidays, or persons who are not current legislators.
- Provides that activities with a legislative nexus are not prohibited activities under the statute prohibiting the use of state facilities for the purpose of assisting a campaign, except the election year activity freeze-period still applies to a legislator's official legislative website.
- Provides that an official legislative website that is not the official legislative website of a legislator may not directly or indirectly reference a ballot measure or legislator running for elected office during the election year activity-freeze period.
- Removes the combined \$5,000 cap for penalties and costs, which allows penalties not to exceed \$5,000 and a separate order for the recovery of costs of the Legislative Ethics Board.

## **SSB 5245                      AUTHORIZING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO STATE LEGISLATORS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*C 186 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes the legislative authority of each county to administer oaths of office to state legislators.

## **SB 5414                      REQUIRING SOCIAL EQUITY IMPACT ANALYSIS IN PERFORMANCE AUDITS AND LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS THEREON**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*C 135 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires performance audits to include social equity impact analysis of programs or services.
- Extends the deadline for legislative bodies to hold public hearings on the findings of performance audits.

**SJM 8008**

**RESCINDING PRIOR APPLICATIONS FOR A  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE  
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED  
STATES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*(HJM 4005 Representative Fitzgibbon)*

*Filed with Secretary of State*

- Rescinds all previous requests to Congress for a Constitutional Convention under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### **SHB 1061 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PARKING FLEXIBILITY IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Low*

*C 137 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes cities and counties to allow residential property owners to park, or allow another to park, across the point of ingress or egress of the owner's driveway, subject to certain restrictions.

### **SHB 1264 CONCERNING THE SALARIES OF FERRY SYSTEM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*C 296 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Office of Financial Management to complete a salary survey for use in collective bargaining negotiations of specifically enumerated groups for comparison with select work groups at the Washington State Ferries.

### **SHB 1371 CONCERNING PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR VETERANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt*

*(SB 5410 Senator Braun)*

*C 295 L 25 Effective date 10/1/2025*

- Authorizes veterans who have a 70 percent disability rating or higher from either the United States Armed Forces or United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and who use a service animal as defined in federal law, to apply for special parking privileges for persons with disabilities.

### **SHB 1418 ADDING TWO VOTING MEMBERS THAT ARE TRANSIT USERS TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREAS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons*

*C 230 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Allows public transportation benefit areas to add two voting positions for transit users to their governing boards.
- Requires that of the new positions appointed, one must use transit as their primary transportation mode, and one must represent a community-based organization.
- Requires governing bodies to conduct meetings at times and places reasonably accessible by transit.



**ESHB 1439****MODIFYING MOTOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSING LAWS TO ALIGN WITH FEDERAL DEFINITIONS, MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AND STREAMLINING REQUIREMENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum*

*(SB 5218 Senator Nobles)*

*C 23 L 25 Effective date 10/1/2025\**

- Modifies the timeline and process for written notices to a vehicle or vessel owner when their vehicle record was requested by a private investigator or attorney.
- Aligns odometer disclosure requirements at time of transfer of ownership of a vehicle with federal change.
- Specifies that no court may mask or otherwise defer imposition of a violation that would prevent a Commercial Driver License and Commercial Learners Permit holder's conviction from appearing on the driving record.
- Repeals the authority to issue honorary consul and foreign organization special license plates based on a federal directive.
- Makes other various technical changes.

**HB 1511****CONCERNING WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES CAPTAINS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Parshley*

*(SB 5059 Senator Liias)*

*C 24 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Authorizes Washington State Ferries captains to vote to rejoin the Master, Mates, and Pilots as a combined bargaining unit.
- Instructs the Public Employees Relation Commission to certify the new combined unit for 2027-29 collective bargaining in the event of an affirmative vote.

**ESHB 1596****CONCERNING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PERSONS FOR SPEEDING**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt*

*C 228 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2029*

- Requires the use of an intelligent speed assistance device, as a condition to a temporary restricted or occupational driver's license under certain circumstances, during a probationary period following the lifting of a driver's license suspension for certain traffic-related offenses, or by order of a court, to limit the operation of a vehicle to no more than the speed limit, with certain exceptions.

**HB 1605**                      **CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PATROL  
LONGEVITY BONUS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*(SB 5527 Senator Ramos)*

*C 172 L 25    Effective date 4/25/2025\**

- Expands eligibility for the Washington State Patrol longevity program to include certain eligible commissioned employees who completed 26 or more years of service before July 1, 2024.

**SHB 1774**                      **MODIFYING ALLOWABLE TERMS FOR THE LEASE OF  
UNUSED HIGHWAY LAND**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*

*C 298 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the Washington State Department of Transportation to take into account social, environmental, or economic benefits of a property lease as part of the required adequate consideration for the lease when the lessee will use the property for community purposes.
- Defines community purposes as serving a housing, housing assistance, shelter program, park, enhanced public space, public recreation, salmon habitat restoration, or public transportation public benefit purpose.

