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2026 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HB 2104 CONCERNING AVIATION ASSURANCE FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO WILDLAND FIRES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

C 117 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes a July 1, 2027, expiration date for the Aviation Assurance Funding Program for local wildland fire response, making the program permanent.

SHB 2199 REDUCING IMPACTS FROM DERELICT VESSELS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards

C 8 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the definition of a derelict vessel under the Derelict Vessel Removal Program administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

ESHB 2238 CONCERNING STATEWIDE FOOD SECURITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves

C 83 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to monitor food system performance and coordinate statewide food security and report to the Legislature every four years.
- Directs the WSDA to develop a strategy to enhance statewide food security and report to the Legislature by December 1, 2027.

HB 2348 UPDATING TIMBER SALE PROCESS EFFICIENCIES AND ADOPTING CONSISTENT LANGUAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S LAND SALES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dent

(SB 6216 Senator Shewmake)

C 116 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the Department of Natural Resources' procedures and requirements for notifying the public regarding land and valuable materials sales.

HB 2554Error! Bookmark not defined. RECOGNIZING JUDICIALLY AFFIRMED AND TREATY-RESERVED FISHING RIGHTS AND PROMOTING STATE-TRIBAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF SALMON, TROUT, AND STEELHEAD RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff

C 16 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Repeals statutes related to tribal treaty rights and the management of salmon and steelhead resources established by Initiative 456 passed in 1984.

BUSINESS, TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ESHB 2274 MODIFYING THE WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC MAIL ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Springer

(SB 5976 Senator Harris)

C 135 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.
- Decreases the statutory damages for a recipient of a prohibited commercial email or text message to the greater of \$100 or actual damages.

EHB 2294 PROHIBITING NEGATIVE USE RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY THAT HAVE THE EFFECT OF LIMITING CONSUMER ACCESS TO FOOD AND MEDICINE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar

C 24 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits agreements that impose restrictions on real property that prevent or restrict the use of the property for a grocery store or pharmacy.
- Includes exceptions for temporary restrictions for grocery stores or pharmacies relocating nearby or within a retail center, which may be modified by local governments.
- Requires notice of an agreement and creates an enforcement mechanism for the attorney general and local governments through judicial action.

SHB 2334 ADJUSTING THE PRICE OF A CASH TRANSACTION TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR PENNIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg

(SB 6230 Senator Frame)

C 138 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes sellers to round the total price or change due for an in-person cash transaction to the nearest \$0.05 increment.
- Specifies the application of taxes and preemption over local laws.

SHB 2428 PREVENTING UNINTENTIONAL LAPSES AND CANCELLATIONS OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt

C 62 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Requires insurers issuing individual life insurance policies to send a notice of possible lapse in coverage due to nonpayment of premium to policyholders and designated third parties.
- Provides requirements for designating a third party to receive such notices.

HB 2624 CLARIFYING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS REGARDING UNSOLICITED REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES OR BY NONPROFIT LAND CONSERVANCIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy

C 198 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Excludes from the requirements for solicited real estate transactions, any public entity, a federally recognized Indian tribe, or a nonprofit nature conservancy organization when acquiring the real property for a public benefit and there is an appraisal prior to the transaction closing.

SB 6137 CONCERNING THE REGULATED SPORTS WAGERING INDUSTRY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

(HB 2205 Representative Mena)

C 246 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Permits wagering in tribal casinos on a collegiate sport or athletic event that involves a college located within Washington.
- Prohibits wagering on the performance or nonperformance of an athlete enrolled in a college located in Washington.
- Creates a gross misdemeanor to threaten a sports official, coach, or participant involved in a sporting or athletic event upon which a wager may be made where the threat is related to a wager on an act or occurrence in that sporting or athletic event.
- Prohibits a person who has been convicted of this crime from placing any sports wagers.

SSB 6149 CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "RURAL COUNTY" FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC FACILITIES FUNDING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.

C 42 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Defines a county with a population density of 100 persons per square mile or greater, with no city with a population greater than 45,000 persons, as a rural county.

SSB 6248 ADDRESSING TRAVEL INSURANCE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford

(HB 2087 Representative Ryu)

*C 165 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Provides licensure and registration requirements, duties, and restrictions on entities transacting travel insurance.
- Specifies how travel insurance and travel protection plans may be offered.
- Specifies the application of the insurance premium tax on travel insurance.
- Provides rate filing requirements for travel insurance with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ESHB 1295 USING EVIDENCE-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES IN READING AND WRITING LITERACY FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet

C 190 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires that updated or newly adopted literacy curricula for kindergarten through fourth graders meet certain specified criteria, beginning in 2027, and that school districts implement these criteria consistent with the curriculum developer's guidance and school district policies.
- Requires standards for teacher endorsements with literacy-related competencies be revised to include certain elements and requires the Professional Educator Standards Board to direct teacher preparation programs to incorporate revised standards within two years of the revision.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and update an educator literacy training program designed to enhance the reading, writing, and spelling skills of kindergarten through fourth grade students, including students displaying indicators of dyslexia.

E3SHB 1634 PROVIDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTANCE TO COORDINATE COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai

C 129 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Educational Service Districts to collaborate and coordinate with state, regional, and local agencies and community partners involved in behavioral health services for children and youth to develop a technical assistance and training framework to assist public schools with supporting student behavioral health.

ESHB 1795 ADDRESSING RESTRAINT OR ISOLATION OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 5654 Senator Wilson, C.)

C 169 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits mechanical restraint, chemical restraint, and physical restraint or physical escort of a student that is life threatening.
- Specifies that isolation may not be used as a planned behavioral intervention in individualized education programs or 504 plans and allows restraint only under specified circumstances.
- Prohibits the construction, repurposing, or otherwise establishing any new room or other enclosed area for the primary purpose of student isolation.
- Applies student restraint and isolation requirements to all providers of public educational services, except for licensed or certified health professionals of an inpatient health care facility.

HB 1796 CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICTS' AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT INDEBTEDNESS FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 5095 Senator Dhingra)

C 170 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.
- Limits this new authority to school districts that have passed a capital levy to fully repay the indebtedness, have not been on binding conditions in the prior three years, and agree to delay school construction assistance funding for two years.

ESHB 2219 ENHANCING THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self

C 82 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to expressly require that the premises of all licensed child care settings are absent of high-potency synthetic opioids, drug paraphernalia, and drug manufacturing equipment.
- Authorizes periods of time when child care centers may combine different ages of children in care.
- Requires DCYF to waive the preservice requirement to complete an orientation when an individual has previously completed the applicable orientation and meets other requirements.

EHB 2317 CONCERNING EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Eslick
C 54 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Exempts school-day Early Childhood Education and Assistance programs or Head Start programs that are located in or on the premises of a public school building or community or technical college from child care licensing by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

SHB 2360 EXPANDING ACCESS TO ALBUTEROL IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Donaghy *(SB 5951 Senator Cortes)*
C 197 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows public and private schools to maintain and use a supply of albuterol at each school beginning in the 2027-28 school year when certain requirements are met.
- Provides a uniform procedure, requires parental notification after administration of albuterol, includes employee opt-out provisions, and establishes limits on liability.

ESHB 2534 PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL STABILITY FOR CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers *(SB 6277 Senator Krishnadasan)*
C 32 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies residency requirements for children of military families, including adding references to different types of military transfers and qualifying lodging types.
- Directs school districts to provide military families with the maximum flexibility practicable when accepting enrollment applications.
- Directs school districts to provide special education services and accommodations to children of military families without unreasonable delay and to conduct any necessary evaluations as expeditiously as practicable.
- Specifies that a nonresident school district is not required to provide a child of a military family with transportation to and from the resident school district.

ESHB 2557 PROVIDING PARENTAL ACCESS TO SPECIAL EDUCATION EVALUATION REPORTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Chase

C 34 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires a school district to provide a student's parent or guardian with a copy of the special education evaluation report no later than the thirty-fifth school day following receipt of consent to evaluate the student, unless an exception or waiver applies.
- Requires a school district to convene a special education eligibility determination meeting no sooner than five school days after providing the evaluation report and no later than the fortieth school day following the receipt of consent.

SHB 2594 ENSURING THAT UNHOUSED CHILDREN AND YOUTHS IN WASHINGTON HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO FREE, APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves

C 201 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Codifies provisions and requirements from the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into state law.
- Provides that the actions of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools that meet requirements of the federal act as it exists on January 1, 2026, also satisfy equivalent requirements established in state law.

ESB 5272 IMPROVING SCHOOL SAFETY BY EXTENDING PENALTIES FOR INTERFERENCE BY, OR INTIMIDATION BY THREAT OF, FORCE OR VIOLENCE AT SCHOOLS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF SUCH PENALTIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick

C 155 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the school-related crimes of interference by force or violence and intimidation by threat of force or violence.
- Allows a public school student who has interfered by force or violence during extracurricular athletic activities to be excluded from participating in or attending that activity.
- Requires a person, other than a student, who has been convicted of interference by force or violence to be excluded from entering the school where the crime was committed, or from attending the extracurricular athletic activities at which the crime was committed for a period of no less than 12 months and no more than 18 months.

SSB 5346 ADDRESSING STUDENT USE OF MOBILE DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

(HB 1122 Representative McClintock)

C 225 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Revises the definition of digital citizenship so that the norms of appropriate, responsible, and healthy behavior related to current technology use includes student use of mobile devices.
- Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to include research on student use of mobile devices and recommended best practice strategies for teaching students how to use their mobile devices responsibly in a web-based location with other digital citizenship and media literacy resources.
- Tasks OSPI with submitting a report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature summarizing the policies and procedures that have been adopted limiting student use of mobile devices and any implementation barriers, and to provide evidence-based recommendations related to this topic, with student input, by December 15, 2027.
- Adds that school district boards may adopt policies and procedures that limit the possession and use of mobile devices by students and encourages them to review the evidence-based recommendations submitted by OSPI when considering adoption.

SSB 5841 CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF POSTSECONDARY FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke

C 122 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) to identify whether the student has completed state or federal financial aid applications and whether the student is enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship Program.
- Directs the universal high school and beyond plan platform to provide electronic notifications to students enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship Program and import financial aid application data maintained by the Washington Student Achievement Council to provide an easy way to view the student's progress on financial aid applications.
- Directs students and staff to review the postsecondary financial aid information provided to students in the HSBP after a student completes a postsecondary financial aid application to determine if the student is or may be eligible for certain scholarships and has completed an applicable financial aid application, effective beginning in the 2027-28 school year.
- Adds the Washington Opportunity Scholarship to the list of programs about which students must be informed in their HSBPs.

SB 5922 AUTHORIZING TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND TRANSFERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman

C 71 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.

2SSB 5969 REDUCING DUPLICATION BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLANS AND INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM TRANSITION PLANS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

C 147 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs that the statewide online system for Individualized Education Programs and High School and Beyond Plans be integrated to relieve duplication between the plans to the greatest extent possible.

SB 6065 CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dozier

C 182 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows a school district in binding conditions or under enhanced financial oversight to take a temporary, interest-free interfund loan from its transportation vehicle fund.
- Allows a school district under enhanced financial oversight to petition the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to transfer money from its transportation vehicle fund to another school fund, including converting a temporary interfund loan to a permanent transfer of funds with no requirement for repayment.

ESSB 6260 IMPLEMENTING EFFICIENCIES AND PROGRAMMING CHANGES IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman

(HB 2676 Representative Gregerson)

*C 267 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to use a minimum anticipated lifetime of 120 or 180 months for school bus depreciation schedules, depending on the category of bus, and adjust bus depreciation reimbursement payments for zero-emission school bus purchases.
- Reduces the funded maximum enrollment for Running Start students to 1.2 full-time equivalents (FTE) or 1.3 FTE depending on enactment of ESSB 6346.
- Limits funding for the Transition to Kindergarten Program to the amount specified in the omnibus appropriations act and directs OSPI to develop certain prioritization criteria for allocating state funding.
- Eliminates the inflationary increase for National Board bonuses beginning with the bonus awarded for the 2026-27 school year.
- Lowers the maximum enrollment in alternative learning experience programs that may count towards local effort assistance formulas from 33 percent to 25 percent of total enrollment.

SSB 6268 MAINTAINING AN ONLINE RECORD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPLAINT DECISIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris

C 88 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to maintain an online record of all final decisions issued in response to special education community complaints.
- Specifies that each final decision must be accessible to the public at no charge for 20 years after the complaint is finalized.

