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Members of the House of Representatives:

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

This "Summary of Legislation Passed by the Washington State Legislature" summarizes all of the bills that passed the Legislature during the 2026 Regular Session. This version includes information regarding any bills that were vetoed, or partially vetoed, by the Governor.

The "Legislative Budget Notes" for 2026 will be available online at <https://fiscal.wa.gov/statebudgets/LBNs> when complete. This publication will contain summary and detail information about enacted operating, transportation, and capital budgets.

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

If you have any comments or if I can be of assistance, please let me know. I can be reached at (360) 786-7102 or jill.reinmuth@leg.wa.gov.

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Key to Status

Status indicates the final status of the bill, including whether the bill was vetoed or partially vetoed by the Governor.

Abbreviation	Bill Status
C 2 L 26	Chapter 2, Laws of 2026. This is where the bill will be found in the <u>Session Laws of the State of Washington</u> , which is compiled annually.
H Filed Sec/St	Filed with the Secretary of State.
Partial Veto	Partially vetoed by Governor.
S Filed Sec/St	Filed with the Secretary of State.

This report includes all House and Senate bills that passed the Legislature. The bills are listed according to the House Committee where they initially began in the 2026 session. If a bill was not referred to a House Committee, the bill is included in the list for the committee to which the bill likely would have been referred. A numerical index of bills is located at the end of the report

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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[EHB 1941](#)

Cannabis Agricultural Cooperatives

Sponsors: Morgan, Wylie, Reed

Final Status: C 218 L 26

Allows licensed cannabis producers to form agricultural associations or cooperatives. Specifies that no single association or cooperative may represent more than three licensed cannabis producers.

[HB 2104](#)

Aviation Assurance Funding

Sponsors: Dent, Springer, Ryu

Final Status: C 117 L 26

Makes the Aviation Assurance Funding Program for local fire response permanent.

[SHB 2199](#)

Derelict Vessels

Sponsors: Richards, Leavitt, Ryu

Final Status: C 8 L 26

Modifies the definition of a derelict vessel.

[ESHB 2238](#)

Statewide Food Security

Sponsors: Reeves, Gregerson, Doglio

Final Status: C 83 L 26

Adds food security coordination and food system performance monitoring to the powers and duties of the Director of the Department of Agriculture (WSDA). Requires the WSDA to report every four years on Washington's regulatory landscape in relation to peer states. Directs the WSDA to develop a statewide food security strategy.

[HB 2348](#)

Timber Sale Process

Sponsors: Dent, Reeves

Final Status: C 116 L 26

Modifies the advertising process and options for certain state land and materials sales. Adds standards for sales and transfers of certain state acquired lands.

[HB 2554](#)

Tribal Fishing Rights

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Callan, Santos

Final Status: C 16 L 26

Repeals provisions related to the interaction of treaty rights and state management of natural resources.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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[2SHB 1128](#) **Child Care Workforce Board**

Sponsors: Fosse, Stonier, Berry

Final Status: C 148 L 26

Establishes the Washington State Child Care Workforce Standards Board (Board), and directs the Board to make recommendations on employment standards for childcare workers.

[ESHB 1408](#) **Community Authority Funding**

Sponsors: Santos, Orcutt, Leavitt

Final Status: C 217 L 26

Requires a portion of the sales and use tax collected on retail sales at certain stadiums to be deposited into the Community Preservation and Development Authority (CPDA) Account. Directs the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to review each CPDA's use of funding for specified objectives. Requires each CPDA to submit a biennial report to the Legislature on strategic plans, use of funding, and community impacts.

[SHB 1570](#) **Academic Employee Bargaining**

Sponsors: Timmons, Fosse, Berry

Final Status: C 113 L 26

Grants specified student employees at Western Washington University the right to collectively bargain.

[E3SHB 1710](#) **Washington Voting Rights Act - Preclearance**

Sponsors: Mena, Salahuddin, Gregerson

Final Status: C 211 L 26

Requires certain political subdivisions proposing to make specified changes to their election system or practices to first obtain preapproval from the Attorney General certifying that the proposed changes: (1) will not diminish the ability of a protected class to participate in the political process or elect their preferred candidates to office; and (2) will not violate state or federal law.

[E2SHB 1750](#) **Washington Voting Rights Act - Abridgment Claims**

Sponsors: Hill, Gregerson, Simmons

Final Status: C 215 L 26

Establishes separate standards for when a political subdivision's implementation or enforcement of an election policy or practice would violate the Washington Voting Rights Act's prohibition on the abridgment of voting rights. Creates a standard that a political subdivision must meet to overcome a claim of abridgment challenging an election policy or practice.

E2SHB 1903 Low-Income Energy Assistance

Sponsors: Mena, Berry, Doglio

Final Status: C 252 L 26 Partial Veto

Establishes a Statewide Low-Income Energy Assistance Program that requires the Department of Commerce to phase in the program by providing funds to participating utilities to reduce the monthly energy bills of low-income customers, subject to appropriations. Modifies utility energy assistance requirements under the Clean Energy Transformation Act.

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes the section of the bill requiring the Department of Commerce to establish an advisory group for the Statewide Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. (See [veto message](#)).

2SHB 1906 Water System Rates

Sponsors: Tharinger, Shavers, Parshley

Final Status: C 237 L 26

Requires public water systems, when changing ownership, to provide notification to certain entities. Requires the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to adopt certain rules for determining rates of water companies and prohibits the UTC from approving any transaction that changes the controlling interest in a water company unless the transaction provides net benefits to customers of the company. Allows a water company to file a multiyear rate plan with the UTC.

2SHB 1909 Court Unification Task Force

Sponsors: Taylor, Goodman, Hill

Final Status: C 199 L 26

Creates a Court Unification Task Force to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the Washington court system and identify areas where a more centralized approach to court operations may improve uniformity in the delivery of court services and consistency in outcomes for those who use the court system.

E2SHB 2034 LEOFF 1 Restatement

Sponsors: Ormsby, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson

Final Status: C 261 L 26

Restates and terminates the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 1 (LEOFF 1), and creates the Restated Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System (Restated LEOFF) on June 30, 2029. Specifies that benefits to members are unchanged by the transfer from LEOFF 1 to the Restated LEOFF. Provides for a transfer of assets from LEOFF 1 to the Restated LEOFF to 110 percent of fully funding the benefits of the new plan. Provides for immediate vesting of all remaining terminated, nonvested members of LEOFF 1 prior to the transfer. Deposits excess funding in the Pension Surplus Holding Account, from which they may be transferred to the State General Fund. Requires the Select Committee on Pension Policy to examine policy oversight responsibility for the Restated LEOFF, and to study the administration of the pension boards responsible for retiree medical benefits in LEOFF 1.

HB 2124 **Lump Sum Retirement Payments**

Sponsors: Couture, Fitzgibbon, Chase

Final Status: C 132 L 26

Increases the minimum monthly pension from the Washington State Retirement Systems that the Department of Retirement Systems may convert to a lump sum from \$50 to \$250 increased annually.

EHB 2179 **Port Workers PERS Membership**

Sponsors: Abell, Engell, Barnard

Final Status: C 133 L 26

Exempts persons employed in eligible positions by a port district and enrolled in a Federal Railroad Retirement Plan from the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), beginning January 1, 2027. Expresses legislative intent relating to port district participation in private retirement plans and PERS.

E2SHB 2251 **Climate Commitment Act Accounts**

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Gregerson, Parshley

Final Status: C 219 L 26

Repeals three of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) accounts and replaces them with a CCA Operating Account and a CCA Capital Account. Changes the distribution of CCA auction revenue into CCA accounts. Makes other changes related to the use of CCA funding, including modifying CCA spending goals and reporting.

HB 2254 **Partnership Access Line**

Sponsors: Callan, Eslick, Reed

Final Status: C 58 L 26

Allows reasonable costs for a third-party administrator to calculate and administer the assessments to be included in the proportional share calculation for the Partnership Access Line funding model.

HB 2385 **Medicaid Access Program**

Sponsors: Macri, Reed, Doglio

Final Status: C 153 L 26

Extends the date by which the Health Care Authority must submit any state plan amendments or waiver requests to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that are necessary to implement the Medicaid Access Program (Program) to September 1, 2030. Changes the purpose of the Program so that professional services rates are increased for services that are not reimbursed at or above Medicare rates as of December 31 of the prior year by a percentage of corresponding Medicare rates as of December 31 of the prior year. Delays expiration of the act to January 1, 2032.

HB 2441 **Survivor Insurance/LEOFF**

Sponsors: Low, Bronoske, Bergquist

Final Status: C 39 L 26

Expands the reimbursement of medical premium costs for survivors of Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2 members killed in the course of employment. Requires Medicare Part A and B premiums be reimbursed for these survivors, and requires reimbursement for medical insurance costs from the date of the member's death until the determination that the member was killed in the course of employment.

HB 2521 **Firearms Background Checks**

Sponsors: Ormsby, Berry, Parshley

Final Status: C 100 L 26

Allows the Washington State Patrol to set the fee for the Firearm Background Check Program to an amount calculated to cover total costs to administer the program.

HB 2531 **Quality Assurance Fee**

Sponsors: Stuebe, Stonier, Parshley

Final Status: C 31 L 26

Directs the Health Care Authority to set the quality assurance fee rate each fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2026, to the rate in effect as of July 4, 2025. Directs the Health Care Authority to annually calculate the add-on payment for ambulance transport providers to reflect the available quality assurance fee amount in the Ambulance Transport Fund-State.

HB 2543 **County Clerk Fees**

Sponsors: Pollet, Zahn, Salahuddin

Final Status: C 33 L 26

Updates and revises fees charged for copies of certain documents and exhibits provided by county clerk offices. Makes technical changes.

EHB 2681 **Cannabis License Fees**

Sponsors: Ormsby

Final Status: C 262 L 26

Increases the annual license fees for cannabis producer, processor, and retail licenses.

SHB 2689 **Working Connections Child Care**

Sponsors: Gregerson, Ormsby, Macri

Final Status: C 264 L 26

Eliminates Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) income eligibility expansions that are scheduled to occur in 2029 and 2031. Requires child care subsidy rates to achieve the seventy-fifth percentile of market beginning July 1, 2027. Modifies WCCC monthly provider reimbursement by authorizing payment for up to 11 days; up to 15 days; or up to the full number of authorized days, depending on the number of days the child attended in the calendar month. Prohibits the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) from allowing child care providers to receive a child care subsidy rate that is different than the rate for the subsidy region in which the provider is located. Repeals the requirement that the DCYF pay child care providers prospectively based on when child care is expected to begin.

SHB 2714 **Food Assistance Caseload**

Sponsors: Bergquist, Couture, Ormsby

Final Status: C 66 L 26

Directs the Caseload Forecast Council to forecast the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the state Food Assistance Program.

SSB 5834 **Retirement Funds/Expenses**

Sponsors: Conway, Nobles

Final Status: C 68 L 26

Authorizes the Department of Retirement Systems to use the interest earnings of pension trust funds for fraud prevention.

SSB 5862 **TRS & PERS Plan 1 COLA**

Sponsors: Dozier, Bateman, Christian

Final Status: C 248 L 26

Provides a one-time, 3 percent, up to a maximum of \$110 per month, increase to the retirement benefits of retirees in the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 on July 1, 2026.

ESB 5872 **PreK Promise Account**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Bateman, Conway

Final Status: C 51 L 26

Establishes the PreK Promise Account to be used for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program.

SB 5922 **Transportation Vehicle Fund**

Sponsors: Wellman, Hansen, Frame

Final Status: C 71 L 26

Allows a school district to transfer vehicle depreciation payments and earned interest from its transportation vehicle fund to another fund when reducing its vehicle fleet, subject to approval by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SSB 5923 Hospitals in Skagit County

Sponsors: Muzzall, Lovelett, Nobles

Final Status: C 84 L 26

Allows a hospital on an island in Skagit County upon certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to be eligible for payment as a critical access hospital.