**ESHB 1837**                      **ESTABLISHING INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL  
IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed*

*(SB 5667 Senator Valdez)*

*C 363 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Establishes 2035 targets for the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Amtrak Cascades service regarding improvements, connections, frequency, and reliability.
- Instructs WSDOT to prioritize targets as it conducts project development work.
- Requires WSDOT to annually report to the Legislature its progress toward attaining goals and provide detailed explanations for constraints, and whether they can be mitigated by the Legislature or another party.
- Instructs the Joint Transportation Committee to conduct an independent review of the Amtrak Cascades 2024 preliminary service development plan.

**ESHB 1878                      IMPROVING YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy*  
*C 299 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025\**

*(SB 5695 Senator Liias)*

- Implements mandatory driver training education for persons 18 to 19 years old beginning January 1, 2027, with an ongoing incremental mandate for the next oldest cohorts every January 1st through the age of 21.
- Requires new driver's license applicants under the age of 25, beginning May 1, 2026, and until January 1, 2031, to pass an online work zone and first responder safety course.
- Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to establish a program to expand education opportunities for driver training school instructors and a program to partner with tribal governments to provide young driver training education in tribal communities.
- Requires DOL to establish a program to provide vouchers to cover up to the average costs of driver training education courses for certain low-income drivers.

**ESHB 1902                      CONVENING A WORK GROUP REGARDING THE  
STREAMLINING OF PERMITTING FOR TRANSPORTATION  
PROJECTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards*  
*C 365 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Ecology, to convene a work group of state, local, and tribal representatives to develop recommendations to streamline the permitting of transportation projects.

**SHB 1958                      CONCERNING THE INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
TOLL BOND AUTHORITY**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey*  
*C 400 L 25   Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5734 Senator Liias)*

- Allows for the issuance of up to \$2.5 billion of bonds for the design, right-of-way, and construction of the Interstate 5 Bridge Replacement Project.
- Provides that bonds may be issued as either triple-backed—meaning backed by tolls first, then the gas tax and vehicle fees, then the full faith and credit of the state; or as toll-only backed—meaning backed only by toll revenues.

**HB 1970**                      **CONCERNING STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTING PROCEDURES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn*  
*C 231 L 25   Effective date 5/12/2025*

- Requires the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to develop a process for awarding contracts for highway projects using alternative public works contracting procedures, including progressive design-build (PDB) or any general contractor/construction manager (GC/CM) procedure.
- Authorizes WSDOT to use the PDB or GC/CM procedures for public works projects, but must first seek approval from the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board for its first three GC/CM projects.

**HJM 4002**                      **DESIGNATING THE BRIDGE THAT CARRIES INTERSTATE 90  
OVER THE COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR VANTAGE,  
WASHINGTON AS THE "MEDAL OF HONOR BRIDGE."**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*  
*Filed with Secretary of State*

- Requests the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to designate the bridge that carries Interstate 90 over the Columbia River near Vantage, Washington as the "Medal of Honor Bridge."

**SSB 5127**                      **CREATING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR  
COLLECTOR VEHICLE AND HORSELESS CARRIAGE  
LICENSE PLATES TO IMPROVE COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC  
SAFETY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick*    *(HB 1194 Representative Goodman)*  
*C 332 L 25   Effective date 1/15/2026*

- Requires collector vehicle owners to have a vehicle liability insurance policy or a collector vehicle insurance policy with the minimum liability coverage limits specified in law.
- Requires collector vehicle owners to have a second vehicle registered for daily use.
- Modifies the age requirement for horseless carriages.

**ESSB 5161**                      **ADDRESSING TRANSPORTATION FISCAL MATTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*    *(HB 1227 Representative Fey)*  
*C 416 L 25   Partial Veto   Effective date 5/20/2025\**

- Makes transportation appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium and supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed several items in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium and supplemental appropriations in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. Refer to the Governor's veto message for more information.

**ESSB 5281                      CHANGING THE VESSEL LENGTH REQUIREMENT IN  
OBTAINING NONRESIDENT VESSEL PERMITS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Chapman*

*C 244 L 25    Effective date 9/1/2025*

- Increases from 200 to 300 feet the allowable maximum length of certain nonresident vessels eligible for a nonresident vessel permit.
- Requires a fee for a nonresident vessel permit for commercially-owned vessels between 201 and 300 feet of \$100 per foot of vessel length, beginning May 1, 2026.

**SSB 5444                      CONCERNING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND  
PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes*

*(HB 1368 Representative Orcutt)*

*C 385 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Authorizes potentially up to 13 new special license plates.
- Establishes a moratorium on any additional special license plates, beyond the ones authorized in the legislation, until January 1, 2029.
- Requires the Department of Licensing to establish a work group to conduct a comprehensive review of current provisions associated with special license plates.