SB 6278 CONCERNING THE ONGOING REVIEW OF APPROVED TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wellman

*C 49 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Requires the Professional Educator Standards Board's (PESB) ongoing review of approved educator preparation programs to include: program standards, educator role standards, evidence submitted by programs, and input from community constituents such as classroom educators and administrators.
- Provides process and directives for PESB when a review shows that a program is out of alignment with standards and requirements.
- Changes the requirements for student teacher field-placement plans so that they must be submitted on a schedule established by PESB, no less than one submission every three years.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

E2SHB 1170 INFORMING USERS WHEN CONTENT IS DEVELOPED OR MODIFIED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers

C 167 L 26 Effective date 2/1/2027

- Requires providers of certain generative artificial intelligence (AI) systems to include provenance data in content created or materially altered by the system.
- Requires government agencies to notify consumers when they are interacting with AI systems.
- Provides for enforcement by the attorney general under the Consumer Protection Act.

SHB 1302 CONCERNING UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGE WAIVERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Cortes

C 127 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes a municipal utility to adopt, by ordinance, a program waiving utility connection charges for properties owned or developed by public or private organizations that are utilizing the property for industrial symbiosis.

E2SHB 1903 ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena

C 252 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes a Statewide Low-Income Energy Assistance Program within the Department of Commerce to be phased in by providing funds to participating utilities to reduce the monthly energy bills of low-income customers, subject to appropriation.
- Requires, under the Clean Energy Transformation Act, an electric utility to ensure that each low-income household has access to an energy assistance program and prohibits an electric utility from reducing the cumulative annual level of low-income energy assistance as a result of participating in the program.
- Expires the Act on June 30, 2035.

Partial Veto Summary:

- Removed the Statewide Program Advisory Group, established by Commerce, to help inform program development, design, and implementation.

2SHB 1906 INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION IN WATER SYSTEM RATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

C 237 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires public water systems, when changing ownership, to provide certain specified notification.
- Prohibits the Utilities and Transportation Commission (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 and certain notice is provided.
- Authorizes rates sufficient for a water system to recover from ratepayers up to 5 percent of the total revenue if such rates are part of a tariff that also reduces the water burden of low-income residential customers.
- Allows a water company to file a multiyear rate plan with the UTC and specifies certain requirements for the multiyear plan.

E2SHB 2215 CONCERNING CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS FOR FUELS SUPPLIED OR OTHERWISE SOLD INTO WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

C 251 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 6/11/2026

- Reduces, beginning January 1, 2027, the emissions threshold in the Cap-and-Invest Program for certain fuel suppliers.
- Prohibits state and local governments from awarding a procurement contract to certain fuel suppliers unless the supplier meets certain criteria.
- Exempts, beginning January 1, 2027, emissions associated with lubricants from the program.

Partial Veto Summary:

- Removed the emergency clause.

ESHB 2225 REGULATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION CHATBOTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 5984 Senator Wellman)

C 168 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Requires that companion chatbot users receive notification that they are interacting with artificial intelligence and provides specific requirements and protections related to minors.
- Specifies companion chatbot operator requirements related to preventing and responding to user expressions of self-harm.
- Provides enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act.

SHB 2296 EXPANDING THE USE OF DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hall

(SB 6050 Senator Liias)

C 136 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to allow an electrical or natural gas company to invest in rental housing energy conservation and efficiency programs to be secured through the meter and recovered through the regular billing paid by the tenant.
- Authorizes the UTC to allow the company to earn a return on cost-effective investments over a duration of time that reduces the customer's energy burden and minimizes the impact on the customer's bill.

HB 2338 AUTHORIZING COMMUNITY SCALED WEATHERIZATION PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 6223 Senator Hunt)

C 94 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Adds community scaled projects as project types eligible for funding under the Low-Income Weatherization Program.

HB 2367 ELIMINATING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT RELATED TO A COAL-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

(SB 6172 Senator Liias)

C 37 L 26 Effective date 3/11/2026

- Exempts from the Cap-and-Invest Program, emissions occurring before January 1, 2026, from a coal-fired electric generating facility subject to a memorandum of agreement (coal facility), rather than all emissions from the coal facility.
- Expires the limitation on state agencies or political subdivisions imposing additional emission performance standards and certain other standards on a coal facility as of December 31, 2025.
- Repeals the sales and use tax exemptions applying to coal purchased or used to generate electricity at a coal facility.

E2SHB 2416 CONCERNING FAIR TREATMENT OF WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITIES UNDER THE CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill

(SB 6092 Senator Riccelli)

C 216 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes a process by which the Department of Ecology must allocate no-cost allowances in the Cap-and-Invest Program between 2027-2030 to a waste-to-energy facility constructed before 1992 that is in compliance with applicable laws and standards (WTE facility).
- Prohibits Ecology from allocating no-cost allowances to an electric utility for greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity produced by a WTE facility for which the facility has a compliance obligation in the program.
- Requires the owner or operator of a WTE facility, by December 1, 2030, to provide a two-part plan to Ecology and the Department of Commerce, including a greenhouse gas emissions reduction component and a waste reduction and material recovery component.

HB 2426 IMPROVING EFFICIENCY IN APPEALS TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL HEARINGS BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum

C 98 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes permit appeals to the Pollution Control Hearings Board to be heard by one member or alternative compositions of the board if all parties consent and the board unanimously approves.

SHB 2496 CONCERNING TRIBAL CONSULTATION CONDUCTED BY THE ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stearns

(SB 6010 Senator Shewmake)

C 244 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Exempts certain consultations between the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) and federally-recognized tribes during site certification from the Open Public Meetings Act.
- Directs the EFSEC chair and designated staff to offer tribal consultation within 90 days of receiving an application for site certification and, upon request of a tribe, the inclusion of as many EFSEC members as possible in tribal consultation.
- Requires the EFSEC to provide its summary of tribal consultation to the relevant tribe before submitting its recommendation report to the Governor, and allow the tribe 30 days to request corrections to the summary, or to submit its own.

EHB 2575 REDUCING CERTAIN REPORTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL OR ENERGY LAWS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hall
C 137 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Reduces the frequency of Energy Independent Act reporting for electric utilities.
- Reduces Department of Commerce reporting requirements by decreasing the number of interim state energy strategy implementation reports and eliminating a biennial energy report.
- Eliminates an annual report for electric and water utilities on utility disconnections on days where a heat-related alert is issued.

HB 2606 CONCERNING PERFORMANCE MEASURES, DUTIES, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Barnard
C 9 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Adds review of agency projects using artificial intelligence to the Office of Privacy and Data Protection's primary duties.
- Modifies performance reporting requirements to include certain measures.

ESSB 5975 PROVIDING CONSUMER ACCESS TO SAFE COOKWARE AND INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CERTAINTY IN THE REGULATION OF LEAD IN COOKWARE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris *(HB 2344 Representative Low)*
C 110 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Specifies that aluminum or brass cookware, utensils, or components cannot be sold or distributed if lead was intentionally added.
- Phases down the allowable lead content of cookware to 50 parts per million in 2030, and 20 parts per million in 2034, and eliminates the 10 parts per million lead content restriction.
- Adds lead in cookware as a priority product under the Safer Products for Washington Program and provides for evaluation beginning in the 2029 review cycle.

**SSB 5982 UPDATING PROVISIONS FOR CONSUMER-OWNED UTILITIES,
INCLUDING PORT DISTRICTS, AND AFFECTED MARKET
CUSTOMERS UNDER THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION
ACT**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt

(HB 2245 Representative Doglio)

C 181 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the types of entities subject to the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to include port districts that distribute electricity and nonresidential electricity consumers that generate electricity for their own consumption after May 2019.
- Directs the Utilities and Transportation Commission to adopt rules to establish reporting requirements for affected market customers to demonstrate compliance with CETA and to enforce affected market customers' compliance with CETA under certain conditions.
- Expands the definition of market customer to include nonresidential consumers of electricity that generate any amount of electricity for their own consumption, not just those that meet 100 percent of their own needs.

**SSB 6076 STREAMLINING CONSUMER-OWNED UTILITY PROCUREMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEAN ENERGY GENERATION, ENERGY
STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Goehner

C 183 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases public works contract thresholds for public utility districts (PUDs) for certain energy projects until January 1, 2045.
- Allows electronic submission of bids under the public works procurement process for PUDs.
- Expands the range of items that a PUD may purchase through the preapproved vendor list process.
- Exempts competitive bidding for municipalities under certain conditions relating to energy generation and transmission until January 1, 2045.

ESB 6246 CONCERNING EMISSIONS FROM EMISSIONS-INTENSIVE, TRADE-EXPOSED FACILITIES UNDER THE CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Slatter

C 253 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Department of Ecology to provide certain recommendations in its December 2026 report to the Legislature regarding no-cost allowance allocation to Emissions-Intensive, Trade-Exposed (EITE) facilities in the Cap-and-Invest Program between 2035-2050.
- Requires an owner or operator of an EITE facility, by December 2028, and then every four years, to report information to Ecology regarding facility-specific greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and an assessment of technically and economically feasible measures to reduce GHG emissions at each facility.
- Requires Ecology to assess a penalty in accordance with an existing penalty provision in the program if an owner or operator of an EITE facility fails to comply with the reporting requirements.

Partial Veto Summary:

- Removed the section directing Ecology to contract for an independent study regarding the risk of emissions and job leakage from EITE facilities.

SSB 6269 MODERNIZING THE DEFINITION OF MOTOR FUEL IN THE MOTOR FUEL QUALITY ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake

C 160 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Amends the definition of motor fuel in the Motor Fuel Quality Act (MFQA) to include gaseous products used for motor vehicle propulsion on state highways or that are intended to be used for transportation purposes.
- Removes the definition of alternative fuel in the MFQA.

HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

ESHB 1187 PROTECTING PATIENTS INVOLVED IN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS FROM DELAYED AMBULANCE BILLS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ryu

C 126 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits ambulance services from selling or assigning debt to collection agencies until 120 days after an initial billing statement is sent to a patient and other responsible party for ambulance services following a motor vehicle accident.

SHB 2088 CONCERNING THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt

C 18 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2028

- Enacts the Dietitian Licensure Compact.

ESHB 2110 CONCERNING PERSONNEL FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE INTERFACILITY SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick

C 193 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows a registered nurse without an emergency medical technician certification to serve as personnel for an ambulance service providing interfacility specialty care transport under certain conditions.

HB 2113 CONCERNING THE SUPERVISION OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS, THERAPEUTIC RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS, AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING TECHNOLOGISTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Engell

C 10 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the level of supervision required and the types of health care providers that can supervise parenteral procedures, including intravenous contrast procedures, performed by diagnostic radiologic technologists, therapeutic radiologic technologists, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

SHB 2152 PERMITTING THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS BY QUALIFYING PATIENTS IN SPECIFIED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Kloba

(SB 5900 Senator Riccelli)

C 20 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice care centers to allow the medical use of cannabis by qualifying patients with a terminal condition.
- Establishes standards for policies for the medical use of cannabis at facilities to address the method of use, inclusion in medical records, the presentation of authorizations, responsibility for acquisition and administration, secure storage, prohibitions on health care provider administration, prohibitions on sharing, and disposal requirements.

HB 2155 CONCERNING THE USE OF NURSING TITLES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras

(SB 5904 Senator Bateman)

*C 6 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Establishes that nursing titles may only be held or used by a licensed human person.

ESHB 2242 PRESERVING ACCESS TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES BY CLARIFYING STATE AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske

(SB 5967 Senator Cleveland)

C 13 L 26 Effective date 3/9/2026

- Allows the Department of Health to issue immunization recommendations and guidance.
- Modifies requirements for coverage of preventative services.
- Changes the recommending entity for determining which immunizations must be considered vaccines for the purposes of the Washington Vaccine Association from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Department of Health.

ESHB 2247 CONCERNING VETERINARIAN-CLIENT-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Parshley

(SB 6072 Senator Cleveland)

C 202 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2027

- Establishes requirements for creating and maintaining a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.
- Specifies permissible use of telehealth in veterinary care.
- Establishes duties of a veterinarian with regard to animals or animal products used in commercial operations.