ESSB 5998 Operating Budget, Supplemental

Sponsors: Robinson, Nobles

Final Status: C 268 L 26 Partial
Veto

Makes supplemental changes to operating budget appropriations for the 2025-27 biennium. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes several items in the operating budget. (See [veto message](#)).

ESSB 6019 Home Care Rates

Sponsors: Cleveland, Harris, Bateman

Final Status: C 85 L 26

Defines the home care agency vendor rate as the sum of the portion of the vendor rate dedicated to the wages, benefits, and required employer contributions or premiums for home care agency workers who provide direct care and the home care agency administrative rate. Provides a maximum percentage that may be recommended for the consumer-directed employer administrative rate and the home care agency administrative rate. Directs the Department of Social and Health Services to verify that home care agencies have expended funds in accordance with statute.

SB 6065 School Vehicle Funds

Sponsors: Dozier, Cortes, Wilson, J.

Final Status: C 182 L 26

Authorizes a school district under binding conditions or enhanced oversight by the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to make interfund loans from its transportation vehicle fund (TVF), and those under enhanced oversight to transfer money from the TVF to another school fund, subject to approval by the SPI.

SB 6103 Rural Hospital Payments

Sponsors: Muzzall, Cleveland, Schoesler

Final Status: C 112 L 26

Makes payments for recipients eligible for medical assistance programs by a rural hospital designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a rural emergency hospital, regardless of the managed care enrollment status of the beneficiary, subject to appropriation.

SB 6151 Environmental Programs/Fee Accounts

Sponsors: Stanford, Boehnke, Shewmake

Final Status: C 87 L 26

Creates the Laboratory Accreditation Account (Account), and directs Department of Ecology (Ecology) fees for laboratory certification into the Account instead of the State General Fund. Directs Ecology fees related to landfill methane emissions into the Air Pollution Control Account.

2SSB 6182 Abortion Savings Program

Sponsors: Bateman, Alvarado, Chapman

Final Status: C 228 L 26

Establishes the Abortion Savings Program to provide grants through the Department of Health to maintain access to direct patient abortion clinical care services for individuals in the state. Establishes a new assessment of 82 cents for the first year and 16.5 cents annually thereafter per coverage month in the prior calendar year on certain health carriers subject to the insurance premium tax with initial assessments due and payable in 2027.

ESSB 6194 Allowable Costs/Hospital

Sponsors: King, Hasegawa, Torres

Final Status: C 124 L 26

Allows for any rural hospital located on a federally recognized Indian reservation to be paid at 150 percent of the fee-for-service rate for inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services beginning January 1, 2027.

ESSB 6260 Public Education Funding

Sponsors: Wellman, Wilson, C.

Final Status: C 267 L 26

Reduces school bus depreciation payments by increasing the lifespan used to calculate such payments and temporarily changing the calculation for zero-emission buses. Reduces the combined maximum enrollment for students participating in Running Start from 1.4 to 1.2 full-time equivalents (FTE) ongoing if the tax on millionaires is not enacted or temporarily to 1.3 FTE if the tax is enacted. Limits funding for the Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) Program to the amount specified in the operating budget. Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prioritize TTK allocations by specified criteria. Authorizes charging sliding-scale fees for TTK enrollment for students not eligible for special education or other means-tested programs. Eliminates the inflationary increase for National Board bonuses beginning in the 2026-27 School Year. Lowers the maximum enrollment in alternative learning experience programs that may count in local effort assistance formulas from 33 percent to 25 percent of total enrollment.

SSB 6355

Electric Transmission System

Sponsors: Hunt, Kauffman, Chapman

Final Status: C 249 L 26

Establishes the Washington Electric Transmission Authority, with a 10-member board of directors to, among other duties, support the expansion of new electric transmission system capacity and to be a statewide resource for transmission. Directs the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs, in coordination with the Department of Ecology and the Department of Commerce, to convene federally recognized Indian tribes to develop a tribal consultation framework for statewide electric transmission planning and implementation.

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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[HB 1796](#) **School Construction Debt**

Sponsors: Callan, Berg, Santos

Final Status: C 170 L 26

Authorizes school districts to contract indebtedness and issue bonds without a vote of the people, subject to the current indebtedness limit of 0.375 percent, for the purpose of erecting buildings and providing the necessary furniture, apparatus, or equipment. Provides that this authority is limited to school districts that have passed a capital levy and have not been on binding conditions in the three years preceding the date of the contract. Creates other requirements related to this authority.

[HB 2338](#) **Community Weatherization**

Sponsors: Callan, Abbarno, Reed

Final Status: C 94 L 26

Adds community scaled projects as eligible project types for funding from the Low-Income Weatherization Program. Specifies that a community scaled project is a weatherization project that includes multiple dwelling units in the same neighborhood or area where overlapping factors such as environmental, social, or economic conditions may adversely impact residents.

[HB 2353](#) **Capital Predesign Thresholds**

Sponsors: Keaton, Leavitt, Klicker

Final Status: C 60 L 26

Increases the predesign threshold for capital construction projects from \$10 million to \$15 million and adjusts the threshold annually for inflation.

[SHB 2420](#) **Small Works Roster Limits**

Sponsors: Zahn, Tharinger, Parshley

Final Status: C 97 L 26

Establishes annual increases in the maximum value of public works projects for which state agencies and local governments may use small works roster processes, from the current \$350,000 to an eventual \$650,000 by July 1, 2030.

SSB 6003

Capital Budget, Supplemental

Sponsors: Trudeau, Schoesler, Chapman

Final Status: C 259 L 26 Partial
Veto

Authorizes new capital appropriations of \$889.7 billion in total funds, of which \$435.1 million is financed with state general obligation bonds. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes several items in the capital budget. (See [veto message](#)).

CIVIL RIGHTS & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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SHB 2158 **Electronic Notarial Acts**

Sponsors: Abell, Simmons, Reed

Final Status: C 21 L 26

Authorizes remote notarization of a tangible record not physically present before an electronic records notary. Authorizes an electronic records notary to administer an oath or affirmation to a remotely located individual and to take an acknowledgement of a signature on a tangible record physically present before the notary.

SHB 2178 **Administration & Alignment of Court Rules and Statutes**

Sponsors: Thai, Abell, Ryu

Final Status: C 151 L 26

Aligns statutory provisions with court rules on the subject of civil infractions. Reconciles the damage limit in provisions concerning Malicious Mischief in the second degree. Repeals the requirement for the Administrative Office of the Courts to distribute to county clerks appropriated funds as grants for the collection of legal financial obligations and instead directs the State Treasurer to administer the grants.

SHB 2239 **Family Burial Grounds**

Sponsors: Abell, Bernbaum, Chase

Final Status: C 173 L 26

Permits a natural person to designate an area of land the person owns as a family burial ground, subject to specified requirements and restrictions. Includes family burial grounds as a lawful place for disposition of human remains. Exempts family burial grounds from certain requirements applicable to private cemeteries.

SHB 2248 **Secretary of State - Entity Filings & Other Services**

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Hill, Leavitt

Final Status: C 80 L 26

Revises various provisions addressing administrative functions and services of the Office of the Secretary of State, including provisions relating to business entity filings and license fees, trademark registrations, international student exchange visitor placement organizations, and authentication of signatures on documents.

HB 2304 Condominium Express Warranties

Sponsors: Taylor, Reed, Ramel

Final Status: C 7 L 26

Authorizes a declarant or dealer to offer an express warranty of quality and express warranty insurance coverage, as an alternative to the implied warranty of quality under the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act, for condominium units in a new or conversion building with four or fewer stories.

ESHB 2320 Firearm Manufacturing

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Peterson, Berry

Final Status: C 203 L 26

Prohibits the manufacturing of certain firearms and firearm components through use of a three-dimensional printer or computer numerical control milling machine, subject to exceptions. Prohibits the sale, transfer, or distribution of certain digital firearm manufacturing code.

SHB 2354 Common Interest Communities

Sponsors: Reed, Ramel, Hill

Final Status: C 96 L 26

Exempts small middle housing common interest communities from most Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) provisions. Exempts middle housing common interest communities from the WUCIOA reserve study requirements, if specified conditions are met. Disallows governing documents of a common interest community to vary from the WUCIOA on certain subjects, with the effect that only the owner of an electric vehicle charging station or heat pump exclusively serving the owner's unit bears financial responsibility for the charging station or heat pump. Increases from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the minimum annual assessments threshold that triggers the requirement for a unit owners association to be annually audited by a certified public accountant.

EHB 2445 Estate Administration

Sponsors: Richards, Reeves

Final Status: C 204 L 26

Creates additional standards and requirements for personal representatives appointed to administer an estate under the "suitable person" provisions. Establishes provisions governing agreements between: a beneficiary and a transferee for value for the purchase of the beneficiary's interest in an estate; and an heir and an heir finder for the acquisition of a partial share of the heir's interest in an estate.

ESHB 2548 **Health Care Market Standards**

Sponsors: Taylor, Macri, Ormsby

Final Status: C 222 L 26

Expands the scope of health care market transactions that qualify as a material change triggering a requirement for 60-day prior written notice to the Attorney General's Office (AGO). Pauses material change transactions for 30 days after a request by the AGO for additional information about the transaction, and requires parties to notify the AGO within 30 days after completing a transaction. Requires the AGO to notify the Secretary of State when an entity in a material change transaction is a nonprofit corporation.

SSB 5520 **Wrongly Convicted Persons**

Sponsors: Orwall, Frame, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 224 L 26

Makes various revisions to state law that allows a person wrongly convicted of a felony to bring a claim against the state for compensation.

SSB 5720 **Consumer Debt Default Judgments**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Warnick

Final Status: C 107 L 26

Adopts the Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgments Act to create rules a plaintiff must follow in order to obtain a default judgment in a lawsuit for collection of a consumer debt. Establishes requirements for the contents of a complaint and a required notice to the consumer, and creates penalties for violations.

ESSB 5837 **Uniform Guardianship Act**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Holy, Nobles

Final Status: C 177 L 26

Revises the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act, on topics including court visitors, appointment of an attorney for a respondent, orders of appointment of a guardian for an adult or a conservator, and supported decision-making agreements.

SB 5868 **Superior Court Judges**

Sponsors: Wagoner, King, Dhingra

Final Status: C 226 L 26

Increases by one the number of statutorily authorized superior court judges in Skagit and Yakima Counties.

SSB 5886 **Personality Rights**

Sponsors: Boehnke, Dozier, Nobles

Final Status: C 69 L 26

Expands personality rights to include an individual's or personality's forged digital likeness. Modifies the civil penalty and liabilities for infringement of personality rights.

ESSB 5925 **AGO Investigation Powers**

Sponsors: Hansen, Lovick, Dhingra

Final Status: C 243 L 26

Authorizes the Attorney General to issue civil investigative demands for documents, oral testimony, and answers to interrogatories when investigating possible violations of the federal and state constitutions and specified state laws. Provides standards for the contents of a demand and how it is served; the process for production of documents and information; confidentiality of disclosed documents and information; and court action for contesting, modifying, or enforcing a demand. Requires the Attorney General to provide a report detailing any use of civil investigative demand authority.

ESSB 6002 **Automated License Plate Readers**

Sponsors: Trudeau, Holy, Alvarado

Final Status: C 239 L 26

Prohibits the use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems by all state and local government agencies except those explicitly authorized to use ALPR systems for specified purposes. Prescribes retention periods for ALPR data collected by authorized agencies and limits the sharing of ALPR data. Sets forth registration, reporting, and audit requirements and specifies prohibited uses of ALPR systems.

SB 6011 **Court of Appeals Bailiffs**

Sponsors: Dhingra, Cortes, Kauffman

Final Status: C 111 L 26

Authorizes bailiffs of the court of appeals to conduct threat assessments on behalf of court of appeals judicial officers and staff members, and to receive criminal history record information that includes nonconviction data for purposes of investigating such threats.