**SB 5462                      ADDRESSING THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF VEHICLE  
INSPECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*C 10 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2026*

- Exempts all-terrain vehicles, wheeled all-terrain vehicles, and utility-type vehicles from most VIN inspection requirements.

**SSB 5556                      MODERNIZING THE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM TO  
IMPROVE ITS ABILITY TO MEET ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSE  
WITHIN EXISTING FISCAL LIMITATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Ramos*

*C 291 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Makes the Washington State Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway Program and its authorization to recognize Adopt-a-Highway Program participants with signs contingent on availability of appropriations.
- Requires annual reporting to the Legislature and the Office of Financial Management with a list of Adopt-a-Highway Program applicants and participants and their compliance with Adopt-a-Highway Program obligations.

**ESB 5595**                      **ESTABLISHING SHARED STREETS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado*

*C 300 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows cities to designate shared streets where pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic share a portion or all of the same street.
- Allows cities to establish a 10 mile per hour maximum speed limit on a shared street.

**ESB 5689**                      **ADDING BLOOD TYPE INFORMATION TO DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTICARDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*C 217 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Allows individuals to apply for the inclusion of blood type on a driver's license or identicard.

**SB 5702**                      **STREAMLINING THE TOLL RATE SETTING PROCESS AT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Ramos*

*C 293 L 25 Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Removes toll rate setting from the rulemaking process under the Administrative Procedure Act.
- Establishes a new process for setting toll rates at the Transportation Commission.

**SB 5716**                      **EXPANDING THE LOCATIONS WHERE A PERSON CAN BE GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL TRANSIT CONDUCT TO INCLUDE THE WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan*

*(HB 1616 Representative Reed)*

*C 234 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds Washington State Ferries as a qualifying transit authority to enforce misdemeanor crimes for unlawful transit conduct.

## **ESSB 5801                      CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 417 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Increases the fuel tax rates for motor vehicle fuel and special fuel by 6 cents per gallon beginning July 1, 2025, and adds an additional 3 cents per gallon for special fuel beginning July 1, 2025, and another 3 cents per gallon for special fuel beginning July 1, 2027, and inflates both fuel tax rates by 2 percent per year.
- Increases a variety of other transportation taxes and fees, including truck and passenger vehicle weight fees, the rental car tax, and driver's license and identicard fees.
- Increases the additional state retail sales and use tax rate applied to motor vehicles, imposes a retail sales and use tax on recreational vessels, and imposes a luxury retail sales and use tax on certain motor vehicles and certain non-commercial aircraft.
- Makes a variety of other resource-related changes and modifies a variety of transportation policies, including in the areas of tolling, project streamlining, grant programs, green transportation policy, traffic safety, active transportation, public transportation benefit areas, marine pilotage, and public-private partnerships.

## **2SSB 5802                      REBALANCING STATUTORY FUND TRANSFERS AND REVENUE DEDICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 418 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Dedicates 0.1 percent of the state sales and use tax into the Multimodal Transportation Account.
- Makes transfers related to the Connecting Washington and Move Ahead Washington transportation packages.
- Changes the timing of repayments related to sales and use tax deferrals for the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and State Route 520 Bridge Replacement projects.
- Includes a \$609 million state general fund transfer into the Multimodal Transportation Account, in the 2027-29 biennium.

## WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

### **HB 1060**                      **CONCERNING NEWSPAPERS AND ELIGIBLE DIGITAL CONTENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos*  
*C 15 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026\**

*(SB 5458 Senator Frame)*

- Specifies that if a printing and publishing business is found ineligible for the business and occupation tax exemption, a tax rate of 0.484 percent applies.

### **HB 1094**                      **PROVIDING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY A QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND LOANED, LEASED, OR RENTED TO AND USED BY ANY GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO PROVIDE CHARACTER-BUILDING, BENEVOLENT, PROTECTIVE, OR REHABILITATIVE SOCIAL SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Walen*  
*C 16 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

*(SB 5697 Senator Slatter)*

- Exempts property owned by a nonsectarian nonprofit organization from property taxes if the organization loans, leases, or rents the property to any government entity, a federally recognized Indian tribe located in Washington, or another nonprofit organization to provide character-building, benevolent, protective, or rehabilitative social services.

### **EHB 1106**                      **RECOGNIZING THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR MILITARY VETERANS BY PHASING DOWN THE DISABILITY RATING REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE MORE DISABLED VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Barnard*  
*C 200 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Reduces the combined service-connected evaluation rating percentage for disabled veterans from 80 percent to 40 percent in 2027 in order to qualify for the Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption Program.

### **HB 1109**                      **CONCERNING PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu*  
*C 302 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the authorization for two state-shared local sales and use taxes for regional centers from 40 years to 55 years.