SHB 2339 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF NURSING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons
*C 139 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Modifies the designations 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.
- Removes the requirement that nursing license applicants provide nursing program transcripts to the Washington State Board of Nursing.
- Allows the Board of Nursing to directly issue interim permits.

HB 2340 APPLYING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER MONITORING PROGRAM PROVISIONS TO NURSING ASSISTANTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Simmons
C 59 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2026

- Prohibits the Department of Health and the Board of Nursing from posting information on a public website about an enforcement action taken by the Board of Nursing against a nursing assistant if the nursing assistant has successfully completed the terms of an agreement or order requiring the individual to contact or participate in an approved substance use disorder monitoring program.
- Adds nursing assistants as a credential type eligible to receive a stipend from the Board of Nursing to help defray the costs of participating in a substance use disorder monitoring program.

SHB 2363 CONCERNING TEMPORARY EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed
C 27 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2028

- Allows an applicant for a music therapy license to provide music therapy under the supervision of a licensed music therapist for up to six months while awaiting verification of exam results.

**2SHB 2384 INCREASING REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OF CONTINUING CARE
RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri

*C 140 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

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

**HB 2531 ALIGNING THE QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE FOR THE AMBULANCE
TRANSPORT FUND WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stuebe

(SB 6102 Senator Muzzall)

C 31 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Health Care Authority (HCA), beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing each state fiscal year thereafter, to annually set the quality assurance fee rate to the rate in effect as of July 4, 2025.
- Directs HCA 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 2540 CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
RECERTIFICATION**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske

C 11 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

SHB 2577 CONCERNING HOSPITAL INSPECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri

C 35 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Department of Health to conduct unannounced inspections of all hospitals at least every 18 months, while allowing an exception during a federal, state, or local emergency.
- Allows a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services certification survey to fulfill the requirement for unannounced inspections by the Department of Health once every 36 months.
- Requires the Director of Fire Protection of the Washington State Patrol to conduct inspections of hospitals every 18 months with certain exceptions.

ESSB 5124 ESTABLISHING NETWORK ADEQUACY STANDARDS FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND REHABILITATION HOSPITALS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall

C 206 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Health Care Authority to establish and adopt network adequacy standards for post-acute care services by no later than January 1, 2028.
- Requires managed care organization contracts or amendments effective on or after July 1, 2028, to meet network adequacy requirements for post-acute care services.

SSB 5185 ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM THAT CREATES A PATHWAY TO PHYSICIAN LICENSURE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña

(HB 1306 Representative Reed)

C 154 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes the Clinical Experience Graduate 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 for a license to practice medicine who have completed the pilot program.
- Eliminates an exemption from postgraduate medical training requirements for applicants for a license to practice medicine who are international medical graduates with specified certification and training in multiple sclerosis.

E2SSB 5395 MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION DETERMINATION PROCESS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall

(HB 1566 Representative Rule)

*C 157 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Modifies requirements related to determination notifications, and the use of artificial intelligence as part of the prior authorization process for private health insurance and Public Employee Benefit Board and School Employee Benefit Board health programs.

**ESSB 5845 MODERNIZING AND CLARIFYING TIMELY PAYMENT
REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARRIERS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Slatter

*C 158 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Requires health carriers to pay a clean claim within 30 days.
- Requires health carriers to request any additional information needed to process a claim within 21 days.
- Modifies timelines for health carriers to request refunds from health care providers on claims payments.

**SB 5915 CONCERNING THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT
PROGRAM**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris

C 70 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Changes the processes and the prioritization and review criteria for the Health Technology Assessment Program.

E2SSB 5981 CONCERNING THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

(HB 2145 Representative Thai)

C 227 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits a drug manufacturer from denying, restricting, or prohibiting the acquisition of a 340B drug by a covered entity or a pharmacy under contract with a covered entity unless federal law prohibits the receipt.
- Prohibits a drug manufacturer from requiring any claims, utilization, purchasing data as a condition for allowing the acquisition of a 340B drug by a covered entity or a pharmacy under contract with the covered entity unless federal law requires such data sharing.
- Requires certain covered entities and drug manufacturers to submit certain data related to the 340B Drug Pricing Program to the Health Care Authority.

ESSB 6019 IMPROVING THE FUNCTIONING OF HOME CARE RATE STATUTES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

(HB 2276 Representative Rule)

C 85 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes the home care agency vendor rate as the sum of the home care agency administrative rate and 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.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services, for fiscal 2027, to establish the portion of the vendor rate that is dedicated to wages, benefits, and required employer contributions for home care agency workers who provide direct care.
- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services to verify that home care agencies have expended funds in accordance with statute.

SB 6025 UPDATING THE DEFINITION OF FETAL DEATH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

*C 45 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Modifies the definition of fetal death to allow gestational age to be determined using the best available information.

**SB 6103 MAKING PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A RURAL
EMERGENCY HOSPITAL SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall

(HB 2488 Representative Schmick)

C 112 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.

2SSB 6182 ESTABLISHING AN ABORTION SAVINGS PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman

(HB 2657 Representative Parshley)

*C 228 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Establishes the Abortion Savings Program, which provides grants to maintain access to direct patient abortion clinical care services for individuals in the state.
- Establishes a new assessment of \$0.82 for the first year and \$0.165 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.

SSB 6183 CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR HIV ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

C 48 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires health plans to cover all HIV antiviral drugs without requiring utilization management protocols.

SSB 6226 PROTECTING THE CLINICAL AUTONOMY OF AUDIOLOGISTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Harris

(HB 2618 Representative Shavers)

C 185 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes that licensed practitioners may use their clinical judgment to determine whether telehealth or in-person care is the appropriate treatment modality for a patient.
- Clarifies that allowing practitioners to determine the appropriate treatment modality for a patient does not limit the authority of the Board of Hearing and Speech to establish rules and enforce standards of care.

SJM 8002 CONCERNING MEDICARE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hasegawa

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

HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SHB 2525 ESTABLISHING THE HERITAGE ORCHARD PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Mendoza

(SB 6090 Senator Braun)

C 119 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes a heritage orchard program at Washington State University.

SB 5963 MODIFYING FUNDING FOR THE PASSPORT TO CAREERS PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY FOR THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE GRANT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles

(HB 2586 Representative Timmons)

C 44 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Office of Student Financial Assistance, within the Washington Student Achievement Council, to deposit all funds received for the Passport to Careers Program (PTC) into the State Financial Aid Account.
- Establishes that an individual eligible for the PTC qualifies as income-eligible under the Washington College Grant.
- Amends the definition of financial need in the PTC to reference the United States Department of Education's student aid index calculation instead of a calculation based on the student's total family contribution.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

EHB 1345 ESTABLISHING LIMITATIONS ON DETACHED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS OUTSIDE OF URBAN GROWTH AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Low

C 231 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESHB 1500 CONCERNING RESALE CERTIFICATES FOR UNITS IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed

C 194 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 homeowners' association or common interests portion of the seller's disclosures in a transaction for the sale of residential property to include questions about any modifications or remodeling.

EHB 1501 CONCERNING INQUIRIES INTO ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE OR OPERATIONS BY UNIT OWNERS IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed

C 128 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 CONCERNING SOCIAL HOUSING PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed

C 1 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

2SHB 1859 EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON PROPERTIES OWNED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

(SB 5885 Senator Riccelli)

C 2 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Decreases the number of affordable units required to qualify for a density bonus for affordable housing developed 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.

E2SHB 1974 ESTABLISHING LAND BANKING AUTHORITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill

(SB 6214 Senator Riccelli)

C 233 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes public corporations, public housing authorities, and certain nonprofit entities, if authorized by a city or county ordinance or resolution, to operate land bank authorities.
- Prioritizes the transfer of tax foreclosed properties to land bank authorities.
- Provides property and in-lieu tax exemptions for land bank authorities.

SHB 2228 CONCERNING SCISSOR STAIR REGULATIONS IN THE STATE BUILDING CODE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn

(SB 6001 Senator Bateman)

C 4 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group for the purpose of recommending amendments to the State Building Code (Code) that would allow scissor stairs in certain residencies.
- Directs the advisory group to provide its recommendations in time for the council to adopt or amend rules and codes as necessary for implementation in the 2027 Code update.

**ESHB 2266 ENCOURAGING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INDOOR EMERGENCY HOUSING, AND
INDOOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Peterson

(SB 6069 Senator Alvarado)

C 232 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes siting requirements for transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, indoor emergency shelters, and indoor emergency housing (STEP housing).
- Prohibits cities and planning counties from requiring any standards, conditions, or requirements for STEP housing that are more restrictive than those required for other types of development in the applicable zone.
- Allows cities and planning counties to enter into contracts with STEP housing providers under certain guidelines.

SHB 2269 CONCERNING MIDDLE HOUSING IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bernbaum

C 12 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires middle housing in limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs) in rural counties to be served by a publicly-owned sanitary sewer system or a large on-site sewage system.
- Requires middle housing in LAMIRDs in nonrural counties to be served only by a publicly-owned sanitary sewer system.

**HB 2304 INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF CONDOMINIUMS BY EXPANDING THE
TYPES OF CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO
AN EXPRESS WARRANTY OF QUALITY AND EXPRESS WARRANTY
INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor

C 7 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 any new or conversion building with four or fewer stories.

SHB 2354 CONCERNING COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed

C 96 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Disallows governing documents of a common interest community (CIC) to vary from the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) on the subject of financial responsibility for electric vehicle charging stations and heat pumps.
- Exempts certain middle housing CICs from most WUCIOA provisions and reserve study requirements, if specified conditions are met.
- Increases the minimum annual assessments threshold that triggers the requirement for an association to be annually audited by a certified public accountant.

SHB 2452 MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE OF RENT INCREASE NOTICES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors

C 118 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires that rent increase notices under the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act (MHLTA) be served in the same manner as other notices under the MHLTA, as opposed to the same manner as unlawful detainer notices.

HB 2664 MODIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE OF UNLAWFUL DETAINER NOTICES AND OTHER NOTICES SERVED IN THE SAME MANNER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Connors

C 144 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes the requirement that mailed unlawful detainer notices, as well as other notices required to be served in the same manner, be delivered through certified mail.

ESSB 5156 CONCERNING ELEVATOR STANDARDS IN SMALLER APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon

C 145 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the State Building Code Council to adopt, for the 2027 technical codes, standards for cities and counties to allow passenger elevators minimally sized to meet federal accessibility requirements for apartment buildings with at most six stories and at most 24 units.

**ESSB 5937 CONCERNING THE USE OF A SMART ACCESS SYSTEM IN A
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE RESIDENTIAL
LANDLORD-TENANT ACT**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

C 55 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Adds smart access system data collection and privacy policy requirements to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act.
- Authorizes a smart access system to only collect, generate, or utilize specific personal and biometric identifier information.
- Requires a landlord to offer a tenant an alternative key that does not use biometric identifier information or a mobile application, if requested by the tenant.

SSB 5938 CONCERNING THE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION FEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall

C 156 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Revises the foreclosure prevention fee, and specifies exemptions, a limitation, disclosures, and payment of the fee.

**E2SSB 6026 CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COMMERCIAL AND
MIXED-USE ZONES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado

(HB 2480 Representative Street)

C 236 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits certain cities and counties from excluding residential uses in areas zoned for commercial or mixed-use development and from imposing ground floor commercial or retail requirements in more than 40 percent of the total acreage in such zones, with certain exceptions and exclusions.
- Prohibits local governments from imposing any ground floor commercial or mixed-use requirements on publicly subsidized affordable housing projects.
- Requires local governments to have a process for applicants to request waivers or reductions from ground floor commercial or mixed-use requirements.

E2SSB 6027 MODIFYING CERTAIN FUNDING AND EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado

(HB 2359 Representative Peterson)

C 230 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Makes changes to the allowable uses for certain local sales and use tax collected for housing and related services.
- Makes changes to the requirements and eligible uses of funding in the Affordable Housing for All Account.
- Updates the definition of emergency housing for the purpose of property tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations in providing emergency or transitional housing for low-income persons or victims of domestic violence who are homeless.

SSB 6054 CONCERNING UNREASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON WILDFIRE HOME HARDENING PRACTICES IN COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt

C 180 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits governing documents of a common interest community from prohibiting the installation, use, or maintenance of fire-hardened building materials that meet certain health and safety standards.