ESSB 6087 **Donations for Children**

Sponsors: Braun, Christian, Dozier

Final Status: C 47 L 26

Includes religious organizations in a statute that provides limited immunity from liability for donations of children's items to needy persons. Adds strollers and car seats to covered children's items. Requires distributing organizations to take certain actions when accepting and distributing car seats.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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[ESHB 1604](#) **Jail Searches/Gender**

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Walen, Peterson

Final Status: C 17 L 26

Requires jails to adopt and implement policies and procedures for conducting searches of confined transgender or intersex individuals.

[EHB 2156](#) **AGO Investigator Authority**

Sponsors: Obras, Goodman, Leavitt

Final Status: C 242 L 26

Grants an Attorney General's Office investigator the authority to electronically serve a judicially authorized search warrant on a business for economic and financial crimes. Requires an investigator to comply with certain training requirements for peace officers, and prohibits an investigator from being armed or detaining or arresting individuals.

[ESHB 2165](#) **Peace Officer False Identification**

Sponsors: Obras, Farivar, Ryu

Final Status: C 114 L 26

Establishes the gross misdemeanor offense of False Identification as a Peace Officer. Eliminates one of the means of committing the crime of Criminal Impersonation in the second degree related to impersonating a law enforcement officer.

[ESHB 2508](#) **Office of Independent Investigations**

Sponsors: Entenman, Kloba, Mena

Final Status: C 174 L 26

Expands the Office of Independent Investigations' (OII's) investigatory jurisdiction and authority to access certain information related to officer use of force incidents. Requires specified agencies to immediately contact the OII about officer use of force incidents that may have caused or contributed to a death. Exempts specified records related to the OII from the Public Records Act.

[ESHB 2532](#) **Nitrous Oxide Sale**

Sponsors: Timmons, Griffey, Davis

Final Status: C 188 L 26

Makes the sale, furnishment, administration, and distribution of nitrous oxide a gross misdemeanor, with specified exemptions.

SHB 2539 **Inmate Indigency**

Sponsors: Street, Simmons, Santos

Final Status: C 205 L 26

Increases the monetary threshold for defining inmate indigency from \$25 to \$100 and, beginning in 2029, requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to periodically adjust the threshold based on the Consumer Price Index. Beginning in 2027, requires the DOC to annually publish the indigent rate.

ESB 5068 **Public Employment Eligibility**

Sponsors: Lovick, Hansen, Dhingra

Final Status: C 103 L 26

Makes persons legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law eligible to apply for positions as prosecuting attorneys and corrections officers in state correctional facilities and local jails. Provides that employers of corrections officers may not be subject to a claim of employment discrimination for those positions in certain circumstances. Applies retroactively to persons employed on or after the legislation's effective date.

2ESSB 5105 **Sexually Explicit Depictions**

Sponsors: Orwall, Christian, Dhingra

Final Status: C 223 L 26

Criminalizes certain activity involving obscene fabricated depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, regardless of whether the minor is identifiable. Modifies the applicable defenses, immunities, and statute of limitations for certain offenses involving depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Expands the crime of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor to include knowingly causing a minor to be depicted engaging in sexually explicit conduct, under certain circumstances.

ESB 5272 **School Safety/Penalties**

Sponsors: Lovick, Krishnadasan, Saldaña

Final Status: C 155 L 26

Expands the school-related crimes of Interference by Force or Violence and Intimidation by Threat of Force or Violence, and increases penalties for Interference by Force or Violence.

SSB 5855 **Law Enforcement Face Coverings**

Sponsors: Valdez, Chapman, Lovick

Final Status: C 115 L 26

Prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing facial coverings while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties, with specified exceptions. Establishes a civil cause of action for persons who are detained by law enforcement officers violating the prohibition on facial coverings, while exempting from liability officers who, at the time of detention, were reasonably identifiable as required.

2SSB 5880 **Toxicology Testing**

Sponsors: Wagoner

Final Status: C 108 L 26

Authorizes private laboratories to perform blood or breath tests for impaired driving offenses. Authorizes a city or county to transfer evidence previously submitted to the State Toxicological Laboratory to a private laboratory if the Washington State Patrol is reimbursed. Requires a city or county to contract with a private laboratory to address witness interviews and litigation procedure.

2SSB 5974 **Local Law Enforcement**

Sponsors: Lovick, Dhingra, Chapman

Final Status: C 258 L 26

Modifies eligibility requirements for sheriffs, police chiefs, and marshals. Adds background investigation requirements for persons seeking appointment as sheriff, police chief, or marshal; requires background checks verifying eligibility for persons seeking election or elected as sheriff; and modifies background investigation requirements for all officers required to submit to such investigations. Amends the duties of sheriffs and their deputies. Limits the use of volunteers and youth cadets, and provides other requirements for the use of volunteers, youth cadets, and specially commissioned officers by sheriffs, police chiefs, and marshals.

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[HB 1526](#) **Snack Bar Liquor Licenses**

Sponsors: Schmick, Reed, Waters

Final Status: C 192 L 26

Permits retailers with a snack bar liquor license to sell wine by the glass, in addition to opened bottled or canned beer.

[2SHB 1701](#) **Liquor Licensee Premises**

Sponsors: Steele

Final Status: C 196 L 26

Authorizes a liquor licensee to operate out of a premises located on the property of a facility that includes separate premises of other liquor licensees or businesses. Authorizes the licensees and businesses to lease property to each other, including a licensee leasing use of its kitchen space to another person, subject to requirements.

[ESHB 2229](#) **Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors**

Sponsors: Zahn, Waters, Leavitt

Final Status: C 134 L 26

Revises the Professional Engineers' Registration Act, including provisions related to the membership of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, registration requirements, examinations, and continuing professional development.

[ESHB 2274](#) **Commercial Electronic Mail**

Sponsors: Springer, McClintock, Bernbaum

Final Status: C 135 L 26

Requires the sender of a commercial email to have knowledge that the subject line is considered false or misleading to be a violation of the Commercial Electronic Mail Act (CEMA). Decreases statutory damages for a recipient of a prohibited commercial email or text message under the CEMA to the greater of \$100 or actual damages.

[EHB 2294](#) **Use Restrictions/Food & Medicine**

Sponsors: Farivar, Zahn, Berry

Final Status: C 24 L 26

Prohibits agreements that impose negative use restrictions on real property that prevent or restrict the use of the real property for a grocery store or pharmacy, subject to certain exceptions. Requires notice of an agreement and sets forth enforcement provisions.

SHB 2428 **Life Insurance Policy Lapses**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Reeves, Parshley

Final Status: C 62 L 26

Requires insurers to send written notice of possible termination of coverage under an individual life insurance policy based on nonpayment of the premium to the policyholder and a third-party designee at least 30 days before coverage will lapse. Requires insurers to notify a policy applicant in writing of the right to designate a third party to receive the notice. Excludes certain types of life insurance policies from the requirements.

ESHB 2476 **Theater Licenses/Alcohol**

Sponsors: Dufault, Corry

Final Status: C 30 L 26

Increases from 120 to 200 the maximum number of seats per screen that a theater may have in order to hold a spirits, beer, and wine theater license. Adds specific alcohol control plan measures for theaters that hold a spirits, beer, and wine theater license.

HB 2624 **Unsolicited Real Estate Tax**

Sponsors: Donaghy, Fosse, Scott

Final Status: C 198 L 26

Excludes public entities, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit nature conservancy corporations or associations from the requirements of solicited real estate transactions when acquiring real property for a public benefit.

SSB 6091 **Real Estate/Exclusive Market**

Sponsors: Liias, Gildon, Bateman

Final Status: C 57 L 26

Prohibits real estate brokers from marketing the sale or lease of residential real estate to an exclusive group of buyers or brokers only, unless necessary to protect the health and safety of the owner or occupant.

SSB 6248 **Travel Insurance**

Sponsors: Stanford, Dozier, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 165 L 26

Enacts the Washington Travel Insurance Act, including provisions for regulating the offer and dissemination of travel insurance, licensing limited lines travel insurance producers, registering travel retailers, regulating travel administrators, requiring payment of premium taxes, regulating sales practices, classifying travel insurance, and granting rulemaking authority to the Insurance Commissioner.

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[SHB 1390](#) **Community Protection Program**

Sponsors: Goodman, Farivar, Thai

Final Status: C 254 L 26

Removes references to the Community Protection Program from statute. Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to develop and implement a plan to transition all individuals participating in the Community Protection Program into other services or programs by December 31, 2026.

[ESHB 2219](#) **Child Care Providers**

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self, Cortes, Simmons

Final Status: C 82 L 26

Establishes statutory guidelines for authorized periods of time when child care centers may combine age groups. Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to waive the preservice requirement to complete a DCYF-provided orientation when an individual has previously completed the applicable orientation. Provides that minimum child care licensing requirements must include a zero tolerance policy for the presence of high-potency synthetic opioids or manufacturing equipment.

[SHB 2230](#) **Developmental Disabilities Residential Service Providers**

Sponsors: Zahn, Barnard, Ryu

Final Status: C 22 L 26

Limits the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to no more than one annual routine review of community residential service business providers in specified areas, and requires the DSHS to combine review activities from multiple areas where possible. Requires the DSHS to adopt rules or policies that require document and record sharing between and within DSHS divisions when performing monitoring and oversight of residential community service business providers.

[EHB 2317](#) **Early Learning Licensing**

Sponsors: Eslick, Callan, Abbarno

Final Status: C 54 L 26

Exempts school-day Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs and Head Start programs from Department of Children, Youth, and Family licensing requirements when the program is located at a public school or community or technical college.

SHB 2350 Residential Habilitation Center Federal Compliance

Sponsors: Farivar, Kloba, Reed

Final Status: C 95 L 26

Requires the Department of Social and Health Services, whenever it is notified that a residential habilitation center (RHC) is out of compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements, to provide notice of the noncompliance and certain other related notices at the affected RHC and to designated persons.

2SHB 2429 Youth Behavioral Health

Sponsors: Callan, Eslick, Thai

Final Status: C 93 L 26

Requires the Governor, subject to the availability of sufficient nonstate funding, to coordinate the implementation of a strategic plan for children and youth behavioral health. Requires the Governor to establish a leadership council to address children and youth health and wellness issues and coordinate efforts to implement the strategic plan. Requires certain entities providing children and youth behavioral health services to align those services with the strategic plan. Delays expiration of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group two years, until December 30, 2031.

SSB 5911 Financial Stability of Youth in DCYF Care

Sponsors: Alvarado, Warnick, Boehnke

Final Status: C 92 L 26

Prohibits the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), beginning January 1, 2027, from applying benefits, payments, funds, or accrual paid to, or on behalf of, a person in extended foster care as reimbursement for the person's cost of care. Requires the DCYF to assess whether a person participating in extended foster care is receiving certain benefits, and provides guidance to the DCYF on assisting individuals in receiving, maintaining, and managing those benefits. Authorizes the DCYF to conserve funds of persons in its care in a qualifying protected account when funds reach \$2,000.

SB 5957 Homeless Youth Advisory Committee

Sponsors: Orwall, Hasegawa, Nobles

Final Status: C 72 L 26

Expands the membership of the Homeless Youth Advisory Committee to include: (1) at least two additional individuals over age 25 who experienced homelessness or involvement with a publicly funded system of care as a youth; and (2) at least two individuals who represent populations that are disproportionately homeless.

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[ESHB 1295](#) **Reading & Writing Literacy**

Sponsors: Pollet, Rude, Couture

Final Status: C 190 L 26

Directs school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools that purchase or update a literacy curricula for use with students in kindergarten through grade 4 to meet specified curriculum requirements. Requires standards for teacher endorsement with literacy-related competencies to be revised and incorporated into teacher preparation programs within two years of revision. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to revise an educator literacy training program to enhance the literacy skills of kindergarten through grade 4 students.

[E3SHB 1634](#) **Student Behavioral Health - Technical Assistance and Training**

Sponsors: Thai, Eslick, Reed

Final Status: C 129 L 26

Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the educational service districts to develop and use a technical assistance and training framework to optimize delivery and coordination of technical assistance, training, and supports to school districts and public schools to increase access to prevention, early identification, early intervention, and crisis behavioral health services and supports for students and their families.