**ESHB 1119                      CONCERNING SUPERVISION COMPLIANCE CREDIT.**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman*  
*C 397 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies how compliance with supervision terms is determined for purposes of awarding supervision compliance credits.
- Modifies when an individual shall lose the ability to earn supervision compliance credits.
- Modifies who qualifies for supervision compliance credits.

**HB 1156                      CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PARTICIPATION  
IN THE STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele*  
*C 52 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Enables volunteer firefighters to participate in the Washington State Deferred Compensation Program.

**2SHB 1207                      CONCERNING SUPERIOR COURT CLERK FEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai*  
*C 357 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates an additional \$50 surcharge for certain filing fees collected by clerks of superior courts.
- Requires \$5 of the surcharge be retained by the county for the county clerk's office operations.
- Requires \$45 of the surcharge be remitted to the state for deposits into the Judicial Stabilization Trust Account and the Washington State Legacy Project, State Library, and Archives Account.

**ESHB 1258                      PROVIDING FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES  
PARTICIPATING IN THE REGIONAL 911 EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby*  
*C 280 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Requires certain counties operating regional 911 emergency communications systems that collect an excise tax on phone lines to transfer a portion of the excise tax revenue to local governments operating municipal 911 emergency communications systems, if the county transfers emergency calls to the local government for dispatch.

**SHB 1260**                      **CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt*

*C 74 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends the distribution of the portion of the \$183 housing and homelessness document recording surcharge retained by counties and used for implementation of city and county local homeless housing plans.

**HB 1270**                      **CONCERNING AUTOMATIC DEFERRED COMPENSATION  
ENROLLMENT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISION EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske*

*C 154 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows local governments to automatically enroll new employees in deferred compensation programs.

**SHB 1271**                      **PERMITTING EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF STATE FIRE  
SERVICE RESOURCES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Nance*

*C 239 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows the chief of the Washington State Patrol to mobilize jurisdictions and request resources to prepare for an emergency or disaster situation or when an emergency or disaster is predicted to exceed local resource capabilities.

**HB 1314**                      **CONCERNING THE EARLY LEARNING FACILITIES GRANT  
AND LOAN PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan*

*(SB 5297 Senator Trudeau)*

*C 21 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Amends competitive criteria for project selection for Early Learning Facilities Program funding.
- Establishes emergency grants to be awarded on an ongoing basis from the Early Learning Facilities Revolving Account.

**HB 1355**                      **MODIFYING RETAIL TAXES COMPACTS BETWEEN THE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON AND FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED  
TRIBES LOCATED IN WASHINGTON STATE BY INCREASING  
THE REVENUE-SHARING PERCENTAGES WHEN A  
COMPACTING TRIBE HAS COMPLETED A QUALIFIED  
CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg*

*(SB 5264 Senator Robinson)*

*C 136 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the revenue-sharing percentages between a compacting tribe and the state when the tribe has completed a qualified capital investment.

**HB 1389**                      **EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS ON TIMBER PURCHASES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum*

*C 155 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the expiration date for timber purchase reporting requirements from September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2029.

**SHB 1392**                      **CREATING THE MEDICAID ACCESS PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*(SB 5372 Senator Riccelli)*

*C 359 L 25    Effective date 5/19/2025\**

- Establishes the Medicaid Access Program Account.
- Creates a covered lives assessment on Medicaid managed care organizations and health carriers.
- Increases Medicaid professional services rates up to the equivalent Medicare rates.

**E2SHB 1422**                      **MODIFYING THE DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*

*C 215 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Modifies the annual operating fee the Department of Health (DOH) can charge a drug take-back program operator.
- Modifies the annual reporting requirements for program operators.
- Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to conduct an expedited review of DOH's fee-setting authority for the drug takeback program.

**ESHB 1468                      CONCERNING ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*(SB 5441 Senator Stanford)*

*C 399 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Eliminates certain accounts which are inactive or have no cash balance.
- Redirects certain dedicated revenue sources.
- Moves funds used to support the rehabilitation and care of incarcerated individuals from local bank accounts to the state Treasury.
- Directs the Department of Health to pay costs from the Nurse Resource Center Account within 30 days of receiving an invoice and required documentation.

**SHB 1473                      MAKING EXPENDITURES FROM THE BUDGET  
STABILIZATION ACCOUNT FOR DECLARED CATASTROPHIC  
EVENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson*

*C 325 L 25    Effective date 5/17/2025*

- Authorizes an appropriation from the Budget Stabilization Account for fire mobilization and suppression costs.

**SHB 1488                      CONCERNING CONSERVATION DISTRICT REVENUE  
LIMITATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg*

*(SB 5510 Senator Shewmake)*

*C 262 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the maximum annual per-parcel rate charge for conservation districts.

**HB 1494                      CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR NEW  
AND REHABILITATED MULTIPLE-UNIT DWELLINGS IN  
URBAN CENTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel*

*C 164 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes various changes to the Multifamily Property Tax Exemption Program.