SSB 6091 PROHIBITING REAL ESTATE BROKERS FROM MARKETING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO AN EXCLUSIVE GROUP OF PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OR REAL ESTATE BROKERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

(HB 2512 Representative Peterson)

C 57 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits a real estate broker, except as reasonably necessary to protect the health or safety of the owner or occupant, from marketing the sale or lease of residential real estate to a limited or exclusive group of prospective buyers or brokers unless the real estate is concurrently marketed to the general public and all other brokers.
- Provides for disciplinary actions by the Washington State Department of Licensing.

**ESSB 6200 CONCERNING RENTERS' AND MOBILE HOME OCCUPANTS' ABILITY
TO INSTALL PORTABLE COOLING DEVICES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Slatter

C 184 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Limits residential landlords and owners of mobile home parks from prohibiting or restricting tenants from installing a portable cooling device of the tenant's choosing, with certain exceptions.
- Allows a landlord to prohibit or restrict a tenant from installing a window-mounted portable cooling device under certain circumstances, including when the landlord's insurance policy expressly restricts or prohibits their use.
- Provides immunity to residential landlords from liability for any claim for damages, injury, or death caused by a portable cooling device installed by the tenant.

**SSB 6237 CONCERNING RENTAL PROPERTY DISCLOSURES OF FLOODING
HISTORY AND FLOOD RISK**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman

C 234 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires that landlords subject to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act disclose to tenants that the property may be located in a special flood hazard area or an area of potential flooding, and that information about specific hazards is available from the county government.
- Requires landlords to disclose that the landlord's insurance does not cover the loss of the tenant's personal possessions, and that the tenant should consider purchasing renter's insurance and flood insurance.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SHB 1390 REPEALING THE COMMUNITY PROTECTION PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Goodman

*C 254 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Eliminates the Community Protection Program (CPP) and removes references to the CPP from statute effective January 1, 2027.
- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to develop and implement a plan to transition all individuals participating in the CPP into other services or programs by December 31, 2026.

ESHB 1604 PROVIDING PARAMETERS FOR CONDUCTING SEARCHES OF TRANSGENDER AND INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS CONFINED IN A LOCAL JAIL IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

(SB 5490 Senator Dhingra)

C 17 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

EHB 2211 CONCERNING MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves

C 200 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires that any benefit administered by the Department of Social and Health Services or the Health Care Authority to provide 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.
- Specifies the nutritional standards for medically tailored meals.

SHB 2230 STREAMLINING MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE BUSINESS PROVIDERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn

(ESB 6024 Senator Gildon)

C 22 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Department of Social and Health Services to conduct no more than one annual routine review per community residential service business provider in specified subject areas, with some exceptions, and combine review activities in multiple subject areas where possible.

SHB 2350 INCREASING TRANSPARENCY REGARDING RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION CENTER COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Farivar

C 95 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to post notice that a residential habilitation center (RHC) is out of compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services conditions of participation or requirements, at the specific RHC.
- Directs DSHS to provide a copy of this notice to the person designated by the client with development disabilities living at that specific RHC and email a copy of this notice to the relevant committees of the Legislature.

2SHB 2429 SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 6224 Senator Wilson, C.)

C 93 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Governor to establish a leadership council to address children and youth health and wellness issues and coordinate efforts to implement Washington Thriving Strategic Plan (WTSP), a strategic plan for children and youth behavioral health.
- Requires the Office of the Governor to establish and maintain executive coordination for children and youth system of care to help monitor the implementation of WTSP.

SHB 2505 EXEMPTING CERTAIN FORMER FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS FROM ADULT FAMILY HOME LICENSURE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Eslick

(SB 6036 Senator Kauffman)

C 91 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Exempts individuals from adult family home licensure when that individual had a foster care license or child-specific license to care for a former foster youth and the youth is the only unrelated adult the individual provides personal care to in the home.

SHB 2539 CONCERNING INMATE FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Street

C 205 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the monetary amount for the definition of indigent inmate, indigent, and indigency, to a person that has less than a \$100 balance of disposable income in the individual's institutional account.
- Provides an adjustment to the indigency definition every four years based on the most current seasonally adjusted index of the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, beginning July 1, 2029.

SSB 5911 STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF PERSONS IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Alvarado

(HB 2169 Representative Callan)

C 92 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Provides that as of January 1, 2027, the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) may not apply any benefits, payments, funds, or accrual paid to, or on behalf of, a young adult ages 18 to 21 receiving extended foster care services.
- Requires DCYF to assess whether a youth may be eligible for such benefits and provides guidance related to the agency's responsibilities.

SSB 5917 IMPROVING ACCESS TO ABORTION MEDICATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman

(HB 2182 Representative Thomas)

C 52 L 26 Effective date 3/14/2026

- Removes the requirement that the Department of Corrections (DOC) sell abortion medications it possesses at a certain cost and allows, but does not require, DOC to obtain payment for any abortion medications it distributes.
- Modifies the definition of abortion medications for these purposes to specifically include misoprostol.

SB 5957 CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS YOUTH PREVENTION AND PROTECTION PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall

(HB 2185 Representative Fey)

C 72 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Adds additional members to the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs Advisory Committee.
- Clarifies that a young adult serving on the advisory committee who turns age 25 during their term may complete their term.

LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

HB 1069 ALLOWING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OVER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse (SB 5044 Senator Ramos)
C 189 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires bargaining over contributions for supplemental retirement benefits for Department of Corrections employees administered by, or on behalf of, an employee organization.

2SHB 1128 ESTABLISHING A CHILD CARE WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse (SB 5062 Senator Stanford)
C 148 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes the Washington State Child Care Workforce Standards Board.
- Directs the board to make recommendations on minimum employment standards for child care workers.

ESHB 1155 PROHIBITING NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENTS AND CLARIFYING NONSOLICITATION AGREEMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry (SB 5437 Senator Stanford)
C 149 L 26 Effective date 6/30/2027

- Makes any noncompetition covenant void and unenforceable, regardless of when the parties entered into the covenant and the amount of the worker's earnings.
- Prohibits an employer from enforcing or entering into a noncompete with an employee or worker.
- Requires an employer to make reasonable efforts to provide written notice to all current and former employees and independent contractors whose noncompete is still in effect, that the noncompete is void and unenforceable.
- Modifies the terms noncompetition covenant and nonsolicitation agreement.

HB 1526 MODIFYING THE SNACK BAR LIQUOR LICENSE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmick
C 192 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Permits retailers with a snack bar liquor license to sell wine by the glass, in addition to beer, for on-premise consumption.

SHB 1570 CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons

(SB 5119 Senator Nobles)

C 113 L 26 Effective date 3/18/2026.

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

2SHB 1701 AUTHORIZING MULTIPLE LIQUOR LICENSEES TO HAVE LICENSED PREMISES WITHIN A FACILITY OWNED AND LEASED OUT BY ANOTHER LIQUOR LICENSEE OR PERSON

Prime Sponsor: Representative Steele

C 196 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows a liquor licensee to operate on the property of a facility that includes other liquor licensees or businesses.
- Allows a licensee in the facility to lease use of its kitchen space if certain requirements are met.
- Authorizes the Liquor and Cannabis Board to require submission of related agreements.
- Provides that these arrangements do not violate tied-house restrictions that otherwise limit business practices and financial arrangements.

EHB 1941 AUTHORIZING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES FOR CANNABIS PRODUCERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Morgan

C 218 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes licensed cannabis producers to form agricultural associations or cooperatives for certain purposes.
- Prohibits an association or cooperative formed by cannabis producers from representing more than three producer licenses.

HB 2091 REQUIRING PUBLIC EMPLOYERS UNDER CHAPTER 41.80 RCW TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION TO EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reed

C 195 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Extends the requirement for public employers to provide exclusive bargaining representatives with certain employee information to all public employers under the Personnel System Reform Act.

2SHB 2105 CONCERNING IMMIGRANT WORKER PROTECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self
*C 240 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

(SB 5852 Senator Saldaña)

- Requires an employer to notify its workers within five business days of receiving a federal notice of inspection of certain employee records.
- Requires an employer to notify affected workers within five business days of receiving the results of any inspection.
- Allows the attorney general and injured persons or representative organizations to bring civil actions for violations.

SHB 2107 CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF IDENTIFIED HAZARDS AT CONSTRUCTION WORKSITES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt
C 19 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

(SB 5869 Senator Saldaña)

- Removes the June 30, 2026, expiration of the requirement that the Department of Labor and Industries notify the employer or owner when it identifies certain hazards during inspections of residential building construction worksites.
- Expands the worksites that the employer notification requirement applies to from only residential building construction worksites to both residential and non-residential building construction worksites.

SHB 2151 ADOPTING NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR FACTORY BUILT HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Manjarrez
C 3 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

(SB 6158 Senator Goehner)

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to consider, when adopting rules for factory built housing and commercial structures, certain national consensus standards published by the International Code Council.
- Allows L&I to establish options for 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 L&I inspection and approval process.

ESHB 2229 CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS' REGISTRATION ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn
C 134 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

(SB 6048 Senator Liias)

- Revises provisions in the Professional Engineers' Registration Act related to membership of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, registration requirements and fees, applications, and examinations.

**HB 2264 CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
WORKERS SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF
EMPLOYER-INITIATED LAYOFFS OR WORKFORCE REDUCTIONS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Berry

C 150 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows an individual to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits when voluntarily participating in an employer-initiated layoff or reduction in force if the separating employer terminates the employment as a result of the layoff or reduction in force plan.

ESHB 2303 PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM MICROCHIPPING EMPLOYEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thomas

C 25 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Prohibits an employer from requesting, requiring, or coercing an employee to have a microchip implanted in the employee and allows a private civil action.

**2SHB 2345 CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE STATE PAID FAMILY AND
MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt

C 26 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the amount of the premiums an employer may deduct from an employee's wages for family leave premiums and medical leave premiums.

SHB 2355 ESTABLISHING LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thomas

(SB 6053 Senator Saldaña)

C 15 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2027

- Establishes labor protections for domestic workers, including any employee or independent contractor working in a private residence for four or more hours in any month as a nanny, child care provider, home care worker, personal care provider, housekeeper or cleaner, cook, gardener, or household manager, with certain exceptions.
- Requires hiring entities to pay minimum wage and overtime, provide a written agreement, and provide minimum notices for termination of services or provide severance pay; and prohibits certain actions by hiring entities.
- Provides remedies through the Department of Labor and Industries administrative complaint process and a private cause of action, or both.
- Extends Minimum Wage Act standards and protections to certain domestic workers who were previously exempt because they slept or resided at their place of employment.
- Allows a domestic worker to bring a private cause of action under the Washington Law Against Discrimination when a hiring entity discriminates against the worker in compensation or termination on the basis of the worker being a member of a protected class.

SHB 2405 ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER TREATMENT AND RESEARCH

Prime Sponsor: Representative Schmidt

(SB 6293 Senator Conway)

*C 220 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2026**

- Establishes a Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) pilot program to allow treatment up to a specified number of sessions before claim adjudication and after claim closure in a workers' compensation occupational disease claim for post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Requires L&I to provide recommendations to the Legislature by July 1, 2030, regarding the pilot program.

ESHB 2471 CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott

(SB 6117 Senator Saldaña)

C 130 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Places employers and employees that were previously covered under federal collective bargaining laws under the jurisdiction of the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC) if federal law ceases to preempt state law or the National Labor Relations Board declines, or is deprived of, jurisdiction over the employers or employees.
- Establishes collective bargaining and dispute resolution procedures for the employers and employees covered by the bill, including interest arbitration procedures.
- Grants PERC concurrent jurisdiction with the courts to enforce an existing state law regarding workers' rights to organize, form unions, and engage in concerted activities for employers and employees covered under the bill.

SHB 2472 ENSURING THAT WORK ON FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IS PERFORMED BY LICENSED CONTRACTORS AND CERTIFIED FITTERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bronoske

C 29 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Director of Fire Protection to investigate violations related to fire protection sprinkler contractors and fitters.
- Allows the director or a local fire code official to issue a stop work order and allows a local fire code official to determine if public safety warrants the removal of a fire protection sprinkler system or its components.
- Requires fire protection sprinkler contractors and fitters to provide evidence of licensure upon request and local fire code officials to notify the director of violations.