[ESHB 1795](#) **Student Restraint & Isolation**

Sponsors: Callan, Santos, Reed

Final Status: C 169 L 26

Prohibits school staff from using the following student interventions: mechanical restraint; chemical restraint; restraint that restricts breathing or blood flow to the brain; and isolation as a planned behavioral intervention. Requires documentation of medical necessity before restraint may be included in a student's behavior intervention plan. Prohibits establishing new rooms intended for student isolation. Excludes certain temporary seclusion of a student for privacy and safety purposes from the definition of isolation, subject to applicable procedural and reporting requirements. Applies student restraint and isolation requirements to all providers of public educational services, except inpatient facility licensed or certified health professionals.

[SHB 2360](#) **School-Supplied Albuterol**

Sponsors: Donaghy, Reed, Engell

Final Status: C 197 L 26

Authorizes public and private schools to maintain and administer school-supplied albuterol. Establishes requirements for administration of school-supplied albuterol, allows employee opt-out, and provides liability protections.

ESHB 2534 **Children of Military Families**

Sponsors: Shavers, McEntire, Barnard

Final Status: C 32 L 26

Makes changes to school district requirements for enrolling children of military families, transferring their education records, and providing them with services and accommodations.

ESHB 2557 **Special Education - Eligibility Determination**

Sponsors: Chase, Schmidt, Eslick

Final Status: C 34 L 26

Requires a school district to meet specified deadlines for providing a student's parent or guardian with a copy of the special education evaluation report and for convening an eligibility determination meeting, unless an exception applies or the parent or guardian provides a written waiver. Provides that, absent a written waiver, a school district's failure to provide the evaluation report within the required timeline constitutes a procedural violation.

SHB 2594 **Unhoused Children-Education**

Sponsors: Reeves, McEntire, Leavitt

Final Status: C 201 L 26

Establishes state requirements for ensuring that homeless children and youths have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as is provided to other children and youths. Provides that actions of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and school districts that meet requirements of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act satisfy equivalent requirements in the bill.

SSB 5346 **Student Mobile Device Use**

Sponsors: Liias, Harris, Shewmake

Final Status: C 225 L 26

Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to report to the Legislature on policies and procedures adopted by public schools for limiting student use of mobile devices during instructional hours. Requires the OSPI to post research on student use of mobile devices and strategies for teaching responsible use of mobile devices. Modifies school districts' authority with respect to student possession and use of mobile devices.

SSB 5841 **Financial Aid Applications**

Sponsors: Boehnke, Dozier, Nobles

Final Status: C 122 L 26

Adds requirements for the state's electronic platform for high school and beyond plans (HSBPs), including the capability to import certain financial aid application data and to provide specific student notifications. Adds scholarship and financial aid requirements to provisions governing HSBPs. Requires that certain information provided to a student for HSBP purposes be reviewed by the student and staff after the student's completion of an applicable financial aid application.

2SSB 5969 **IEP Transition Plans**

Sponsors: Cortes, Hasegawa, Nobles

Final Status: C 147 L 26

Requires the statewide system for individualized education programs (IEPs) to integrate a student's transition plan with the statewide high school and beyond plan (HSBP) platform. Requires the HSBPs of students with IEPs to be integrated with the statewide system for IEPs.

SSB 6268 **Special Education - Complaint Records**

Sponsors: Harris, Dozier, Nobles

Final Status: C 88 L 26

Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain an online record, accessible to the public at no cost, of all final decisions issued in response to special education community complaints for the preceding 20 years.

SB 6278 **Teacher & Principal Preparation**

Sponsors: Wellman

Final Status: C 49 L 26

Requires the Professional Educator Standards Board to include, as part of its ongoing review of approved teacher and principal preparation programs, specified program and role standards, review of specified evidence and input, and a process for addressing program performance that does not align with standards and requirements. Changes the required submission frequency for student teacher field placement plans.

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SHB 1302 **Utility Connection Charges**

Sponsors: Cortes, Barnard, Simmons

Final Status: C 127 L 26

Authorizes municipalities to adopt programs to waive utility connection charges for properties owned by organizations that utilize the property for industrial symbiosis.

E2SHB 2215 **Climate Commitment Act - Fuel Supplier Obligations**

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Ryu

Final Status: C 251 L 26 Partial
Veto

Lowers the emissions threshold that establishes a Climate Commitment Act (CCA) compliance obligation for certain suppliers of fossil fuels. Prohibits state agencies and municipalities from awarding contracts to certain fuel suppliers. Exempts emissions associated with lubricants from a CCA compliance obligation.

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes the section containing an emergency clause. (See [veto message](#)).

HB 2272 **Ski Areas & Winter Sports**

Sponsors: Hall, Parshley, Leavitt

Final Status: C 23 L 26

Updates equipment terms for ski lift devices that are inspected by the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

SHB 2296 **Utility Rental Housing Energy Investments**

Sponsors: Hall, Callan, Reed

Final Status: C 136 L 26

Allows electrical or natural gas companies (utility companies) to invest in energy conservation and efficiency programs (energy investments) in certain prioritized rental housing, authorizes the Utilities and Transportation Commission to allow utility companies to earn a return on energy investments over a period of time that reduces costs for customers, and requires energy investments to be recovered through customers' bills.

HB 2367 **Coal-Fired Electric Plant**

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Berry

Final Status: C 37 L 26

Specifies that the exemption from the Cap-and-Invest Program for emissions from a certain coal-fired electric generation facility (coal plant) applies only to those emissions before January 1, 2026. Removes the restriction that Washington agencies and political subdivisions may not impose greenhouse gas emission requirements on a coal plant that are inconsistent with or in addition to certain standards or a specified memorandum of agreement. Repeals sales and use tax exemptions for coal used at a coal plant.

E2SHB 2416 **Climate Commitment Act - Waste to Energy Facilities**

Sponsors: Hill, Ormsby, Parshley

Final Status: C 216 L 26

Provides no-cost allowances to a waste-to-energy (WTE) facility under the Climate Commitment Act through 2030. Consigns to auction a percentage of no-cost allowances allocated to the WTE facility, with proceeds to be used for greenhouse gas emission reduction investments. Requires the WTE facility to develop a two-part greenhouse gas emission reduction and a waste reduction and material recovery plan.

HB 2426 **Pollution Control Appeals**

Sponsors: Bernbaum, Reed, Parshley

Final Status: C 98 L 26

Authorizes permit appeals to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (Board) to be heard by alternative compositions of the Board in certain circumstances.

HB 2436 **Tug Escorts for Oil Tankers**

Sponsors: Lekanoff, Ramel, Parshley

Final Status: C 64 L 26

Increases the minimum horsepower requirements for tugs used to escort oil tankers of between 40,000 and 125,000 deadweight tons.

SHB 2496 **Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council - Tribal Consultation**

Sponsors: Stearns, Ramel, Parshley

Final Status: C 244 L 26

Requires the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) Chair to conduct government-to-government consultation with federally recognized tribes during site certification, include as many EFSEC members as possible if requested by the tribe, and allow the tribe 30 days to request corrections to the EFSEC's summary of consultation or to submit its own. Exempts certain government-to-government consultations between a tribe and the EFSEC during site certification from the Open Public Meetings Act.

EHB 2575 **Environmental Reporting Reductions**

Sponsors: Hall, Doglio, Parshley

Final Status: C 137 L 26

Reduces and eliminates certain reporting requirements for electric utilities, water utilities, and the Department of Commerce.

ESSB 5975 **Lead Content in Cookware**

Sponsors: Harris, Cleveland, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 110 L 26

Amends the restrictions on lead content in aluminum or brass cookware, cookware components, and utensils, and excludes certain products from the restrictions. Requires the Department of Ecology to adopt rules addressing lead in cookware under the Safer Products for Washington Program.

SSB 5982 **Entities Subject to the Clean Energy Transformation Act**

Sponsors: Hunt, Shewmake, Lias

Final Status: C 181 L 26

Expands the types of entities subject to the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to include port districts that distribute electricity, consumer-owned utilities with a single customer, and nonresidential electricity consumers who generate any of their own electricity or purchase electricity from an entity that is not an electric utility, with certain exceptions. Directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission to oversee CETA compliance for such nonresidential electricity consumers and directs the Department of Commerce to establish CETA reporting requirements for port districts.

ESB 6246 **Climate Commitment Act - Emissions-Intensive Trade-Exposed Facilities**

Sponsors: Slatter, Shewmake, Saldaña

Final Status: C 253 L 26 Partial
Veto

Requires the owners or operators of emissions-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) facilities under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) to periodically report greenhouse gas (GHG) emission information to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and submit assessments of potential GHG emission reduction projects. Requires Ecology to submit a legislative report addressing EITE no-cost allowance allocation under the CCA, and contract for an independent report addressing the risk of emissions and job leakage from EITE facilities.

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes the section requiring Ecology to contract for an independent report addressing the risk of emissions and job leakage from EITE facilities. (See [veto message](#)).

SSB 6269

Gaseous Motor Fuel

Sponsors: Shewmake, Liias

Final Status: C 160 L 26

Adds gaseous products used for motor vehicle propulsion or that are intended to be used for transportation purposes to the motor fuels for which the Department of Agriculture must establish quality specifications, along with a sampling, testing, and enforcement program under the Motor Fuel Quality Act.

SB 6291

On-Site Wastewater Systems

Sponsors: Lovelett, Shewmake

Final Status: C 210 L 26

Extends the maximum period that a noncertified individual may review designs and conduct inspections of on-site wastewater treatment systems under the supervision of a certified individual from two years to four years.

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[2ESHB 1210](#) **Urban Area Tax Preferences**

Sponsors: Barnard, Springer

Final Status: C 120 L 26

Modifies certain labor standards and the project completion timeline for clean energy transformation businesses applying for the targeted urban areas property tax exemption.

[HB 1376](#) **Capital Gains Tax Prepayment**

Sponsors: Orcutt, Klicker, Jacobsen

Final Status: C 191 L 26

Authorizes taxpayers realizing a long-term capital gain to prepay their capital gains tax liability up to six months prior to the due date.

[2SHB 1859](#) **Housing Development/Religious Organizations**

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Peterson, Doglio

Final Status: C 2 L 26

Decreases the amount of affordable housing required for a density bonus on property owned by a religious organization. Requires certain cities and counties to develop policies to implement a density bonus if it receives a request from a religious organization.

[E3SHB 1960](#) **Renewable Energy**

Sponsors: Ramel, Berg, Doglio

Final Status: C 260 L 26

Authorizes a personal property tax exemption for qualified renewable energy facilities and battery electric storage systems that become operational on or after January 1, 2028, and authorizes state and local renewable energy excise taxes on such facilities and systems. Creates a capacity grant program for federally recognized Indian tribes and a local investment distribution grant program. Repeals the personal property tax exemption for certain solar and wind facilities as well as the accompanying production excise tax.

[HB 1983](#) **Timberland Definition/REET**

Sponsors: Tharinger, Bernbaum

Final Status: C 171 L 26

Expands the definition of timberland for purposes of the real estate excise tax to include certain forestlands transferred or sold to a governmental entity.

SHB 2089 Taxes On Loan Interest

Sponsors: Scott, Springer, Parshley

Final Status: C 131 L 26

Directs the revenue generated by the removal of the business and occupation (B&O) tax deduction into the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account. Requires high volume mortgage lenders to pay the B&O tax on interest income received on investments or loans secured by first mortgages or trust deeds on nontransient residential properties.

SHB 2334 Cash Transactions/Pennies

Sponsors: Berg, Street, Parshley

Final Status: C 138 L 26

Establishes rules for rounding the total price of a transaction involving in-person cash payments to the nearest nickel. Provides that rounding applies solely to the payment amount tendered and does not alter the sales price, or the amount of tax owed or collected. Preempts inconsistent local rules.

HB 2431 Nonprofit Halls/Fundraising

Sponsors: Shavers

Final Status: C 63 L 26

Increases the limitation for regularly scheduled fundraising activities from 15 to 50 days for the nonprofit public assembly hall and meeting places property tax exemption.