**SHB 1498**                      **CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CO-RESPONDER PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Davis*

*C 345 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Creates the Domestic Violence Co-Responder Account.
- Establishes an additional \$100 fee on marriage licenses and requires revenues from the fee to be deposited into the account.
- Requires expenditures from the account to only be used for a new Domestic Violence Co-Responder Grant Program, except in fiscal year 2026 when the account can be used for other programs and services to address domestic violence.

**HB 1552**                      **EXTENDING THE FEE ON REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSES TO FUND THE WASHINGTON CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE RESEARCH AND ADJUSTING THE FEE TO ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson*

*C 362 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the fee on real estate broker and managing broker licenses from \$10 to \$20.
- Extends the expiration dates of the real estate broker and managing broker license fees and the Washington Real Estate Research Account from September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2035.

**SHB 1650**                      **CONCERNING THE ADDITION OF AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECTS AS AN ALLOWABLE USE OF LOCAL REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX REVENUES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent*

*C 85 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Adds small airports to the types of capital projects that may be funded through local real estate excise tax revenue.

**SHB 1791**                      **INCREASING THE FLEXIBILITY OF EXISTING FUNDING  
SOURCES TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY AND OTHER FACILITIES  
BY MODIFYING THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul*

*C 159 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Aligns allowable uses of real estate excise tax (REET) 1 and 2 revenues.
- Removes the expiration date on the ability to use certain local government REET funds for facilities for those experiencing homelessness or for affordable housing and removes a \$1 million limit on the annual use of such funds.
- Makes permanent the ability for local governments to use up to 35 percent of REET revenues for operations and maintenance.
- Removes certain reporting requirements for use of REET 1 and 2 revenues.
- Creates a REET exemption for certain sales of portions of affordable housing developments for specific community purposes.

**SHB 1848**                      **CONCERNING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR INDIVIDUALS  
WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio*

*C 364 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the traffic infraction fee deposited in the Traumatic Brain Injury Account from \$5 to \$10 per infraction.
- Requires that at least 30 percent of the annual expenditures from the Account be used exclusively for in-person support groups for individuals with a traumatic brain injury and their families, programs designed for social integration, peer-to-peer mentoring, and equitable geographic access to programs.

**HB 1858**                      **ELIMINATING THE EXEMPTION FOR ASSIGNMENTS OR  
SUBSTITUTIONS OF PREVIOUSLY RECORDED DEEDS OF  
TRUST FROM THE DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE AND THE  
COVENANT HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM ASSESSMENT**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott*

*C 100 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Eliminates the exemption for assignments or substitutions of previously recorded deeds of trust from the document recording fee and the Covenant Homeownership Program assessment.

**HB 1936**                      **EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEE POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT  
RESTRICTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Chase*

*C 284 L 25    Effective date 5/15/2025*

- Allows specified retirees of the state's retirement system to work up to 1040 hours in certain positions until January 1, 2030.

**HB 2003**                      **CONCERNING THE COLUMBIA RIVER RECREATIONAL  
SALMON AND STEELHEAD ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves*

*C 321 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Requires a Columbia River salmon and steelhead endorsement for any person 15 years or older to fish recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia River and its tributaries.
- Creates the Columbia River Recreation Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement Program Account.
- Establishes an expiration date of January 1, 2028, for the program.

**SHB 2020**                      **CREATING A BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX DEDUCTION  
AND INCREASING THE RATE FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING  
PAYMENT CARD PROCESSING ACTIVITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg*

*(SB 5777 Senator Robinson)*

*C 401 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Establishes a new business and occupation (B&O) tax rate of 3.1 percent for payment card processing activities.
- Allows a B&O tax deduction for certain fees related to payment card processing.

**HB 2039**                      **CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT PASS THROUGH**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*C 402 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Delays from January 1, 2026, to July 1, 2029, the requirement that the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) pass through to a family receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) all current child support collected each month.
- Delays from January 1, 2026, to July 1, 2029, the requirement that DSHS disregard current child support when determining TANF eligibility and benefit amount.

**HB 2040**                      **CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF THE AGED, BLIND, OR  
DISABLED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri*

*C 403 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Delays the elimination of Aged, Blind, or Disabled recoveries from October 1, 2025, to October 1, 2028.

**SHB 2047**                      **ELIMINATING THE WASHINGTON EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP  
PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards*

*C 366 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expires the Washington Employee Ownership Program administered by the Department of Commerce, which supports efforts of businesses considering a sale to an employee ownership structure on June 30, 2030.
- Modifies the tax reporting periods in which a business may claim a business and occupation tax credit for costs related to converting a qualifying business to a worker-owned cooperative, employee ownership trust, or an employee stock ownership plan.