ESHB 2476 MODIFYING THE SPIRITS, BEER, AND WINE THEATER LICENSE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Dufault

C 30 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the maximum number of seats per screen that a theater may have to hold a spirits, beer, and wine theater license from 120 to 200 seats.
- Adds certain alcohol control plan requirements for theaters that are frequented by minors.

2SHB 2479 CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF UNPAID WAGES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fosse

*C 53 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Creates the Wage Recovery Program and Wage Recovery Account to allow unpaid low-wage workers to receive disbursements before the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) issues a citation or collects unpaid wages from the employer, if certain conditions are met.
- Allows L&I discretion to investigate and prioritize complaints under the Wage Payment Act.
- Modifies the civil penalties under the Wage Payment Act and mandates L&I to create a matrix of penalties based on specified factors.
- Requires penalties under the Wage Payment and Minimum Wage acts be deposited in the Wage Recovery Account, rather than the Supplemental Pension Fund.

SHB 2492 REQUIRING STATE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Nance

(SB 6282 Senator Nobles)

C 14 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires state-registered apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades to provide apprentices with behavioral health and wellness training.
- Allows a certified electrician or plumber to count up to four hours of behavioral health and wellness training toward continuing education requirements.

2SSB 5292 CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE RATES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

C 104 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2028

- Requires the Employment Security Department Commissioner to set the total paid family and medical leave program premium rate based on the Office of Actuarial Services' annual report.
- Removes the statutory formula used to calculate the rate, but retains the maximum total premium rate of 1.2 percent.
- Mandates the Office of Actuarial Services' annual report to provide for the lowest future premium rate necessary to close the rate collection year with a four-month reserve beginning in 2030, in addition to the current requirement to maintain a four-year solvency.

E2SSB 5847 CONCERNING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña

(HB 2218 Representative Ortiz-Self)

*C 175 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Makes changes to the workers' compensation claims treatment provisions.
- Allows network providers to deviate from the treatment guidelines when medically appropriate.
- Prohibits an employer from requiring or coercing a worker to use a specific provider.
- Allows treatment by a non-network provider when one is not available within 25 miles from the worker's home, in specified circumstances.
- Permits continued treatment and cancer monitoring under specified conditions.
- Mandates utilization reviews to be completed within ten business days.
- Requires written notice to remove a provider from the medical provider network.
- Authorizes the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to hire additional claims managers to reach a specified average caseload.
- Directs L&I and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to report on the impacts of the additional claims managers.

SSB 5874 CONCERNING EMPLOYERS' INFORMATION REPORTING FOR PURPOSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen

C 43 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows the Employment Security Department to waive penalties for minor or insignificant reporting errors in employers' quarterly unemployment insurance reports.
- Defines minor or insignificant reporting errors to include inadvertent errors caused by the failure of any electronic software to properly produce a tax and wage report with the standard occupational classification or job title of each worker.

SB 5944 CONCERNING LANGUAGE ACCESS PROVIDERS' COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

(HB 2190 Representative Cortes)

C 109 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Includes payments or reimbursements for missed or canceled appointments in the scope of bargaining for language access providers.

SSB 6014 CONCERNING PREGNANCY-RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Nobles

C 76 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Makes confidential under the Public Records Act certain Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) records containing personal information about an employee or applicant involved in a pregnancy accommodation complaint, request for assistance, or investigation.
- Authorizes L&I to release certain nonidentifying statistical or summary data under the Public Records Act.

**SSB 6039 MODERNIZING METHODS OF COMMUNICATIONS BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2406 Representative Schmidt)

C 77 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Updates certain Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) notice and communication requirements to allow delivery by electronic or nonelectronic methods.
- Requires L&I, before using an electronic method for the first time, to provide an option for receiving communications through a nonelectronic method.

ESB 6058 ADDING DISCRETION TO WAGE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Saldaña

C 176 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) discretion to investigate an employee wage complaint and ties certain timelines to L&I's acceptance of a complaint.
- Requires L&I to establish a written process to prioritize complaints based on certain factors.
- Pauses the statute of limitations for civil actions related to an employee's wage complaint when the complaint is filed with L&I until certain actions are taken.
- Allows L&I to assess civil penalties under certain wage-complaint penalty provisions when issuing an administrative order for amounts owed.

ESB 6106 CONCERNING THE LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cleveland

C 86 L 26 Effective date 3/17/2026

- Excludes Indian tribes from the definition of employer under the Securing Timely Notification and Benefits for Laid-off Employees Act.
- Exempts from public disclosure the name and address of employees provided to the Employment Security Department (ESD) by an employer in mass layoff or business closure notices.
- Limits the requirement that the mass layoff or business closure notice include the names and addresses of the employees currently holding the affected jobs to the notice provided to ESD and, if the employees are represented, the employees' bargaining representative.

**SB 6134 CONCERNING NOTICE TO STRIKING WORKERS APPLYING FOR
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS OF POTENTIAL
OVERPAYMENT ASSESSMENT UPON RECEIPT OF RETROACTIVE
WAGES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

C 161 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

**SB 6136 PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL
INSURANCE RATE INCREASES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

(HB 2188 Representative Schmidt)

C 162 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) to publish the following on its website and as part of its proposed premium rates for the upcoming year: (1) the actuarially indicated rate for each workers' compensation risk classification; and (2) specified information if L&I limits the maximum premium rate increase for any risk classification below the level indicated by applying generally accepted actuarial principles to the risk class.
- Directs L&I to submit the required information to the Legislature and the Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee.

SB 6188 **CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RULES RELATED TO REGULATING ASBESTOS TRAINING**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt

(HB 2494 Representative Obras)

C 179 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 to applicants necessary to address safety and health hazards.

ESSB 6197 **ENFORCING PLUMBING CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt

(HB 2513 Representative Schmidt)

C 178 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Allows an individual's plumbing certificate, license, endorsement, or registration to be suspended for up to two years if the individual commits five or more infractions in a five-year period, rather than three infractions in a three-year period.
- Allows the Department of Labor and Industries, rather than the Advisory Board of Plumbers, to suspend an individual's plumbing certificate, license, endorsement, or registration.

ESSB 6302 **CONCERNING MISCLASSIFICATION IN THE FINISHING TRADES ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

C 105 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to investigate if individuals performing finishing work have been misclassified as independent contractors when a contractor or subcontractor engages three or more independent contractors to perform the same type of finishing work at the same time on a public works project.

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

2SHB 1909 ESTABLISHING THE COURT UNIFICATION TASK FORCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor

C 199 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Creates a court unification task force to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current Washington State court system to identify areas where a unified approach to court operations may improve efficiency in the delivery of court and judicial services.

EHB 2156 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF INVESTIGATORS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras

C 242 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows certain Attorney General's Office investigators to electronically serve search warrants on businesses for the purpose of investigating economic and financial crimes.

SHB 2158 CONCERNING ELECTRONIC NOTARIAL ACTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Abell

C 21 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Authorizes remote notarization of a tangible record not physically present before an electronic records notary by providing a process for confirming that the record before the notary is the same record in which the remotely located individual made a statement or on which the remotely located individual executed a signature.
- Authorizes an electronic records notary to administer an oath or affirmation to a remotely located individual by means of communication technology.
- Authorizes an electronic records notary to take an acknowledgement of a signature on a tangible record physically present before the notary.

ESHB 2165 CONCERNING FALSE IDENTIFICATION AS A PEACE OFFICER

Prime Sponsor: Representative Obras

(SB 5876 Senator Cortes)

C 114 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Creates the crime of false identification as a peace officer and classifies the crime as a gross misdemeanor.

SHB 2178 CONCERNING COURT RULES AND PROCEDURES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai

C 151 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Reconciles the monetary damage limit in two statutes concerning malicious mischief in the second degree.
- Aligns statutory provisions with court rules on the subject of civil infractions.
- 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.
- Directs the state treasurer to administer appropriated funds as grants for the collection of legal financial obligations to county clerks.

**SHB 2239 PROVIDING WASHINGTONIANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES WITH
LOCATION CHOICES FOR INTERMENT OF REMAINS**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Abell

*C 173 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- 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 CONCERNING CORPORATE FILINGS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
PROCESSED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S CORPORATIONS
AND CHARITIES DIVISION**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

C 80 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Revises provisions of the Uniform Business Organization Code addressing entity filings, annual reports and license fees, and requirements for foreign entities doing business in Washington.
- Revises requirements for the Office of the Secretary of State relating to trademark registrations, international student exchange visitor placement organizations, and authentication of signatures on documents.

ESHB 2320 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARM MANUFACTURING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

(SB 6314 Senator Valdez)

*C 203 L 26 Effective date 3/24/2026**

- 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 or transfer of certain digital firearm manufacturing code, subject to exceptions.

EHB 2445 ENDING PROBATES FOR PROFIT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards

C 204 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Creates additional standards and requirements for personal representatives appointed to administer an estate under suitable person provisions.
- Creates requirements for the validity of an agreement between a transferee for value and a beneficiary for the purchase of the beneficiary's interest in an estate.
- Creates safeguards for heir finder services subject to court oversight.

ESHB 2508 CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS TO ALIGN WITH CURRENT OPERATIONS AND PRACTICES AND TO INCLUDE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND PROTECT PRIVACY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Entenman

C 174 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the Office of Independent Investigations' investigatory jurisdiction to include any use of deadly force by an involved officer; any death that takes place after a use of non-deadly force, if the use may have contributed to the death; and prior investigations of either type of incident, if new evidence is put forth.
- Requires involved law enforcement agencies to notify the Office of Independent Investigations when certain uses of non-deadly force take place.
- Gives the Office of Independent Investigations access to reports from responding fire departments and ambulance services.
- Exempts certain Office of Independent Investigations records from inspection and copying under the Public Records Act.

ESHB 2532 CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NITROUS OXIDE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons

C 188 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

HB 2543 CONCERNING COUNTY CLERK FEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Pollet

C 33 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESHB 2548 STRENGTHENING HEALTH CARE MARKET STANDARDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor

(SB 6208 Senator Dhingra)

C 222 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the scope of transactions that qualify as a material change triggering the requirement for 60-day written notice to the attorney general for certain health care market transactions.
- Requires parties filing a written notice to pay a filing fee based on the anticipated value of the transaction, with an exception.
- Modifies requirements and procedures related to material change transaction notices and requests for additional information.

ESB 5068 CONCERNING AGENCIES, FIREFIGHTERS, PROSECUTORS, AND GENERAL OR LIMITED AUTHORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT, EXTENDING ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT TO ALL UNITED STATES CITIZENS OR PERSONS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER FEDERAL LAW

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick

C 103 L 26 Effective date 3/18/2026

- Allows individuals legally authorized for employment in the United States to work as or apply to work as corrections officers and prosecuting attorneys.

2ESSB 5105 CONCERNING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT DEPICTIONS OF MINORS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall

(HB 1169 Representative Leavitt)

C 223 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands offenses prohibiting dealing in, sending or bringing into the state, possessing, or viewing depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct to include circumstances involving visual or printed matter that has been digitally created or altered and is obscene, regardless of whether the depicted minor is identifiable.
- Modifies the defenses, immunities, and statute of limitations applicable to certain offenses involving depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.
- Expands the conduct that constitutes sexual exploitation of a minor.

SSB 5520 CONCERNING THE WRONGLY CONVICTED PERSONS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Orwall

C 224 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Makes various revisions to state law that allows a person wrongly convicted of a felony to bring a claim against the state for compensation.
- Changes the pleading standard required to file a claim to a preponderance of the evidence, and retains the judgment standard for a successful claim to clear and convincing evidence.
- Defines actually innocent as it describes a person where a preponderance of all the evidence no longer supports a finding that the person engaged in conduct that is the basis for the felony.
- Removes a waiver requirement for all other claims prior to receiving compensation.

SSB 5720 ENACTING THE UNIFORM CONSUMER DEBT DEFAULT JUDGMENTS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

C 107 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Establishes notice and complaint requirements in consumer debt collection actions.
- Prescribes consequences for failure to comply with consumer debt notice and complaint requirements.

ESSB 5837 CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, AND OTHER PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADULTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

C 177 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Makes various revisions throughout the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act, including revisions addressing 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.

SSB 5855 CONCERNING THE USE OF FACE COVERINGS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Valdez

(HB 2173 Representative Cortes)

C 115 L 26 Effective date 3/19/2026

- Prohibits local, state, and federal law enforcement officers from wearing masks while interacting with the public, with certain exceptions.
- Allows a person detained by an unlawfully masked local, state, or federal officer to sue that officer in their official capacity.