ESHB 2442 Local Government Fund Use

Sponsors: Berg, Duerr, Parshley

Final Status: C 221 L 26

Expands the use of local real estate excise tax revenues, certain local sales and use tax revenues related to housing, county rental car sales tax revenue, and flood control zone district funds. Authorizes a new local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families, and a new county property tax levy for public health clinic expenses. Authorizes certain existing county property tax levies to be levied separately from the general county levy and outside of the rate limit generally applicable to local taxing districts. Extends the maximum length that a levy lid lift may be approved for by voters. Requires city levies be reduced by the rate of the levy of certain fire protection districts, rather than by the amount levied. Requires these fire protection districts to generally be governed by an independently elected board of commissioners, adds consultation requirements for the formation of such districts, and allows all fire protection districts to impose a portion of a levy outside of the rate limit generally applicable to local taxing districts.

EHB 2487 **Insurer Taxes**

Sponsors: Macri

Final Status: C 263 L 26

Modifies the insurance premium exemption from the business and occupation tax with retroactive effect. Directs the Department of Revenue to waive penalties and interest and enter into repayment plans for certain delinquent taxes. Creates a new exemption from the workforce education investment surcharge and establishes a new surcharge maximum with retroactive effect.

HB 2610 **Nonprofit Housing Providers**

Sponsors: Street, Mena, Reed

Final Status: C 102 L 26

Expands the allowable use of property for the nonprofit homeownership property tax exemption.

ESSB 5252 **Assembly Halls/Property Tax**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Chapman, Nobles

Final Status: C 67 L 26

Removes the acreage limit for the nonprofit public assembly hall and meeting places property tax exemption.

SB 5994 **Timber Tax Distributions**

Sponsors: Cortes, Frame, Lovelett

Final Status: C 74 L 26

Extends timber tax revenue distributions to school districts without qualifying levies in a given calendar year, if the district had qualifying levies in effect in either of the previous two calendar years.

E2SSB 6027 **Affordable Housing Funding**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Robinson, Bateman

Final Status: C 230 L 26

Expands the allowable uses for certain local sales and use tax revenues collected for affordable housing and related services. Makes changes to the requirements and eligible uses of funding in the Affordable Housing for All Account.

ESSB 6113 **Tax Administration**

Sponsors: Frame, Robinson, Saldaña

Final Status: C 250 L 26 Partial
Veto

Makes technical and administrative changes to the tax code.

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes the sections regarding the aircraft luxury tax and the waiver for penalties and interest for service sales taxes related to Chapter 422, Laws of 2025 (SB 5814). (See [veto message](#)).

ESSB 6162 **Property Tax**

Sponsors: Krishnadasan, Alvarado, Bateman

Final Status: C 163 L 26

Consolidates the state property tax levy into a single levy. Expands the property tax relief program for senior citizens, disabled individuals, and qualifying veterans, including fully exempting program participants from the state property tax levy and increasing income thresholds for qualification.

ESB 6228 **Prescription Drugs/Taxes**

Sponsors: Frame, Dhingra, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 265 L 26

Repeals the preferential business and occupation (B&O) tax rate for warehousing and reselling prescription drugs. Creates a preferential B&O tax rate for critical access pharmacies.

ESSB 6231 **Data Center Tax Exemptions**

Sponsors: Frame, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 266 L 26

Expires certain sales tax exemption certificates issued to rural data centers as of July 1, 2026, and prohibits the issue of certificates after that date. Provides that urban data centers refurbished on or after July 1, 2026, do not qualify for the data center sales tax exemption. Provides that replacement server equipment does not qualify as eligible server equipment for the rural and urban data center sales tax exemptions.

SB 6244 **Agricultural Crop Products/Tax Exemption**

Sponsors: Torres, Dozier

Final Status: C 164 L 26

Extends the hazardous substance tax exemption for agricultural crop protection products until January 1, 2038.

ESSB 6346 **Tax On Millionaires**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Chapman, Frame

Final Status: C 238 L 26

Imposes a 9.90 percent tax on an individual's receipt of income exceeding \$1 million beginning in 2028. Expands eligibility for the Working Families Tax Credit. Increases the business and occupation (B&O) tax credit for small businesses and the B&O tax return filing threshold. Provides a sales and use tax exemption for diapers, over the counter drugs, and grooming and hygiene products. Makes changes related to the implementation of some of the changes in Chapter 422, Laws of 2025—Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5814 (ESSB 5814) effective July 1, 2026. Repeals sales taxes on certain specified services applied in ESSB 5814, which were enacted in 2025. Provides additional exemptions to the B&O surcharges for high grossing businesses.

[ESB 6347](#)

Estate Tax Rates

Sponsors: Kauffman, Slatter, Dhingra

Final Status: C 209 L 26

Returns the estate tax exclusion amount and tax rates to what applied prior to the enactment of Chapter 421, Laws of 2025, Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5813.

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[ESHB 1187](#) **Delayed Ambulance Bills**

Sponsors: Ryu, Thai, Obras

Final Status: C 126 L 26

Prohibits ambulance services from selling or assigning debt to collection agencies for at least 120 days after an initial billing statement is sent to a patient following a motor vehicle accident.

[ESHB 2110](#) **Specialty Care Transports**

Sponsors: Schmick, Tharinger, Engell

Final Status: C 193 L 26

Allows registered nurses without emergency medical technician (EMT) certification to provide care during certain ambulance transports between medical facilities when no paramedic or nurse with EMT certification is available.

[HB 2113](#) **Radiologic Technologists**

Sponsors: Engell, Parshley, Davis

Final Status: C 10 L 26

Modifies the level of supervision required and the types of health care providers that are authorized to supervise intravenous contrast procedures performed by certain types of radiologic technologists.

[SHB 2152](#) **Cannabis/Health Facilities**

Sponsors: Kloba, Rude, Parshley

Final Status: C 20 L 26

Requires hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice care centers to allow the medical use of cannabis by qualifying patients with a terminal condition and establishes minimum standards for those policies.

[HB 2155](#) **Use of Nursing Titles**

Sponsors: Obras, Parshley, Kloba

Final Status: C 6 L 26

Prohibits nonhuman entities from using nursing titles.

EHB 2211 **Medically Tailored Meals**

Sponsors: Reeves, Doglio, Parshley

Final Status: C 200 L 26

Requires that state agencies providing medically tailored meals to medical assistance program enrollees must prioritize vendors that are nonprofit organizations or small businesses that are able to provide locally sourced, fresh, whole foods or from scratch prepared meals. Establishes nutritional standards for medically tailored meals.

ESHB 2242 **Preventive Health Services**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Doglio, Parshley

Final Status: C 13 L 26

Authorizes the Department of Health (DOH) to issue immunization recommendations and guidance. Replaces the requirement that health plans provide coverage for immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) with a requirement to cover immunizations recommended by the DOH. Changes the recommending entity for determining which immunizations must be considered "vaccines" for the purposes of the Washington Vaccine Association from the ACIP to the DOH.

ESHB 2247 **Veterinarian Relationship**

Sponsors: Parshley, Lekanoff, Reed

Final Status: C 202 L 26

Establishes requirements for creating and maintaining a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Specifies permissible utilization of telehealth in veterinary care. Establishes veterinarian duties for animals used in commercial operations.

SHB 2339 **ARNP Titles & Nurse Licensing**

Sponsors: Simmons, Macri

Final Status: C 139 L 26

Modifies the titles used by advanced registered nurse practitioners to reflect their practitioner type. Allows certified registered nurse anesthetists who have not obtained prescriptive authority prior to July 1, 2026, to continue administering certain substances.

HB 2340 **Nursing Assistants/SUD Program**

Sponsors: Simmons

Final Status: C 59 L 26

Prohibits the Department of Health and the Board of Nursing (BON) from posting information online regarding enforcement actions taken against a nursing assistant, if the nursing assistant has successfully completed the terms of an agreement requiring the nursing assistant to contact or participate in a substance use disorder (SUD) monitoring program. Makes nursing assistants eligible for the BON stipends to defray the costs associated with participating in an SUD monitoring program.

2SHB 2384 **Continuing Care Retirement**

Sponsors: Macri, Reed, Street

Final Status: C 140 L 26

Requires applicants for registration as a continuing care retirement community that offer life care contracts to submit an actuarial analysis as part of their application materials with every other renewal application. Directs the Office of the Insurance Commissioner to review and determine whether the applicant's actuarial balance is satisfactory.

SHB 2505 **Adult Family Home Licensure**

Sponsors: Eslick, Dent, Reeves

Final Status: C 91 L 26

Exempts certain individuals from adult family home licensing requirements if they have been: (1) licensed to operate a foster family home when the only unrelated adults receiving care are former foster youth who had received personal care from the individual; or (2) approved for a child-specific license when the only unrelated adults receiving care in the home are former youth for whom the individual received the child-specific license.

SHB 2577 **Hospital Inspections**

Sponsors: Macri, Ormsby, Parshley

Final Status: C 35 L 26

Requires that acute care hospital inspections take place every 18 months, except during certain emergencies. Allows an inspection by a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services accrediting organization to fulfill the inspection requirement once every 36 months.

ESSB 5124 **SNF & Rehab Network Adequacy**

Sponsors: Muzzall, Chapman, Dozier

Final Status: C 206 L 26

Directs the Health Care Authority to adopt network adequacy standards for Medicaid managed care organizations for post-acute care services, including nursing homes and inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

SSB 5185 **International Medical Pathways**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Cortes, Cleveland

Final Status: C 154 L 26

Establishes the Clinical Experience Graduate Pilot Program (Pilot Program) for medical graduates who hold a Clinical Experience License and meet specified supervised clinical practice requirements. Authorizes the Washington Medical Commission to establish a primary care license for applicants who have completed the Pilot Program.

E2SSB 5395 **Prior Authorization/Health**

Sponsors: Orwall, Muzzall, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 157 L 26

Modifies requirements related to determination notifications and the use of artificial intelligence as part of the prior authorization process for private health insurance and health plans offered to public or school employees.

ESSB 5845 **Health Carrier Payments**

Sponsors: Slatter, Muzzall, Chapman

Final Status: C 158 L 26

Requires health carriers to pay or deny a clean claim from a participating provider or facility within 30 days. Requires health carriers to send a notice explaining a denial or a request for additional information for claims that are not clean within 21 days. Reduces the period of time in which health carriers may request refunds of claims payments from health care providers from 24 months for most claims to 12 months, subject to some exceptions.

SB 5915 **Health Technology Assessment**

Sponsors: Harris, Chapman, Muzzall

Final Status: C 70 L 26

Establishes priority in the Health Technology Assessment Program for the review of health technologies that are recommended under Medicare or by nationally recognized expert treatment guidelines.

SSB 5917 **Abortion Medications**

Sponsors: Bateman, Frame, Alvarado

Final Status: C 52 L 26

Removes requirements that the Department of Corrections (DOC) sell the abortion medications it possesses at a certain cost and instead allows the DOC to obtain payment for any abortion medications it distributes. Modifies the definition of "abortion medications" to include misoprostol.

E2SSB 5981 **340B Drug Pricing Program**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Slatter, Harris

Final Status: C 227 L 26

Prohibits certain manufacturer restrictions on the delivery or acquisition of drugs under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program (340B Program). Requires certain covered entities and manufacturers participating in the 340B Program to annually report information and pay a filing fee to the Health Care Authority.

SB 5988 **Opioid Treatment Program Fees**

Sponsors: Robinson

Final Status: C 73 L 26

Authorizes the Department of Health to become an accrediting body for opioid treatment programs and establish accreditation fees to cover the costs associated with accreditation activities.

SB 6025 **Definition of Fetal Death**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Robinson, Nobles

Final Status: C 45 L 26

Modifies the vital statistics definition of fetal death by changing how gestational age is calculated.

SSB 6183 **HIV Antiviral Drug Coverage**

Sponsors: Liias, Harris, Bateman

Final Status: C 48 L 26

Requires health plans, including health plans offered to public and school employees, to provide coverage for all HIV antiviral drugs without prior authorization or step therapy, subject to certain limitations.