**ESHB 2049**                      **INVESTING IN THE STATE'S PARAMOUNT DUTY TO FUND  
K-12 EDUCATION AND BUILD STRONG AND SAFE  
COMMUNITIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist*

*(SB 5812 Senator Wellman)*

*C 404 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Increases the maximum per-pupil limit used for school enrichment levies gradually, up to \$5,035 in the 2031 calendar year.
- Changes inflation for local effort assistance from the Seattle Consumer Price Index to the Implicit Price Deflator.
- Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene a kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) funding equity work group to analyze options for revising K-12 funding formulas.

**HB 2050**                      **IMPLEMENTING K-12 SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby*

*C 405 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Limits the alternative learning experience enrollment used to calculate local effort assistance to 33 percent of a school district's total enrollment.



**SHB 2051**                      **CONCERNING PAYMENT TO ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS FOR  
DIFFICULT TO DISCHARGE MEDICAID PATIENTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson*

*C 367 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Removes the requirement for 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.
- Removes the requirement that medically necessary services which may include, but are not limited to, hemodialysis, laboratory charges, and X-rays, performed during a stay shall be billed by and paid to the hospital separately.

**ESHB 2061**                      **REGARDING CONCESSION FEES BY DUTY-FREE SALES  
ENTERPRISES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*

*C 406 L 25    Effective date 1/1/2026*

- Imposes a 10 percent concession fee on the gross proceeds from all sales made by duty-free sale enterprises operating in Washington, starting from January 1, 2026.
- Requires the concession fee revenues to be used for implementation of the act and then deposited equally into the Statewide Tourism Marketing Account and the newly created Sustainable Aviation Fuel Account.

**SHB 2077**                      **ESTABLISHING A TAX ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES  
RELATED TO SURPLUSES GENERATED UNDER THE ZERO-  
EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*

*(SB 5811 Senator Lovelett)*

*C 419 L 25    Effective date 5/20/2025*

- Imposes a new excise tax on the banking and sale of surplus zero-emission vehicle credits.
- Provides an exemption for manufacturers that bank or sell credits associated with a total of less than 25,000 zero-emission vehicles or qualifying plug-in hybrid zero-emission vehicles for a model year.
- Requires manufactures to report certain credit transaction data to the Department of Ecology and the Department of Revenue.

**ESHB 2081****MODIFYING BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX  
SURCHARGES, RATES, AND THE ADVANCED COMPUTING  
SURCHARGE CAP, CLARIFYING THE BUSINESS AND  
OCCUPATION TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN  
INVESTMENTS, AND CREATING A TEMPORARY BUSINESS  
AND OCCUPATION TAX SURCHARGE ON LARGE COMPANIES**

*Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon*  
*C 420 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025\**

*(SB 5815 Senator Saldaña)*

- Increases business and occupation (B&O) tax rates for certain existing activities.
- Creates an additional 0.5 percent B&O surcharge on taxpayers with Washington taxable income over \$250 million.
- Increases the tax rate for several existing B&O surcharges.
- Increases the annual cap for the advanced computing surcharge.
- Modifies the B&O investment income deduction.

**ESSB 5167****MAKING 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM OPERATING  
APPROPRIATIONS AND 2023-2025 FISCAL BIENNIUM SECOND  
SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*  
*C 424 L 25 Partial Veto Effective date 5/20/2025\**

*(HB 1198 Representative Ormsby)*

- Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.
- Makes supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed 65 sections or subsections of the 2025-27 biennial operating budget and the 2025 supplemental operating budget, some of which were related to bills that did not pass the Legislature, and others which created additional programs or eliminated existing programs. Specific veto information can be found in the Governor's veto message.

**SSB 5168****CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, AND SALARY  
OF THE STATE ACTUARY**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*  
*C 333 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Eliminates the State Actuary Appointment Committee and moves its duties to the Pension Funding Council.

**SSB 5194****CONCERNING STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND  
RELATED ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*  
*C 415 L 25 Effective date 5/20/2025*

*(HB 1202 Representative Tharinger)*

- Authorizes the State Finance Committee to issue up to \$4,686,979,000 in general obligation bonds to finance projects in the 2023-25 and 2025-27 fiscal biennia and to pay issuance and bond sale expenses.

**SSB 5195**                      **CONCERNING THE CAPITAL BUDGET**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau*

*(HB 1216 Representative Tharinger)*

*C 414 L 25    Partial Veto    Effective date 5/20/2025*

- Makes biennial capital budget appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.
- Makes 2025 supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

Twelve sections or subsections of the 2025-27 biennial capital budget and 2025 supplemental budget were vetoed, including the following:

- a capital budget cost study;
- a cost estimate for additional juvenile rehabilitation capacity;
- the lake management plan portion of the Capitol Lake Deschutes Estuary project;
- a Cama Beach State Park study;
- reappropriation language extending the expiration of several programs including the Building Communities Fund, Early Learning Facilities, Behavioral Health Capacity grants, and Building for the Arts grant program;
- a Small District and Tribal Compact Schools Modernization appropriation shift;
- lapsing language for selected capital grant programs; and
- a new broadband account.