SB 5868 ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE IN SKAGIT COUNTY AND IN YAKIMA COUNTY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner

C 226 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the number of superior court judges in Skagit County from four to five.
- Increases the number of superior court judges in Yakima County from eight to nine.

2SSB 5880 CONCERNING TOXICOLOGY TESTING BY CERTIFIED OR ACCREDITED LABORATORIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner

*C 108 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Establishes in impaired driving cases, the validity of blood and breath tests performed by certain private laboratories.

SSB 5886 CONCERNING PERSONALITY RIGHTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Boehnke

C 69 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESSB 5925 CONCERNING THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hansen

(HB 2161 Representative Farivar)

C 243 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows the attorney general to issue civil investigative demands (CIDs) to produce documents and answer questions when investigating possible violations of the United States Constitution; the Washington State Constitution; law enforcement Keep Washington Working Act requirements; wages laws; the Washington Law Against Discrimination; and the City and County Jails Act.
- Establishes requirements for the issuance of CIDs; the process for production of documents and information; the confidentiality of disclosed documents and information; and court action for contesting, modifying, or enforcing a CID.
- Requires the attorney general to submit a report to the Legislature detailing use of CID authority.

**2SSB 5974 MODERNIZING AND STRENGTHENING LAWS CONCERNING
SHERIFFS, POLICE CHIEFS, TOWN MARSHALS, LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY VOLUNTEERS, YOUTH CADETS, SPECIALLY
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND POLICE MATRONS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick

*C 258 L 26 Effective date 4/30/2026**

- Changes eligibility criteria for becoming a police chief, marshal, or sheriff.
- Places limits on the use of volunteers, youth cadets, and specially commissioned officers by police chiefs, marshals, and sheriffs.

ESSB 6002 CONCERNING DRIVER PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau

(HB 2332 Representative Salahuddin)

C 239 L 26 Effective date 3/30/2026

- Creates a regulatory structure for the use of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems and the data captured.
- Restricts the use of ALPR systems by state and local agencies, sets retention periods for the data collected, and limits the sharing of data.

**SB 6011 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF COURT OF APPEALS BAILIFFS
TO ASSESS THREATS TO COURT OF APPEALS JUDICIAL OFFICERS
AND STAFF MEMBERS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dhingra

C 111 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 non-conviction data for purposes exclusively related to investigating threats against a judicial officer or staff member.

ESSB 6087 CONCERNING DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Prime Sponsor: Senator Braun

C 47 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the definition of donor and distributing organization to include religious organizations.
- Expands the definition of children's items to include strollers and car seats.
- Requires distributing organizations to inquire about the history of a car seat being donated, and confirm that the car seat is not expired or subject to a recall, and make disclosures about the car seat.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

HB 2272 UPDATING TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO SKI AREAS AND WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hall
C 23 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

(SB 6013 Senator Torres)

- Updates terms for ski lift devices that are inspected by State Parks.
- Updates ski lift device terms for which operators must maintain liability insurance.

E2SHB 2418 CONCERNING PERMIT REVIEW PROCESSES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr
C 235 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Specifies that a determination of completeness made by a county or city on a project permit application must be based on whether the permit is procedurally complete and is not a substantive review of the application.
- Requires certain government entities, other than counties and cities, to complete the review of a residential project permit application within certain deadlines, and provides that, if the deadline is missed, the government entity must refund 20 percent of the permit review fee.
- Requires local governments to designate a permit-responsible official with authority to make final administrative decisions on residential project permit applications, and to designate a single point-of-contact on each project permit application.

E2SHB 2451 CONCERNING LOCAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Duerr
C 141 L 26 Effective date 6/2/2026

- Makes changes to the requirements and provisions for establishing a local tax increment financing area.
- Modifies the increment area sunset date provisions and certain deadlines by which construction must begin.
- Modifies the project analysis, including changes to the assessment of impacts, that a local government must prepare and submit to the state treasurer prior to establishing an increment area.
- Establishes a negotiation, mediation, and arbitration process that a local government designating an increment area and any impacted taxing district must engage in when certain conditions are met.

SB 5467 **CONCERNING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY BY WATER-SEWER DISTRICTS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Goehner

(HB 1944 Representative Griffey)

C 40 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the value of personal property that may be sold by a water-sewer district without public notice from \$2,500 to \$5,400.
- Increases the value of real property that may be sold privately by a water-sewer district from \$5,000 to \$7,500.

ESSB 5552 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF BUILDING CODES FOR KIT HOMES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, J.

C 41 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the State Building Code Council to adopt rules on the portions of the State Building Code applicable to kit homes by March 31, 2027.

SB 5820 **CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CERTAIN COUNTIES TO INCLUDE FREIGHT RAIL DEPENDENT USE OVERLAY AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

C 247 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes provisions allowing Clark County and the cities within the county to adopt development regulations to assure that certain lands adjacent to short line railroads may be developed for freight rail dependent uses and to include development of freight rail dependent uses on land adjacent to short line railroads in the transportation element of their comprehensive plans.

SB 5995 **CONCERNING MONEYS AVAILABLE TO A PORT DISTRICT ALLOCATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ZERO AND NEAR ZERO EMISSION CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Salomon

(HB 2715 Representative Parshley)

C 75 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes the December 31, 2031, expiration date and extends the prohibition on port districts and port development authorities using port funds to purchase fully automated marine container cargo handling equipment.

E2SSB 6066 ESTABLISHING CRASH PREVENTION ZONES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres

(HB 2174 Representative Klicker)

C 123 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows a county, city, or town, until January 1, 2029, to create a crash prevention zone on a certain portion of U.S. Highway 395, as well as on two portions of Highway 12.
- Allows a county, city, town, or the Department of Transportation, beginning January 1, 2029, to create a zone by identifying public roads where the incidence of collisions resulting in serious injuries or fatalities is greater than expected for similar roads or highways, as appropriate.
- Authorizes local jurisdictions that create a zone to use automated traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations committed within the zone.
- Doubles the penalty amount for unlawful use of a personal electronic device if committed while driving in a zone.

SB 6132 AUTHORIZING A NARROW MODIFICATION TO INDEBTEDNESS LIMITS FOR SELECT INLAND PORT DISTRICTS TO ENSURE CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RAIL, POWER, AND OTHER CRITICAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Warnick

C 121 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows a port district that has established a tax increment financing area to contract indebtedness or borrow money for district purposes and issue general obligation bonds not exceeding an additional 0.25 percent of the value of the taxable property in the district without voter approval under certain conditions.

SSB 6189 REMOVING THE DEADLINE FOR FORMING A PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT FOR REGIONAL AQUATICS AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bateman

(HB 2530 Representative Doglio)

C 78 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes the date by which certain towns or cities or certain towns or cities and the county or counties in which the towns or cities are located may create a public facilities district for regional aquatics and sports facilities.

SB 6291 CONCERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM INSPECTIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovelett

C 210 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.

SSB 6309 PROVIDING FOR ENHANCED MUNICIPAL PERMITTING TOOLS FOR HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT PROJECTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

(HB 2517 Representative Fitzgibbon)

*C 166 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Allows a regional transit authority (RTA) to apply for permits under certain conditions and construct specific facilities that exceed height limits and setback requirements under certain circumstances.
- Establishes that a development agreement between a local government and an RTA may set forth development standards that vary from applicable development regulations in certain circumstances.
- Requires a local government to accept applications from an RTA regardless of whether the RTA owns or has possession and use of the property subject to the application, so long as the application is otherwise complete.
- Establishes that a local government may issue a land use, construction, or technical permit to an RTA for development on property that is not owned by the RTA if the RTA remains responsible for obtaining the necessary property right or permission from the property owner to proceed with the permitted work.

STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

2ESHB 1541 CONCERNING THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Abell

(SB 5338 Senator Nobles)

C 5 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the membership of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee by reducing the number of members representing veterans service organizations, increasing the number of at-large members, and adding military experience and personal attributes to member selection criteria.

E3SHB 1710 CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE WASHINGTON VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2018

Prime Sponsor: Representative Mena

C 211 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Adds preclearance requirements to the Washington Voting Rights Act, requiring certain political subdivisions to obtain preapproval from the attorney general for certain proposed changes to a voting system or process.

E2SHB 1750 CREATING GUIDELINES FOR VOTER SUPPRESSION AND VOTE DILUTION CLAIMS UNDER THE WASHINGTON VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Prime Sponsor: Representative Hill

C 215 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Redefines the factors that result in a violation of the Washington Voting Rights Act's prohibition on the abridgment of voting rights.

ESHB 1916 AMENDING VOTER REGISTRATION CHALLENGES AND MANAGING VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Doglio

C 212 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Adjusts the process, allowable evidence, and penalties for challenging a voter's registration.
- Clarifies when a voter's registration is canceled from the voter registration list.

HB 2249 **AMENDING THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE STATUTES TO INCLUDE WASHINGTON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS NETWORK AND SECURITY SYSTEMS EMPLOYEES**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

C 89 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

HB 2309 **REDUCING BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT BY ELIMINATING POSTGRADUATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE UNNECESSARY**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Leavitt

(SB 6038 Senator Nobles)

C 38 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes that the comprehensive classification plan must not require a postgraduate college degree as the only way to demonstrate qualifications for a role unless that degree is required by law.

SHB 2411 **MODIFYING SHARED LEAVE PROVISIONS TO AUTHORIZE SHARED LEAVE FOR VICTIMS OF A HATE CRIME AND THOSE WHOSE ABSENCE IS DUE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S RELATIVE**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Salahuddin

C 241 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes use of the shared leave program for employees who are victims of a hate crime and employees whose absence is due to immigration enforcement actions against the employee or employee's relative.

HB 2417 **CHANGING THE WASHINGTON CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE SO THAT IT INCLUDES CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF AN OFFENSE WHILE SERVING WITHIN THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OF WASHINGTON**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Keaton

(SB 6029 Senator Wagoner)

C 28 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

SHB 2420 INCREASING SMALL WORKS ROSTER CONTRACT LIMITS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn

C 97 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes phased 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 \$650,000 by July 1, 2030.

SHB 2475 CONCERNING LANGUAGE ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES CONDUCTED, OPERATED, OR ADMINISTERED BY STATE AGENCIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ortiz-Self

C 142 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires the Office of Equity to develop uniform guidelines for state agencies to provide consistent delivery of language-accessible public programs, activities, and services.
- Requires the Office of Equity to collaborate with certain groups to develop a proposal for addressing the statewide shortage of qualified interpreters and translators.
- Provides that state agencies must report to the Office of Equity and the Office of Financial Management regarding processes, timelines, and necessary resources for implementation of the guidelines.

HB 2632 MODERNIZING TERMINOLOGY WHEN REFERRING TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OR NATIONALS OF THE UNITED STATES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thai

*C 36 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Replaces certain references to the term alien with the term noncitizen.
- Requires all state and local statutes and other official documents enacted after July 1, 2026, to use the term noncitizen or other context-appropriate term, instead of the term alien, 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 if the proposed rule only substitutes the term alien with the term noncitizen or other context-appropriate term, but does not change the effect of the rule.

SB 5420 **ENSURING ACCESS TO STATE BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS, UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick

(HB 1738 Representative Shavers)

C 207 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands the definitions used to qualify persons for particular benefits for military veterans and uniformed service members.

SSB 5825 **AUTHORIZING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD TO SOLICIT GIFTS, GRANTS, AND ENDOWMENTS FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.

(HB 2473 Representative Timmons)

*C 50 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Authorizes the Washington State Leadership Board to solicit gifts, grants, and endowments.
- Removes references and requirements related to an expired program.

SSB 5827 **CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF A "QUALIFYING DISCHARGE" FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE VETERANS' PREFERENCE PROGRAM FOR CIVIL SERVICE**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Gildon

C 146 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows an individual to provide a predischage certification to claim the veterans' civil service preference.

SB 5863 **CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION AND INSPECTION OF STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman

(HB 2252 Representative Farivar)

C 208 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes restricted records transferred to the Division of Archives and Records Management to be open to inspection and copying 75 years after creation of the record, unless certain state or federal laws require continued confidentiality of a record.
- Requires documents and artifacts identified as part of the Lakeland Village preservation plan to be retained through 2030.