SSB 6226 **Board of Hearing & Speech**

Sponsors: Harris, Orwall, Nobles

Final Status: C 185 L 26

Prohibits the Board of Hearing and Speech from adopting rules that prevent hearing aid specialists, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists from using their clinical judgment to determine whether telehealth or in-person care is the appropriate treatment modality for a patient.

SJM 8002 **Medicare**

Sponsors: Hasegawa, Chapman, Stanford

Final Status: SFiled Sec/St

Requests the federal government to take certain actions so that Medicare beneficiaries will not experience additional costs from choosing the original Medicare program and will have a choice between the public and private program.

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EHB 1345 **Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit Limits**

Sponsors: Low, Peterson, Tharinger

Final Status: C 231 L 26

Authorizes fully planning counties under the Growth Management Act to allow detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs) outside of urban growth areas if the DADUs are subject to certain development regulations, the county has certain code enforcement measures in place, and the county takes certain actions to account for DADU development.

ESHB 1500 **Common Interest Community Resale Certificates**

Sponsors: Reed, Entenman, Gregerson

Final Status: C 194 L 26

Makes several changes to the resale certificate requirements for units in a common interest community subject to the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act. Updates the disclosure statement that a seller of residential property must provide to a buyer to include questions related to whether homeowners' association approvals were obtained for any modifications or remodeling.

EHB 1501 **Common Interest Community Unit Owner Inquiries**

Sponsors: Reed, Entenman, Gregerson

Final Status: C 128 L 26

Establishes a process for common interest community unit owners to submit formal written inquiries to their associations regarding association governance or operations, and authorizes associations to adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding the frequency and manner of responding to inquiries.

EHB 1687 **Social Housing Authorities**

Sponsors: Reed, Scott, Berry

Final Status: C 1 L 26

Authorizes the state or a local government to assist a social housing public development authority in the planning, construction, or operation of housing projects.

E2SHB 1974 **Land Banking Authorities**

Sponsors: Hill, Peterson, Parshley

Final Status: C 233 L 26

Allows a city or county to authorize a public corporation, housing authority, or nonprofit organization to establish a land bank.

ESHB 2266 **Supportive & Emergency Housing**

Sponsors: Peterson, Macri, Ryu

Final Status: C 232 L 26

Establishes siting requirements for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor emergency shelters, and indoor emergency housing (STEP housing). Restricts permitting and other requirements that may be imposed on STEP housing.

SHB 2269 **Middle Housing in Unincorporated Areas**

Sponsors: Bernbaum, Engell, Peterson

Final Status: C 12 L 26

Expands the wastewater systems that must serve middle housing in limited areas of more intensive rural development in rural counties to include large, on-site sewage systems.

SHB 2452 **Rent Increase Notice Service**

Sponsors: Connors, Macri, Engell

Final Status: C 118 L 26

Removes the requirement that rent increase notices under the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA) be served in the same manner as unlawful detainer notices, and instead requires them to be served in the same manner as other notices under the MHLTA.

HB 2664 **Unlawful Detainer Notices**

Sponsors: Connors, Macri, Salahuddin

Final Status: C 144 L 26

Removes the certified mail delivery requirement for unlawful detainer notices and other notices required to be served in the same manner, such as rent increase notices.

ESSB 5156 **Elevators in Smaller Apartments**

Sponsors: Salomon, Bateman, Liias

Final Status: C 145 L 26

Directs the State Building Code Council to consider elevator safety standards and adopt standards for smaller elevators in certain apartment buildings.

ESSB 5937 **RLTA Requirements for Smart Access Systems**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Goehner, Bateman

Final Status: C 55 L 26

Adds smart access system data collection and privacy policy requirements to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act (RLTA). Requires RLTA landlords to offer tenants alternative keys that do not use biometric identifier information or software applications operated on a mobile phone or similar electronic device.

SSB 5938 **Foreclosure Prevention Fee**

Sponsors: Orwall, Nobles, Stanford

Final Status: C 156 L 26

Modifies the foreclosure prevention fee, including the exemptions, payment options, authority of the Department of Commerce to administer the fee, and other requirements.

SSB 6054 **Common Interest Community Wildfire Home Hardening Practices**

Sponsors: Hunt, Orwall, Shewmake

Final Status: C 180 L 26

Prohibits common interest community (CIC) governing documents from prohibiting the installation, use, or maintenance of fire-hardened building materials that meet certain health and safety standards. Authorizes CIC governing documents to include reasonable rules regarding the design, dimensions, placement, or exterior appearance of fire-hardened building materials if the rules meet certain criteria.

ESSB 6200 **Tenant Cooling Devices**

Sponsors: Slatter, Alvarado, Conway

Final Status: C 184 L 26

Prohibits landlords from restricting installation of portable cooling devices by tenants subject to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act, with certain exceptions.

SSB 6237 **Rental Property Flood Disclosure**

Sponsors: Bateman, Hasegawa, Nobles

Final Status: C 234 L 26

Requires landlords to provide tenants with information about flooding potential and insurance coverage.

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[HB 1069](#) **Collective Bargaining - Supplemental Retirement Benefits**

Sponsors: Fosse, Low, Peterson

Final Status: C 189 L 26

Makes contributions for supplemental retirement benefits, including medical plans, administered by an employee organization a mandatory subject of collective bargaining for Department of Corrections employees.

[ESHB 1155](#) **Employment - Noncompetition Agreements**

Sponsors: Berry, Walen, Ramel

Final Status: C 149 L 26

Makes any noncompetition covenant void and unenforceable, regardless of when the parties entered into the covenant. Requires employers to notify employees who are subject to noncompetition covenants that the covenants are void and unenforceable.

[HB 2091](#) **Collective Bargaining - Employee Information**

Sponsors: Reed, Parshley, Zahn

Final Status: C 195 L 26

Extends the requirement for certain public employers to provide exclusive bargaining representatives with employee contact information to all public employers under the Personnel System Reform Act. Limits liability of state agencies for not providing information until Phase 2 of the One Washington Enterprise Resource Management project is fully implemented.

[2SHB 2105](#) **Employment - Federal I-9 Audits**

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self, Mena, Farivar

Final Status: C 240 L 26

Requires an employer to notify its workers within five days of receiving a federal Notice of Inspection of Employment Eligibility Verification Forms I-9 and subsequently notify affected workers within five days of receiving any inspection results.

[SHB 2107](#) **Safety & Health - Construction Hazards**

Sponsors: Schmidt, Berry, Ybarra

Final Status: C 19 L 26

Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to make a good faith effort to notify an employer or owner within 10 working days if an onsite inspection identifies a hazard at any building construction worksite.

SHB 2151 Safety & Health - Factory-Built Structure Inspections

Sponsors: Manjarrez, Peterson, Ryu

Final Status: C 3 L 26

Allows the Department of Labor and Industries to establish options for factory inspections of factory-built housing and commercial structures to be conducted by qualified inspection agencies. Exempts certain prefabricated enclosures owned by electric utilities from the inspection and approval process.

HB 2264 Unemployment Insurance - Employer-Initiated Layoffs

Sponsors: Berry, Scott, Reed

Final Status: C 150 L 26

Allows a person to access unemployment insurance benefits when voluntarily participating in an employer-initiated layoff or reduction in force plan if their termination is the result of the plan.

ESHB 2303 Employment - Microchips

Sponsors: Thomas, Parshley, Berry

Final Status: C 25 L 26

Prohibits an employer from requesting, requiring, or coercing an employee to have a microchip implanted for any reason.

2SHB 2345 Paid Family and Medical Leave Program - Premium Contributions

Sponsors: Schmidt, Berry, Thomas

Final Status: C 26 L 26

Reallocates minimum employer and employee contributions for the medical and family leave premium shares for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program.

SHB 2355 Wage & Hour - Domestic Workers

Sponsors: Thomas, Stonier, Berry

Final Status: C 15 L 26

Establishes certain employment and labor protections for domestic workers, including any employee or independent contractor working in a private residence for four or more hours per month as a nanny, child care provider, home care worker, personal care provider, housekeeper, cleaner, cook, gardener, or household manager, subject to certain exceptions. Allows a domestic worker to seek remedies for violations of the labor protections by filing an administrative complaint with the Department of Labor and Industries and/or by bringing a private cause of action.

SHB 2405 Workers' Compensation - PTSD Treatment & Research

Sponsors: Schmidt, Bronoske, Parshley

Final Status: C 220 L 26

Establishes a pilot program to allow workers' compensation coverage of post-traumatic stress disorder treatment up to a specified number of sessions before claim adjudication and after claim closure.

ESHB 2471 Collective Bargaining - Private Sector Coverage

Sponsors: Scott, Berry, Pollet

Final Status: C 130 L 26

Establishes collective bargaining provisions for the private sector if: (1) federal law ceases to preempt state regulation of labor management relations of employees, employers, trades, or industries that had been subject to federal labor law; or (2) the National Labor Relations Board determines that an employer, employee, trade, or industry falls outside its previously existing jurisdiction, or the Board declines to exercise jurisdiction, or is deprived of its previous jurisdiction, of those employers, employees, trades, or industries. Grants the Public Employment Relations Commission jurisdiction to administer collective bargaining and enforce state law protecting concerted activities under those limited circumstances.

SHB 2472 Building & Construction - Fire Sprinkler Systems

Sponsors: Bronoske, Berry, Ormsby

Final Status: C 29 L 26

Adds enforcement mechanisms to licensing and certification requirements for fire sprinkler system contractors and fitters, including requiring the Director of Fire Protection to investigate violations, allowing local fire code officials to issue stop work orders, and allowing local fire code officials or the Director of Fire Protection to require the removal and replacement of a system when warranted by public safety.

2SHB 2479 Wage & Hour - Recovery of Unpaid Wages

Sponsors: Fosse, Schmidt, Berry

Final Status: C 53 L 26

Creates the Wage Recovery Program and Wage Recovery Account to allow unpaid low-wage workers to receive disbursements if certain conditions are met. Gives the Department of Labor and Industries discretion to investigate complaints under the Wage Payment Act. Increases the minimum civil penalty amount, removes the maximum cap for willful violations, and requires penalties for certain repeat willful violators.

SHB 2492 Building & Construction - Behavioral Health & Wellness Training

Sponsors: Nance, Schmidt, Berg

Final Status: C 14 L 26

Requires state-registered apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades to provide apprentices with at least two hours of behavioral health and wellness training. Allows electricians and plumbers to count up to four hours of behavioral health and wellness training towards continuing education requirements for certification renewals.

2SSB 5292 Paid Family and Medical Leave Program - Premium Rate Setting

Sponsors: Conway, Saldaña, Cortes

Final Status: C 104 L 26

Shifts the method for setting the premium rate for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program from a statutory lookback formula to an actuarial approach. Requires the premium rate to be set at the lowest possible rate necessary to maintain solvency, reduce fluctuations, and build a four-month reserve.

E2SSB 5847 **Workers' Compensation - Medical Treatment**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Harris, Alvarado

Final Status: C 175 L 26

Modifies the standards for accessing medical care in the workers' compensation system, including by: (1) allowing providers to deviate from treatment guidelines when medically appropriate; (2) preventing an employer from requiring or coercing a worker to see a specific provider; and (3) allowing treatment by a nonnetwork provider in specified circumstances. Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries to hire additional claims managers to the extent necessary to meet specified case load standards.

SSB 5874 **Unemployment Insurance - Employer Quarterly Reports**

Sponsors: MacEwen

Final Status: C 43 L 26

Allows the Employment Security Department to waive penalties for minor or insignificant reporting errors in employers' quarterly unemployment insurance reports.

SB 5944 **Collective Bargaining - Language Access Providers**

Sponsors: Cortes, Alvarado, Conway

Final Status: C 109 L 26

Provides that payments for missed or canceled appointments are part of "economic compensation" that must be collectively bargained between state agency employers and language access providers.

SSB 6014 **Safety & Health - Pregnancy Accommodations**

Sponsors: Nobles, Conway, Dhingra

Final Status: C 76 L 26

Creates a Public Records Act exemption relating to pregnancy accommodations for employees. Reverses changes made in 2025 to the types of pregnancy accommodation for which an employer is prohibited from claiming an undue burden.