**SB 5306**                      **CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF PENSION SERVICE  
CREDIT FOR AUTHORIZED LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Holy*

*(HB 1349 Representative Griffey)*

*C 112 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Allows members of the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter Retirement System Plan 2 to purchase authorized leave of absence purchase service credit when they retire instead of returning to work after the authorized leave of absence.

**SSB 5314**                      **MODIFYING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford*

*(HB 1614 Representative Thai)*

*C 409 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Makes various technical clarifications, corrections, and administrative changes to the Washington capital gains tax.

**SSB 5316**                      **MODIFYING PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED UNIFORM  
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris*

*(HB 1127 Representative Walen)*

*C 29 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Clarifies definitions, terms, abandonment periods, due dates, and administrative procedures for the Unclaimed Property Program.
- Modifies reporting procedures and notification requirements for holders of unclaimed property.
- Provides procedures and provisions for the Department of Revenue to issue refunds to businesses for overpaid property, interest, and penalties.

**ESSB 5357**                      **CONCERNING ACTUARIAL FUNDING OF PENSION SYSTEMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*(HB 1467 Representative Fitzgibbon)*

*C 381 L 25    Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Modifies rates set by the Pension Funding Council for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

**SSB 5393**                      **CLOSING THE RAINIER SCHOOL BY JUNE 30, 2027**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*(HB 1472 Representative Ormsby)*

*C 410 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Closes Rainier School to new admissions by June 30, 2027.
- Allows former long-term residents to have a right to return once within one year after transitioning to the community and with approval by the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) after a second move to the community.
- Requires sufficient funding to relocate Rainier School residents to other settings.
- Makes a number of requirements of DSHS when transitioning individuals into community settings, including prioritizing client choice, autonomy, and individual preferences; developing individualized transition plans; and implementing oversight and accountability measures related to the transitions.
- Requires DSHS to report regularly to the Legislature through June 1, 2030, about resident transitions and community residential capacity for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Requires the Office of the Developmental Disability Ombuds to submit a report regarding client transitions to the Legislature by November 1, 2028.
- Requires DSHS to hold a 90-day public comment period to solicit public feedback regarding mitigating the impact on communities impacted by the closure to new admissions.

**SSB 5394**                      **REDUCING THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION'S NO-PAID SERVICES CASELOAD  
SERVICES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*(HB 1470 Representative Macri)*

*C 337 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Permits the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide limited case management of the no-paid services caseload.
- Prohibits case management of inactive clients on the no-paid services caseload.

**SSB 5431**                      **MODIFYING TAX AND REVENUE LAWS IN A MANNER THAT  
IS NOT ESTIMATED TO AFFECT STATE OR LOCAL TAX  
COLLECTIONS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Schoesler*

*C 411 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Makes a number of administrative and technical changes to the state tax codes.
- Changes the due date for the tax exemption study.

**SB 5457**                      **CONCERNING BROADCASTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 1558 Representative Santos)*

*C 9 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Clarifies the definition of radio and television broadcasting for purposes of the business and occupation tax.

**SSB 5516**                      **MODIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR  
COMMUNITY CENTERS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway*

*C 340 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands the property tax exemption for community centers to include surplus property and buildings of a nonprofit university acquired by a nonprofit organization.

**ESB 5529**                      **AMENDING THE COUNTY POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR  
COUNTIES THAT MAY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION THE  
VALUE OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS TO INCENTIVIZE  
RENTAL TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*C 207 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands which cities and counties are authorized to provide a property tax exemption for accessory dwelling units.

**SSB 5583**                      **CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING  
LICENSES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias*

*C 328 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Increases recreational hunting and fishing license fees by 38 percent, with some exceptions.
- Authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt a surcharge on all license fees to fund compensation, central service, and other operating costs approved by the Legislature.
- Modifies the calculation of certain dedicated accounts by providing a percentage of license fee revenues.

**SB 5616**                      **CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON SAVES ADMINISTRATIVE  
TRUST ACCOUNT**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa*

*(HB 1477 Representative Reeves)*

*C 190 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Renames the Washington Saves Administrative Treasury Trust Account to be the Washington Saves Administrative Trust Account.

**SB 5682**                      **CONCERNING THE WASHINGTON CUSTOMIZED  
EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick*

*(HB 1883 Representative Salahuddin)*

*C 289 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Extends the expiration date for the Washington Customized Employment Training Program business and occupation tax credit to July 1, 2031.
- Requires the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to report certain data from the Washington Customized Employment Training Program to the Legislature.

**SB 5696**                      **CONCERNING THE SALES AND USE TAX SUPPORTING  
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND MENTAL HEALTH  
TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator King*

*C 152 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Expands allowable use of revenue from the local mental health and chemical dependency sales and use tax to include the new construction of facilities for chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services.