SB 5892 CONCERNING PROTECTION OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION DATABASE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Riccelli

C 213 L 26 Effective date 3/25/2026

- Prohibits a county elections office from producing records in response to a request for reports generated by the statewide voter registration database.
- Prohibits any state or location election officer, or a designee, from knowingly disclosing information in any county or statewide voter registration database inconsistent with the performance of their duties.
- Prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of personal information shown on an affidavit of voter registration or included in a voter registration file.
- Establishes penalties for the prohibitions.

SSB 6034 CONCERNING STATUTORY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman

C 245 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Codifies the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) as a cabinet agency of the Governor.
- Sets forth duties and responsibilities of GOIA.
- Requires GOIA to provide an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor.

2SSB 6035 ENSURING ACCESS TO VOTING SERVICES FOR MILITARY, OVERSEAS, NATIVE AMERICAN, AND DISABLED VOTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman

C 214 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs county auditors to schedule meetings with federally recognized Indian tribes to discuss the details of the next regularly scheduled election cycle.
- Authorizes the Secretary of State to 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.

SB 6046 ESTABLISHING THE WASHINGTON DIVISION OF CIVIL AIR PATROL AS PART OF THE WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner

(HB 2357 Representative Dent)

C 46 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Creates a Civil Air Patrol Division within the Washington Military Department.

**SSB 6081 PROTECTING WASHINGTONIANS FROM INVASION OF PRIVACY,
INCLUDING THE UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF SEX
DESIGNATION INFORMATION AND HISTORIC SEX DESIGNATION
CHANGES IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

C 56 L 26 Effective date 3/16/2026

- Exempts sex designation information as part of vital records and records managed by the Department of Licensing from public disclosure.

**SB 6084 CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION ON VOTING MORE THAN ONCE IN
AN ELECTION**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

C 79 L 26 Effective date 3/17/2026

- Clarifies that a person may not vote in this state more than once, or in an election in both this state and another state, if the election date is the same.

**SCR 8406 REESTABLISHING THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON CIVIC
HEALTH**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lovick

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- Reestablishes the Joint Select Committee on Civic Health.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ESHB 1980 ALLOWING CERTAIN PRIVATE EMPLOYER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO USE CERTAIN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zahn

C 81 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes local authorities, with approval from public transportation agencies, to permit private employer transportation services to use business access and transit-only lanes in counties with a population more than 2 million.
- Requires local authorities to have an established fee-for-use process in order to authorize lane use and ensure operational performance metrics of the lane usage is met.

SHB 2114 CONCERNING DEFECTIVE LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Engell

C 172 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Requires the Department of Licensing (DOL) to waive all fees for a defective license plate replacement within 24 months of issuance.
- Specifies that defective plates returned between two to five years after issuance are exempt from all fees for a replacement if the license plate meets DOL specified criteria adopted by rule.
- Provides discretionary authority for DOL to impose some license plate fees for defective plate replacements returned between two to five years depending on the specific circumstances of the need for license plate replacement.

ESHB 2192 UPDATING THE ROLE OF THE WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION IN IDENTIFYING THE RISK FACTORS THAT LEAD TO ROADWAY FATALITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Low

(SB 6131 Senator Shewmake)

C 152 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Designates the Washington Traffic Safety Commission as a public health authority for purposes of traffic safety improvement and prevention of deaths and serious injuries related to motor vehicle collisions.
- Authorizes the Commission to convene a fatality review committee to review incidents involving the death of any person from a collision involving a motor vehicle.
- Clarifies protections for health care information, driving records, and other confidential information obtained by the Commission for Commission and fatality review committee purposes.

SHB 2323 ESTABLISHING A BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Eslick

C 90 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

SHB 2410 ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL TRUCK SAFETY AND EDUCATION COUNCIL

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey

C 61 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Establishes the Washington State Commercial Truck Safety and Education Council to recommend programs and projects that improve the safety of the commercial truck industry.
- Increases the Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement Fee assessed on commercial motor vehicles from \$16 to \$32, with certain revenue to be used only for recommended Council activities and administrative costs.

HB 2436 CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS OF OIL TANKERS OPERATING IN RESTRICTED WATERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Lekanoff

(SB 6238 Senator Lovelett)

C 64 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires tug escorts for oil tankers to have an aggregate shaft horsepower equivalent of at least 3000 horsepower.

SHB 2467 CONCERNING FIFTH-WHEEL TRAVEL TRAILERS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons

(SB 5824 Senator King)

C 65 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes the operation of fifth-wheel travel trailers on public highways with an overall length up to 46 feet.

HB 2495 ADDRESSING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES BY CERTAIN CITIES WHEN OBSTRUCTING THE OPERATION OF STREETCAR VEHICLES OR JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Thomas

C 99 L 26 Effective date 3/18/2026

- Allows Seattle to direct the impoundment of vehicles obstructing the operation of streetcar vehicles without having to first contact law enforcement.

EHB 2588 CONCERNING COUNTY FERRY DISTRICT AUTHORITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Timmons
C 187 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Allows Whatcom County to construct, purchase, operate, and maintain passenger-only or auto ferries.
- Makes ad valorem property tax increases greater than 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value subject to a vote of the people in counties with a population less than 1,500,000 people.
- Requires county ferry districts to establish ferry district advisory committees.

**HB 2604 TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF A VEHICLE TO AN INSURER
UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Richards *(SB 6265 Senator Nobles)*
C 101 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Provides that non-notarized electronic signatures may be used for the transfer of vehicle ownership to insurers and an associated limited power of attorney.

ESHB 2711 CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey
*C 255 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Revises various provisions enacted in ESSB 5801—transportation resources, during the 2025 session.
- Makes a variety of other resource-related changes and modifies a variety of transportation policies.

SHJM 4001 CONCERNING RUSS BLOUNT MEMORIAL BRIDGE NAMING

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fey
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- Requests the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to name the future 34th Avenue East overpass in Fife as the Russ Blount Memorial Bridge.

2SSB 5690 CONCERNING ACTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NOTIFY UTILITY OWNERS OF PROJECTS AND SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING FOR UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS

Prime Sponsor: Senator MacEwen

C 106 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Directs the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to provide utility owners with information about planned state highway fish barrier removal projects at least one year in advance, whenever feasible.
- Directs WSDOT to maximize the amount of federal funding for fish barrier removal projects that also allow the funds to be used for utility relocation costs by WSDOT or utilities under federal rules and regulations.

ESSB 6005 MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Liias

(HB 2306 Representative Fey)

C 257 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 3/31/2026

- Makes supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.
- Partial Veto Summary:***
- Removed funding for the funding licensing, oversight, and on-site inspections of auto dealers by the Department of Licensing.
 - Removed funding for improving parking ticket information provided as part of the vehicle registration renewal process.
 - Removed funding for the Department of Transportation to perform facility and landscape maintenance of the SR 520 eastside lids and surrounding areas.

ESSB 6110 ADDRESSING ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake

*C 159 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Clarifies the definition of an electric-assisted bicycle.
- Directs the Department of Licensing to convene a work group to study and recommend a statutory framework for electric motorcycles.

**SSB 6170 ADJUSTING MONETARY LIMITS REGARDING CONTRACTING
RULES FOR STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WORK AND
PROCUREMENT**

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

C 125 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the maximum value of state highway construction and repair work that can be performed by state forces to \$100,000 in normal circumstances and \$160,000 in emergency circumstances, with the amount for emergency circumstances adjusted annually for inflation.
- Increases the maximum value of Washington State Department of Transportation work and procurement that can be contracted using rules to enable a larger number of small businesses and veteran, minority, and women contractors to effectively compete to \$160,000.

SSB 6225 AUTHORIZING BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

C 256 L 26 Effective date 3/31/2026

- Allows for the issuance of up to \$800 million of bonds for the design, right-of-way, and construction of highway projects.
- Increases the bond authorization for the state route 520 project by \$500 million.
- Repeals unused bond authorizations.

**ESSB 6354 ADVANCING TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION BY
EXPANDING ACCESS TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES ALREADY BEING
SOLD IN WASHINGTON AND INCREASING ASSOCIATED FUNDING**

Prime Sponsor: Senator Lias

*C 186 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- 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 for motor vehicles acquired through a vehicle dealer from \$15 to \$40 between October 1, 2026, and December 31, 2036, with \$25 of each fee collected to be used for instant rebates to reduce the purchase or lease costs of electric vehicles for vulnerable populations and to be deposited into the Multimodal Transportation Account.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

2ESHB 1210 CONCERNING TARGETED URBAN AREA TAX PREFERENCES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Barnard

C 120 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Requires additional documentation and applies certain labor standards to the project construction requirements for the targeted urban area property tax exemption if the project is a clean energy transformation business facility requiring certification by a federal regulatory commission.
- Authorizes cities to extend the project completion deadline for the exemption up to four years for clean energy transformation business facilities requiring certification by a federal regulatory commission.

HB 1376 CONCERNING THE PREPAYMENT OF CAPITAL GAINS TAXES SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Orcutt

C 191 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESHB 1408 ESTABLISHING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES APPROVED THROUGH RCW 43.167.060

Prime Sponsor: Representative Santos

(SB 5460 Senator Hasegawa)

C 217 L 26 Effective date 3/25/2026

- Requires 30 percent of the state sales tax revenue at qualified facilities to be deposited into the Community Preservation and Development Authority (CPDA) Account, beginning January 1, 2026.
- Requires a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee review of CPDA funding by December 1, 2034.
- Requires each CPDA to submit a biennial report to the Legislature on their strategic planning, use of funding, and impacts on the community.

E3SHB 1960 ENCOURAGING RENEWABLE ENERGY IN WASHINGTON THROUGH TAX POLICY AND INVESTMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ramel

C 260 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2028

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

HB 1983 AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF TIMBERLAND FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX FOR A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

C 171 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

E2SHB 2034 CONCERNING TERMINATION AND RESTATEMENT OF PLAN 1 OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby

*C 198 L 26 Effective date 6/30/2029**

- Terminates the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 1 (LEOFF Plan 1), and creates the Restated Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System on June 30, 2029, with identical pension benefits.
- Funds the newly created Restated LEOFF System with existing LEOFF Plan 1 assets at 110 percent of the actuarial value of the projected benefits.
- Deposits the remainder in the Pension Surplus Holding Account, which may be transferred to the state general fund.

**SHB 2089 SUPPORTING WILDFIRE MITIGATION BY MODIFYING RCW
82.04.29005, CONCERNING TAXES ON LOAN INTEREST**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Scott

C 131 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2026

- Modifies the business and occupation (B&O) tax deduction for interest income from first mortgages by replacing the current eligibility restriction that disallows financial institutions operating in ten or more states from claiming the deduction with a new requirement that the institution must not be classified as a high-volume mortgage lender.
- Defines a high-volume mortgage lender as a business that is either subject to the financial institution B&O surcharge or a business that has an annual closed mortgage origination volume of at least \$10 billion in the previous calendar year.
- Directs the additional revenue generated by the narrowing of the B&O tax deduction into the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account.

**HB 2124 CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD FOR PAYMENT OF A LUMP SUM
RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IN LIEU OF A MONTHLY BENEFIT**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Couture

(SB 5835 Senator Conway)

C 132 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the monthly benefit threshold for Plan 2 retirees to elect a lump sum pension payment from \$50 to \$250.

**EHB 2179 CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PORT WORKERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN
A FEDERAL RAILROAD RETIREMENT PLAN**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Abell

*C 133 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Excludes certain port district employees from membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System.

E2SHB 2251 CONCERNING CLIMATE COMMITMENT ACT ACCOUNTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Fitzgibbon

C 219 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2027

- Repeals three of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) accounts, creates the CCA Operating Account and a CCA Capital Account, and changes the name of the Carbon Emissions Reduction Account to the CCA Transportation Account.
- Changes the distribution of CCA auction revenue into CCA accounts.
- Makes changes to the use of CCA funding, CCA spending goals, and reporting.

HB 2254 PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY IN THE PARTNERSHIP ACCESS LINE ASSESSMENT TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

C 58 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.

E2SHB 2325 ESTABLISHING A TOURISM SELF-SUPPORTED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO FUND STATEWIDE TOURISM PROMOTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Paul

(SB 6061 Senator Riccelli)

C 229 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Authorizes the Washington Tourism Marketing Authority to develop by rule a self-supported assessment program to fund statewide tourism.
- Creates an oversight board within the Authority to design the program.
- Modifies the membership of the Authority's Board of Directors.