SSB 6039 **Labor & Industries (General) - Communication Methods**

Sponsors: King, Conway, Lias

Final Status: C 77 L 26

Allows the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to send notices electronically in various programs administered by L&I. Requires that, before using an electronic method for the first time, L&I must provide recipients the option to receive notices nonelectronically.

ESB 6058 **Wage & Hour - Enforcement Discretion**

Sponsors: Saldaña, Conway, Dhingra

Final Status: C 176 L 26

Gives the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) discretion to investigate wage complaints under the Wage Payment Act. Allows L&I to assess penalties for willful violations when L&I initiates an administrative investigation and orders an employer to pay wages and interest.

ESB 6106 **Employment - Layoff Notices**

Sponsors: Cleveland, Saldaña, Conway

Final Status: C 86 L 26

Exempts tribes from requirements under the Securing Timely Notification and Benefits for Laid-off Employees Act. Exempts from public disclosure employee names and addresses in required notices.

SB 6134 **Unemployment Insurance - Striking Workers Overpayment Warnings**

Sponsors: King

Final Status: C 161 L 26

Requires the Employment Security Department to notify a striking worker applying for unemployment insurance benefits of the potential to receive an overpayment assessment if the worker receives retroactive wages from the employer.

SB 6136 **Workers' Compensation - Premium Rate-Setting Data**

Sponsors: King

Final Status: C 162 L 26

Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to annually publish the actuarially indicated premium rate for each workers' compensation risk classification and disclose when it sets any final premium rate below the actuarially indicated premium rate.

SB 6188 **Safety & Health - Asbestos Certification**

Sponsors: Hunt, Conway, Nobles

Final Status: C 179 L 26

Requires that the Department of Labor and Industries' asbestos certification rules be based on the best available evidence, established best practices, and nationally recognized industry standards, and be the least burdensome regulations on applicants necessary to address safety and health hazards.

ESSB 6197 **Building & Construction - Plumbing Contractors**

Sponsors: Hunt, Saldaña, Conway

Final Status: C 178 L 26

Changes the circumstances under which a plumbing certificate, license, endorsement, or registration may be suspended.

ESSB 6302 **Prevailing Wage - Independent Contractors**

Sponsors: Conway, Saldaña, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 105 L 26

Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate when there are three or more independent contractors performing finishing work on a public works project to determine whether those workers are being misclassified as independent contractors under the Prevailing Wages on Public Works Act.

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[SHB 2228](#) **Building Code - Scissor Stairs**

Sponsors: Zahn, Duerr, Ramel

Final Status: C 4 L 26

Requires the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group to recommend changes for the 2027 State Building Code update to allow scissor stairs in certain occupancies.

[E2SHB 2418](#) **Permit Review**

Sponsors: Duerr, Zahn, Parshley

Final Status: C 235 L 26

Requires government entities, other than counties and cities, that charge an applicant a fee for the review of a residential project permit application to complete the review within specified deadlines, or refund 20 percent of the fee, unless a deadline or the refund is waived by the applicant. Requires local governments to designate a single point-of-contact for each application and a permit-responsible official authorized to make final administrative decisions on residential project permit applications.

[E2SHB 2451](#) **Tax Increment Financing**

Sponsors: Duerr, Berg, Parshley

Final Status: C 141 L 26

Makes various changes to the requirements and provisions for jurisdictions establishing a tax increment financing area.

[EHB 2588](#) **County Ferry Districts**

Sponsors: Timmons, Ramel, Lekanoff

Final Status: C 187 L 26

Authorizes ferry districts to operate and take other actions related to ferries in general, rather than solely in relation to passenger-only ferries. Removes authorization for county ferry districts to consist of only a portion of a county. Requires counties that form a ferry district to establish a district advisory committee. Requires voter approval before a ferry district formed outside King County after the effective date of the bill may impose a property tax levy above a specified rate.

[SB 5467](#) **Water-Sewer District Property**

Sponsors: Goehner, Short, Cleveland

Final Status: C 40 L 26

Increases the value thresholds for water-sewer district personal property that may be sold without notice and real property that may be sold by private sale.

ESSB 5552 **Building Code - Kit Homes**

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Shewmake, Fortunato

Final Status: C 41 L 26

Requires the State Building Code Council to conduct rulemaking on State Building Code provisions applicable to kit homes by March 31, 2027.

SB 5820 **Freight Rail Dependent Use**

Sponsors: Cortes, Nobles, Shewmake

Final Status: C 247 L 26

Removes authorization in the Growth Management Act for Clark County, and the cities in the county, to take certain planning actions and adopt development regulations related to freight rail dependent uses on land adjacent to short line railroads.

SB 5995 **Zero Emission Cargo Handling**

Sponsors: Salomon, Wilson, J., Hasegawa

Final Status: C 75 L 26

Permanently extends the authorization for port districts and port development authorities to purchase zero- and near zero-emissions cargo handling equipment and the prohibition on purchasing fully automated marine cargo handling equipment.

E2SSB 6026 **Residential Development in Commercial Zones**

Sponsors: Alvarado, Bateman, Conway

Final Status: C 236 L 26

Prohibits certain local governments from excluding residential development from commercial and mixed-use zones and from imposing ground floor commercial and mixed-use requirements in more than 40 percent of the acreage in such zones, with certain exceptions and exclusions. Requires a process for applicants to request waivers or reductions from ground floor commercial or mixed use requirements. Preempts and invalidates local regulations contrary to the prohibition on excluding residential development from commercial and mixed-use zones, and prohibits local governments not compliant with the limitations on ground floor commercial and mixed-use requirements in commercial or mixed-use zones, as of December 10, 2027, with certain exceptions.

SSB 6076 **Energy Procurement**

Sponsors: Goehner, Salomon, Lovelett

Final Status: C 183 L 26

Increases public works contract thresholds for public utility districts (PUDs) for certain energy projects until 2045. Authorizes PUDs to make monthly purchases of energy generation, storage, or transmission materials, equipment, or supplies through a preapproved vendor list process. Exempts competitive bidding by municipalities for certain purchases relating to energy generation, storage, until 2045.

SB 6132 **Inland Port District Debt**

Sponsors: Warnick, Valdez

Final Status: C 121 L 26

Allows a port district that meets certain requirements to contract additional indebtedness, borrow money, and issue general obligation bonds up to a specified amount without voter approval.

SSB 6189 **Aquatics & Sports PFD Deadline**

Sponsors: Bateman, Hasegawa, Nobles

Final Status: C 78 L 26

Removes the deadline for creating a regional aquatics and sports public facilities district.

SSB 6309 **Transit Facilities**

Sponsors: Lias, Alvarado, Saldaña

Final Status: C 166 L 26

Allows local government development agreements with a regional transit authority (RTA) to vary development regulations to accommodate transit facilities. Authorizes RTAs to take specified land use and construction actions. Exempts land divisions to acquire existing lots for essential public transit facilities from subdivision laws.

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SHB 2088 **Health Care Compacts - Dietitian Licensure Compact**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Keaton, Barnard

Final Status: C 18 L 26

Enacts the Dietitian Licensure Compact to allow licensed dietitians to practice across state lines in Compact states under a Compact privilege.

SHB 2363 **Health Care Credentials - Music Therapy License Exemptions**

Sponsors: Reed, Berry, Goodman

Final Status: C 27 L 26

Allows an applicant for a music therapy license to provide supervised music therapy for up to six months while awaiting verification of exam results.

SHB 2525 **Postsecondary Education - Heritage Orchard Program**

Sponsors: Mendoza, Springer, Corry

Final Status: C 119 L 26

Establishes a heritage orchard program at Washington State University.

HB 2540 **Health Care Credentials - EMT Recertification**

Sponsors: Bronoske, Griffey, Engell

Final Status: C 11 L 26

Requires emergency medical technicians to recertify every three years. Requires emergency medical technicians who have been certified for more than 10 years in Washington to recertify every six years.

SB 5963 **Postsecondary Education - Passport to Careers Program**

Sponsors: Nobles, Saldaña, Chapman

Final Status: C 44 L 26

Qualifies students eligible for the Passport to Careers Program as automatically income-eligible for the Washington College Grant. Aligns the Passport to Careers formula for determining financial need with the federal formula. Requires the Office of Student Financial Assistance to deposit all funds received for the Passport to Careers Program into the State Financial Aid Account.

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[ESHB 1916](#) **Voter Registrations**

Sponsors: Doglio, Parshley

Final Status: C 212 L 26

Modifies the process for voter registration challenges. Clarifies when a voter's registration is canceled or removed from the voter registration list.

[HB 2249](#) **Civil Service/WaTech**

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Berry, Reed

Final Status: C 89 L 26

Adds Washington Technology Solutions employees and officers that perform network and systems security duties to the State Civil Service Law.

[HB 2309](#) **Postgrad Degree Requirements**

Sponsors: Leavitt, Rude, Reed

Final Status: C 38 L 26

Prohibits the Office of Financial Management from including in a comprehensive compensation plan the requirement for a postgraduate degree as the only way to demonstrate qualifications for a particular role unless the degree is required by law for an employee to perform the essential functions of a classification.

[SHB 2411](#) **Shared Leave**

Sponsors: Salahuddin, Berry, Street

Final Status: C 241 L 26

Expands the types of events that qualify a state employee for the leave sharing program to include employees who are victims of a hate crime and employees whose absence from work is due to the involvement of that employee or that employee's relative or household member in an immigration enforcement action.

[SHB 2475](#) **Language Access**

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self, Mena, Fosse

Final Status: C 142 L 26

Requires the Office of Equity (EQUITY) to develop guidelines for state agencies on the delivery of language-accessible public programs, activities, and services. Requires state agencies to report to the EQUITY and the Office of Financial Management on how the agency will implement the guidelines, a timeline for implementation, and additional resources needed to implement the guidelines. Requires EQUITY to collaborate with certain groups to propose ways to address the statewide shortage of qualified spoken and sign language interpreters and translators.

HB 2632 **Noncitizen Terminology**

Sponsors: Thai, Mena, Davis

Final Status: C 36 L 26

Replaces certain references to the term "alien" with the term "noncitizen." Requires all official state and local government documents to use the term "noncitizen" when referring to an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States, unless use of the term "alien" is required to comply with federal law or funding requirements. Allows state agencies to use the expedited rulemaking process to substitute the term "alien" with the term "noncitizen" if the effect of the amended rule does not change.

SSB 5825 **Leadership Board/Gifts**

Sponsors: Wilson, C., Warnick, Dozier

Final Status: C 50 L 26

Authorizes the Washington State Leadership Board (WSLB) to solicit gifts, grants, and endowments for the use or benefit of the WSLB.

SSB 5827 **Veterans/Predischarge Certification**

Sponsors: Gildon, Christian, Dozier

Final Status: C 146 L 26

Expands the types of acceptable documentation to prove a "qualifying discharge" from military service for purposes of claiming the veterans' preference in civil service, to include a predischarge certification.

SB 5863 **State Historical Records**

Sponsors: Kauffman, Wagoner, Nobles

Final Status: C 208 L 26

Authorizes a restricted record transferred to the Division of Archives and Records Management to be open to public inspection 75 years after its creation unless certain state or federal laws require the record to be kept confidential. Requires documents and artifacts identified in the Lakeland Village preservation plan to be retained through 2030.

SB 5892 **Voter Registration Database**

Sponsors: Riccelli, Valdez, Bateman

Final Status: C 213 L 26

Prohibits a county elections office from producing records in response to a request for reports generated by the statewide voter registration database and makes it a class C felony to do so. Makes it a class C felony for a state or local election officer, or their designee, to disclose certain voter information from voter registration files to an unauthorized person.

SSB 6034 **Office of Indian Affairs**

Sponsors: Kauffman, Conway, Hasegawa

Final Status: C 245 L 26

Codifies the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) as a cabinet agency of the Governor and sets forth GOIA's duties. Requires GOIA to provide an annual report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature.