**ESSB 5752****MODIFYING CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*C 412 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025\**

- Delays the entitlement date for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) by four years and modifies the implementation date for expanded enrollment.
- Makes the Birth-to-Three ECEAP Program subject to appropriations.
- Delays the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Program eligibility expansions by four years.
- Modifies the WCCC copayment schedule, beginning October 1, 2026.
- Makes certain provider supports subject to appropriation and modifies certain WCCC expanded eligibility and work requirement waiver provisions.
- Requires 12-month WCCC authorization to begin upon eligibility determination.
- Requires prospective payment to child care providers to occur when child care is expected to begin, and payment to end if a child did not attend in the prior month.
- Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to publish a cost of quality child care and market rate study by June 1st of every even-numbered year.
- Directs DCYF to conduct a pilot to increase access to school-age-only child care programs and report by July 1, 2028.

**SB 5761****DEVELOPING A SCHEDULE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEYS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION PROCEEDINGS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 2011 Representative Ormsby)*

*C 413 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Delays by four years the implementation schedule for the court appointment of attorneys for children and youth in dependency and termination proceedings.

**SB 5764****REPEALING THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE AMBULANCE TRANSPORT FUND**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon*

*C 153 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Repeals the expiration date for the Ambulance Transport Quality Assurance Fee Program.

**ESB 5769 ADDRESSING TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman*

*C 342 L 25 Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Limits Transition to Kindergarten Program funding beginning in the 2025-26 school year to the funded level in the omnibus appropriations act.
- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature outlining a proposed plan and recommendations for phasing in future Transition to Kindergarten programs by December 1, 2026.

**SSB 5785 AMENDING THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT AND COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 395 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Increases eligibility for the maximum Washington College Grant (WCG) award to include students with a family income up to 60 percent of the state median family income, beginning in academic year (AY) 2025-26.
- Reduces the maximum WCG for Apprenticeships award to 50 percent of the maximum award at community and technical colleges, beginning in AY 2026-27.
- Reduces the maximum award at private four-year not-for-profit institutions to 50 percent of the average maximum award at public research institutions for WCG beginning in AY 2026-27 and for College Bound Scholarship (CBS) beginning in AY 2027-28.
- Eliminates the maximum award at private two-year and four-year for-profit institutions for WCG beginning in AY 2026-27 and for CBS beginning in AY 2027-28.
- Reduces the maximum award at Western Governor's University-Washington to \$4,150 for the WCG beginning in AY 2026-27 and \$4,650 for the CBS beginning in AY 2027-28.
- Limits usage of a CBS award to within six years of receipt, beginning in AY 2025-26.

**SSB 5790 CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE EMPLOYEES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 344 L 25 Effective date 7/1/2025*

- Changes the index used for the annual cost-of-living adjustment for certain employees at community and technical colleges from the Seattle-area consumer price index to the implicit price deflator.



**ESSB 5794**                    **ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TAX PREFERENCE PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROCESS, ELIMINATING OBSOLETE TAX PREFERENCES, CLARIFYING LEGISLATIVE INTENT, AND ADDRESSING CHANGES IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon*

*C 423 L 25    Partial Veto    Effective date 1/1/2026\**

- Repeals certain tax preferences.

***Partial Veto Summary:***

- Removed the section that repealed the B&O tax deduction for interest that community banks receive on loans for residential property.

**SB 5807**                    **CONCERNING WELLNESS INCENTIVES FOR PUBLIC AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson*

*C 396 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025*

- Eliminates the wellness incentive program that is offered to public employees that receive health care through the public and school employees' benefits boards.

**ESSB 5813**                    **INCREASING FUNDING TO THE EDUCATION LEGACY TRUST ACCOUNT BY CREATING A MORE PROGRESSIVE RATE STRUCTURE FOR THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX AND ESTATE TAX**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.*

*(HB 2082 Representative Street)*

*C 421 L 25    Effective date 5/20/2025*

- Applies an additional 2.9 percent excise tax on individual's Washington capital gains exceeding \$1 million.
- Increases the tax rates for Washington taxable estates of decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025.
- Increases the estate exclusion amount and the qualifying family-owned business interests deduction amount to \$3 million and provides annual inflation adjustments.

**ESSB 5814**                    **MODIFYING THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN EXCISE TAXES**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame*

*(HB 2083 Representative Stonier)*

*C 422 L 25    Effective date 7/27/2025\**

- Extends retail sales and use tax to certain specified services.
- Makes certain products containing nicotine subject to the other tobacco products tax.

**SJR 8201**

**AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE STATE TO  
INVEST MONEYS FROM LONG-TERM SERVICES AND  
SUPPORTS ACCOUNTS**

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun*

*Filed with Secretary of State*

- Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow funds for long-term care services and supports to be invested as provided by law, with investment returns dedicated to services and supports for program beneficiaries.

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