2SSB 6035 **Voting Services**

Sponsors: Kauffman, Frame, Lias

Final Status: C 214 L 26

Directs county auditors and the Secretary of State (Secretary) to schedule meetings with federally recognized Indian tribes to discuss matters relating to voting access on Indian reservations and tribal land. Authorizes the Secretary to, within existing resources, study the feasibility of employing an electronic ballot portal that allows service voters, overseas voters, voters with a disability, and any voter who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and resides on an Indian reservation to return a voted ballot.

SSB 6081 **Government Record Privacy**

Sponsors: Pedersen, Lias, Bateman

Final Status: C 56 L 26

Exempts or prohibits from public disclosure sex designation information included in vital records and records maintained by the Department of Licensing.

SB 6084 **Voting More Than Once**

Sponsors: Cortes, Cleveland, Dhingra

Final Status: C 79 L 26

Clarifies that a person may not vote in more than one Washington election, or in elections in both Washington and another state, if the election date is the same.

SB 6137 **Regulated Sports Wagering**

Sponsors: Cortes, Nobles, Saldaña

Final Status: C 246 L 26

Permits sports wagering on collegiate athletic events that involve a college or university located within Washington but prohibits certain proposition bets for these events. Establishes a gross misdemeanor penalty for threatening certain individuals involved in an event on which a sports wager may be made. Allows sports wagers to be placed and accepted at a tribe's gaming facility if the customer placing the wager is physically present on the premises of any tribe's gaming facility.

SCR 8406

Committee on Civic Health

Sponsors: Lovick, Muzzall, Conway

Final Status: SFiled Sec/St

Reestablishes the Joint Select Committee on Civic Health (Committee), with four additional legislative members, to build upon the work of the Project for Civic Health. Terminates the Committee in January 2029.

TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & VETERANS COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7067

[E2SHB 1170](#) **AI Disclosures**

Sponsors: Shavers, Taylor, Ryu

Final Status: C 167 L 26

Requires providers of certain generative artificial intelligence (AI) systems to include provenance data in content created by their systems. Requires government agencies to notify consumers when they are interacting with certain AI systems.

[2ESHB 1541](#) **Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee**

Sponsors: Abell, Donaghy, Morgan

Final Status: C 5 L 26

Modifies the membership of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

[ESHB 2225](#) **AI Companion Chatbots**

Sponsors: Callan, Thomas, Ryu

Final Status: C 168 L 26

Requires operators of artificial intelligence companion chatbots to issue notifications and implement certain precautions.

[E2SHB 2325](#) **Tourism Assessment**

Sponsors: Paul, Steele, Reed

Final Status: C 229 L 26

Creates a Tourism Assessment Program to promote tourism. Requires the Washington Tourism Marketing Authority to levy an annual assessment on certain tourism businesses. Appoints a Ratepayer Oversight Board to design the assessment program.

[HB 2417](#) **Military Code/Victim Rights**

Sponsors: Keaton, Stuebe, Marshall

Final Status: C 28 L 26

Specifies the rights of a victim of an offense under the Washington Code of Military Justice.

[E2SHB 2523](#) **Community Reinvestment Program**

Sponsors: Reeves, Hill, Davis

Final Status: C 143 L 26

Requires the Office of Equity and the Department of Commerce to review and update the Community Reinvestment Plan (Plan) every five years. Creates a work group to facilitate a transition plan for joint administration of the Community Reinvestment Program and provide a report by November 1, 2026. Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to study the funds allocated under the Plan by June 30, 2027.

HB 2606 **Office of Privacy & Data**

Sponsors: Barnard, Ryu, Nance

Final Status: C 9 L 26

Modifies performance measures for the Office of Privacy and Data Protection.

SB 5420 **Veteran Benefits Access**

Sponsors: Lovick, Wagoner, Chapman

Final Status: C 207 L 26

Expands eligibility for certain benefits for veterans, military spouses, and dependents.

SB 6046 **Civil Air Patrol**

Sponsors: Wagoner, Lovick, Conway

Final Status: C 46 L 26

Creates a Civil Air Patrol Division (CAP) within the Washington Military Department. Allows the CAP to provide training, communication, disaster relief, cyber security missions, or search and rescue assistance.

SSB 6149 **"Rural County" Definition**

Sponsors: Wilson, J., Dozier, Short

Final Status: C 42 L 26

Expands the definition of "rural county" in various statutes to include a county with a population density of 100 persons per square mile or greater that does not contain a city with a population greater than 45,000 persons.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

(360) 786-7145

ESHB 1980 **Employer Transportation Services**

Sponsors: Zahn, Salahuddin, Parshley

Final Status: C 81 L 26

Allows local authorities, with approval from public transportation providers, to authorize two-year pilot programs that allow private employer transportation services to use business access and transit-only designated lanes in counties with a population greater than 2 million people, if the local authority has established a fee-for-use application process and operational performance metrics of the lanes continue to be met.

SHB 2114 **Defective License Plates**

Sponsors: Engell, Hill, Bernbaum

Final Status: C 172 L 26

Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to waive all fees for a replacement license plate if the license plate is defective, is within 24 months of issuance, and is for the same vehicle. Authorizes the DOL to waive fees for a replacement license plate if the license plate is defective, is between two to five years of issuance, and is for the same vehicle.

ESHB 2192 **Roadway Fatalities**

Sponsors: Low, Reed, Leavitt

Final Status: C 152 L 26

Designates the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (Commission) a public health authority and authorizes it to collect health care information for use in conducting traffic fatality and serious injury reviews. Authorizes the Commission to convene a fatality review committee to review crash information where a traffic fatality or serious injury has occurred, and to publish reports summarizing trends, contributing factors, and policy and program recommendations. Exempts driver licensing records, health care information, and other confidential information obtained by the Commission for these purposes from public inspection and copying.

SHB 2323 **Traffic Stops - Blue Envelope Program**

Sponsors: Eslick, Steele, Ramel

Final Status: C 90 L 26

Establishes the Blue Envelope Program to enhance communication between individuals who are neurodiverse and officers during traffic stops.

SHB 2410 **Commercial Truck Council**

Sponsors: Fey, Barkis, Hall

Final Status: C 61 L 26

Establishes the Washington State Commercial Truck Safety and Education Council (Council) to recommend programs and projects that improve the safety of the commercial truck industry. Increases the Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement Fee and directs the additional revenue to be used only for activities recommended by the Council to improve the safety of the commercial truck industry and related administrative costs. Directs the Council to annually report its activities, findings, and recommendations.

SHB 2467 **Fifth-Wheel Travel Trailers**

Sponsors: Timmons, Stuebe, Barkis

Final Status: C 65 L 26

Authorizes the operation of a fifth-wheel travel trailer that does not exceed 46 feet in length on public highways.

HB 2495 **Removal of Vehicles**

Sponsors: Thomas, Reed, Scott

Final Status: C 99 L 26

Allows certain cities to have their authorized representatives direct the impoundment of vehicles obstructing streetcar operations, if the vehicle is within the right-of-way used for streetcar operations.

HB 2604 **Vehicle Transfers to Insurer**

Sponsors: Richards, Barkis

Final Status: C 101 L 26

Authorizes the use of non-notarized electronic signatures in documents used to transfer vehicle ownership to insurers, including in a limited power of attorney.

ESHB 2711 **Transportation Resources**

Sponsors: Fey

Final Status: C 255 L 26

Repeals the luxury aircraft tax. Increases the aircraft fuel tax and annual aircraft registration fees, indexing both to two percent annual inflation and directing the increases to two sustainable aviation fuel-related accounts. Modifies the tax base for the use tax component of the luxury vehicle tax and the recreational vessel tax. Aggregates and distributes fuel taxes received attributable to inflation in the same manner as other fuel tax increases made in 2025. Exempts motor homes from the luxury vehicle tax for a six-month period. Delays the program to reimburse registered tow truck operators for the costs of towing indigent persons' vehicles. Expands the bus and bus facilities grant program to include safety or security enhancements for transit rolling stock or transit facilities. Establishes a program to provide \$5 reduced-fee identicards to individuals age 70 or older who voluntarily replace their driver's license with an identicard. Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to send toll bills and civil penalty notices by email. Incorporates the authorization for a three percent debit card surcharge into the existing three percent ferry fare payment credit card surcharge authorization. Creates a new account and makes other technical changes.

SHJM 4001 **Russ Blount Memorial Bridge**

Sponsors: Fey, Dufault, Barkis

Final Status: HFiled Sec/St

Requests the Washington State Transportation Commission to commence proceedings to name the future 34th Avenue East overpass in the city of Fife as the "Russ Blount Memorial Bridge."

2SSB 5690 **Utility Relocation**

Sponsors: MacEwen, Chapman, Lovelett

Final Status: C 106 L 26

Directs the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to adopt and maintain agency policies that proactively provide utility owners with information about planned state highway fish barrier removal projects. Directs the WSDOT to adopt and maintain agency policies that maximize the amount of federal funding for fish barrier removal projects for which utility relocation costs are an eligible use.

ESSB 6005 **Transportation Budget, Supplemental**

Sponsors: Liias, King, Nobles

Final Status: C 257 L 26 Partial
Veto

Makes supplemental transportation appropriations totaling \$16.6 billion for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium. (See <https://fiscal.wa.gov/> for additional information.)

Partial Veto Summary:

Vetoes several items in the transportation budget. (See [veto message](#)).

E2SSB 6066 **Crash Prevention Zones**

Sponsors: Torres, Dozier, Wilson, J.

Final Status: C 123 L 26

Authorizes the legislative body of a county, city, or town to establish crash prevention zones on certain portions of United States Highway 395, as well as on two portions of Highway 12. Authorizes the legislative bodies of counties, cities, and towns, and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to establish crash prevention zones beginning January 1, 2029. Requires the jurisdiction that establishes a crash prevention zone to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation to identify safety improvements. Requires the Washington State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies to increase enforcement of traffic laws within the crash prevention zone. Authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations in crash prevention zones. Doubles the base penalty and assessments for using a personal electronic device while driving in a crash prevention zone.

ESSB 6110 **Electric Bicycle, Motorcycle**

Sponsors: Shewmake, Liias, Dhingra

Final Status: C 159 L 26

Modifies the definition of electric-assisted bicycle (e-bike) to exclude any vehicle capable of exceeding 20 miles per hour on solely its electric motor, and any vehicle designed, manufactured, or intended by the manufacturer or seller to be easily configured to not meet the requirements of an e-bike. Establishes a work group to study, recommend, and report to the Legislature and Governor in 2026 and 2027 on a revised statutory framework for electric motorcycles, including requirements related to marketing practices and information disclosure, and civil infractions and penalties for use of these vehicles by youth.

SSB 6170 **Highway Construction**

Sponsors: King

Final Status: C 125 L 26

Increases the maximum estimated cost of repairs or renovations that can be done by state forces from \$60,000 to \$100,000. Increases the maximum estimated cost of repairs or renovations that can be done by state forces in an emergency from \$100,000 to \$160,000, as annually adjusted for inflation. Increases from \$100,000 to \$160,000 the maximum estimated cost of work or procurement that may be contracted for by the Washington State Department of Transportation to enable a larger number of small businesses and veteran, minority, and women contractors.

SSB 6225 **Transportation Funding Bonds**

Sponsors: Liias, King

Final Status: C 256 L 26

Authorizes the issuance of \$800 million of bonds for the location, design, right-of-way, and construction of highway projects. Increases the existing bond authorization for State Route 520 corridor projects by \$500 million. Repeals certain remaining bond authorizations.

ESSB 6354

Electric Vehicles

Sponsors: Liias, King

Final Status: C 186 L 26

Authorizes a new motor vehicle manufacturer to provide direct sales of its own vehicles, if certain criteria are met and the qualifying manufacturer applies for, and maintains, a vehicle dealer license. Increases the certificate of title application fee by \$25 and allocates the proceeds for instant rebates to reduce the purchase or lease costs of electric vehicles for vulnerable populations and for funding to the Multimodal Transportation Account.

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