HB 2353 CONCERNING PREDESIGN THRESHOLDS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Keaton

C 60 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

HB 2385 CONCERNING THE MEDICAID ACCESS PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri

C 153 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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 from September 1, 2025, to September 1, 2030.
- Extends the expiration date of the act from January 1, 2027, to January 1, 2032.

HB 2431 INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL LIMIT FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE NONPROFIT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALLS AND MEETING PLACES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Prime Sponsor: Representative Shavers
*C 63 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Increases the maximum annual limit for regularly scheduled fundraising activities for the nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places property tax exemption.

HB 2441 CONCERNING MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Low *(SB 6323 Senator Holy)*
C 39 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Expands medical premium reimbursement for survivors of Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2 members killed in the course of employment.

ESHB 2442 PROVIDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TAX RESOURCES AND FUND FLEXIBILITY

Prime Sponsor: Representative Berg *(SB 6294 Senator Frame)*
*C 221 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2026**

- Allows local REET 2 to be used for the abatement of nuisance properties.
- Authorizes a new local sales and use tax of 0.01 percent to fund services for children and families.
- Expands the authorized uses of local sales and use tax revenues for housing and related services.
- Extends the maximum length that a levy lid lift may be approved for by voters.
- Expands the authorized use of funds generated by the county sales tax on rental cars.
- Expands the authorized use of funds for flood control zone districts.
- Authorizes a new county property tax levy for public health clinic expenses.
- Allows counties to create separate, standalone levies for the veterans' assistance and mental health and developmental disabilities assistance levies.
- Removes a requirement that a city or town must reduce its property tax levy by the amount levied by a city or town fire protection district.
- Requires a city or town creating a fire protection district to reduce its statutory maximum property tax rate by the combined tax rate imposed by a newly formed district, with the exception of cities with a population over 500,000.
- Requires a city or town to consult with various stakeholders that may be impacted by the formation of a city or town fire protection district.
- Permits districts to contract with a city or town to provide administrative services.

EHB 2487 CONCERNING TAXES IMPOSED ON INSURERS OPERATING WITHIN THE STATE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Macri

C 263 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Specifies that the business and occupation (B&O) tax exemption for insurance businesses applies only to the insurer directly paying the premium tax on premium revenues.
- Makes the changes to the B&O tax exemption for insurance businesses retroactive to October 2, 2019, but does not change any final judgment a court issued before the effective date of the bill.
- Specifies that the B&O tax exemption for insurance businesses also applies to amounts received for annuities, assigned risk plans, and certain state or federal-funded health programs.
- Provides a waiver of penalties and interest and allows taxpayers to enter into three-year repayment plans for delinquent taxes related to the retroactive application of the narrowed insurance-business B&O tax exemption.
- Lowers the annual Advanced Computing Surcharge (ACS) cap paid by all members of an affiliated group from \$75 million to \$25 million, if 50 percent or more of the worldwide gross revenue of the affiliated group is from insurance premiums during the immediately preceding calendar year.
- Exempts insurers, health maintenance organizations, and health care service contractors from the ACS.

HB 2521 CONCERNING FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECK

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby

(SB 6055 Senator Nobles)

*C 100 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- 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.

E2SHB 2523 CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

Prime Sponsor: Representative Reeves

(SB 6275 Senator Nobles)

*C 143 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Requires the Office of Equity and the Department of Commerce to review and update the Community Reinvestment Plan every five years, beginning in 2032, to address distribution of the Community Reinvestment Account funds.
- Creates a work group to facilitate a transition plan for joint administration of the Community Reinvestment Program by Equity and Commerce, and provide a report, recommendations for legislative action, and guidance for an administrative framework to the Legislature by November 1, 2026.
- Requires the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to study Commerce's distribution of, and the recipient organizations' use of, the funds allocated under the plan by June 30, 2027.

**HB 2610 ENSURING NONPROFIT HOUSING PROVIDERS QUALIFY FOR A
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION WHEN THE PROPERTY IS
TEMPORARILY USED FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITY PURPOSES
OTHER THAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Street

(SB 6220 Senator Trudeau)

*C 102 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Expands the allowable use of property for the nonprofit low-income homeownership property tax exemption to include the rent or lease of property to an organization for certain community serving purposes.
- Allows the property tax exemption to continue when the entity transfers ownership of the property to another nonprofit organization, association, or corporation for a use that also qualifies for and is granted a different property tax exemption.

EHB 2681 CONCERNING CANNABIS LICENSE FEES

Prime Sponsor: Representative Ormsby

C 262 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Increases the annual fee for issuance and renewal of cannabis producer, processor, and retail licenses from \$1,381 to \$1,781.

**SHB 2689 CONCERNING THE WORKING CONNECTIONS CHILD CARE
PROGRAM**

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gregerson

*C 264 L 26 Effective date 4/1/2026**

- Modifies Working Connections Child Care (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.
- Requires base subsidy rates to achieve the 75th percentile of market, beginning July 2027.
- Invalidates market rate surveys, for purposes of rate increases for a rate region, when the rate region does not achieve both a 40 percent response rate and a higher response rate than the prior survey, or does not achieve a 65 percent response rate.
- Prohibits providers from receiving a base subsidy rate that is different than the geographic region in which the provider is located, beginning July 2026.
- Eliminates income eligibility expansions that are scheduled to occur in 2029 and 2031.

SHB 2714 CONCERNING CASELOAD FORECASTING FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Bergquist

C 66 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESSB 5252 REMOVING THE ACREAGE LIMIT ON THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFIT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY HALLS AND MEETING PLACES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake

C 67 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Removes the acreage limit on the property exemption for nonprofit assembly halls and meeting places.

SSB 5834 CONCERNING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FROM THE EARNINGS OF RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUST FUNDS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Conway

(HB 2125 Representative Couture)

C 68 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

SSB 5862 PROVIDING A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR PLAN 1 RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Dozier

C 248 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2026

- 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.

ESB 5872 ESTABLISHING THE PREK PROMISE ACCOUNT

Prime Sponsor: Senator Wilson, C.

*C 51 L 26 Effective date 3/14/2026**

- Creates the PreK Promise Account to receive any gifts, grants, or donations made exclusively to support the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).
- Requires that expenditures may only be used for ECEAP.

SSB 5923 CONCERNING CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL DESIGNATIONS IN SKAGIT COUNTY

Prime Sponsor: Senator Muzzall

C 84 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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.

SB 5988 ESTABLISHING FEE AUTHORITY FOR ACCREDITATION SERVICES PROVIDED TO OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson

(HB 2437 Representative Lekanoff)

C 73 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Gives the Department of Health the authority to establish fees for accreditation services for opioid treatment programs.

SB 5994 PRESERVING TIMBER TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH RECENT SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY FAILURES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Cortes

C 74 L 26 Effective date 3/16/2026

- Authorizes school districts without qualifying excess levies in a given calendar year to use the highest levy rate in effect in the previous two calendar years, if any, for purposes of calculating local timber tax distributions.

ESSB 5998 MAKING 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Robinson

(HB 2289 Representative Ormsby)

C 268 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 4/1/2026

- Makes supplemental operating budget appropriations for the 2025-2027 biennium.
Partial Veto Summary:
- Removed 26 sections or subsections of the 2026 supplemental operating budget, some of which were related to bills that did not pass the Legislature, and others which created additional programs or eliminated existing programs.

SSB 6003 CONCERNING THE CAPITAL BUDGET

Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau

(HB 2295 Representative Tharinger)

C 259 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 4/1/2026

- Makes supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2025-2027 biennium.

Partial Veto Summary:

- Removed additional funding provided for a detox/inpatient substance use disorder building project in Centralia.
- Removed language added to the 2025-27 Building Communities Fund Program addressing reimbursement procedures.
- Removed funding and direction to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to sell the Woodland Bottoms parcel to the Port of Woodland.
- Removed the transfer of funding from the Lake Sylvia culvert replacement project to the Palouse to Cascade Rosalia improvements project within the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

ESSB 6113 CONCERNING TAXES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame

(HB 2257 Representative Berg)

C 250 L 26 Partial Veto Effective date 6/11/2026

- Makes administrative and technical changes to the state tax code.
- Codifies the Department of Revenue's guidance related to the implementation of Chapter 422, Laws of 2025—ESSB 5814.

Partial Veto Summary:

- Removed the section codifying the Department of Revenue's authority to waive penalties, but not interest, for taxpayers inadvertently failing to collect retail sales tax on certain services enacted under ESSB 5814 (2025).
- Removed the section clarifying that the noncommercial aircraft tax is due once.

SB 6151 CONCERNING DEDICATED ACCOUNTS FOR FEES COLLECTED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Stanford

(HB 2288 Representative Duerr)

C 87 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Creates the Laboratory Accreditation Account for receiving fees imposed by the Department of Ecology Laboratory Accreditation Unit and redirects the fees from the State General Fund to the new account.
- Amends the Air Pollution Control Account to allow the receipt of fees authorized to be collected pertaining to controlling methane gas emissions from landfills.

ESSB 6162 CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Krishnadasan

(HB 2621 Representative Wylie)

C 163 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Exempts persons qualifying under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief Program (Program) from the remainder of the state property tax.
- Increases the maximum amount of assessed value that may be exempted under the Program.
- Authorizes a standard deduction of \$7,500 per person in lieu of itemizing various deductions in the calculation of combined disposable income under the Program.
- Allows up to \$6,000 per year of rental income to be excluded from the combined disposable income calculation under the Program when a portion of the primary residence is rented.
- Excludes combat-related special compensation from the combined disposable income calculation.
- Increases qualifying income thresholds under the Program by 10 percentage points.
- Consolidates the state property tax.
- Sets the newly consolidated state property tax rate at \$2.07355.
- Requires property tax statements to list the newly consolidated state property tax as the state school levy.
- Makes a technical change to the farm machinery and equipment property tax exemption statute to reflect the newly consolidated state levy.
- Applies changes made in the bill to property taxes levied for collection in 2027 and thereafter.
- Exempts changes made in the bill from the automatic ten year expiration date.
- Directs the Department of Revenue to determine what the state levy rate would have been if not for the set rate in the bill, accounting for the 1 percent growth limit and the reduced taxable value and property tax shifts resulting from the expansion of the property tax relief program, and report to the legislature by March 1, 2027.

ESSB 6194 ALLOWING PAYMENTS TO BE MADE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY ANY RURAL HOSPITAL THAT IS LOCATED ON A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN RESERVATION

Prime Sponsor: Senator King

C 124 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- 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, until January 1, 2029.

ESB 6228 REMOVING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE WAREHOUSING AND RESELLING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR CRITICAL ACCESS PHARMACIES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame

C 265 L 26 Effective date 1/1/2027

- Repeals the preferential business and occupation (B&O) tax rate of 0.138 percent for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs, effective January 1, 2027.
- Establishes a new preferential B&O tax rate of 0.35 percent for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs, beginning January 1, 2028.
- Creates a preferential B&O tax rate of 0.138 percent for critical access pharmacies, beginning January 1, 2027.

ESSB 6231 REMOVING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR DATA CENTERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame

(HB 2708 Representative Berg)

*C 266 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Expires the retail sales and use tax exemption for computer data center refurbishments.
- Makes purchases of replacement data center server equipment ineligible for a retail sales and use tax exemption.

SB 6244 EXTENDING AN EXISTING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL CROP PROTECTION PRODUCTS THAT ARE TEMPORARILY WAREHOUSED BUT NOT OTHERWISE USED, MANUFACTURED, PACKAGED, OR SOLD IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Prime Sponsor: Senator Torres

C 164 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

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

ESSB 6346 ESTABLISHING A TAX ON MILLIONAIRES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pedersen

(HB 2724 Representative Fitzgibbon)

*C 238 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Imposes a 9.90 percent tax on individuals on the receipt of income exceeding \$1 million beginning in calendar year 2028.
- Dedicates 5 percent of revenues to the fair start kids account.
- Expands eligibility for the Working Families Tax Credit.
- Increases the business and occupation (B&O) tax credit for small businesses.
- Increases the B&O tax return filing threshold to \$250,000.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, provides a sales tax exclusion for live presentations related to school care provided in-person and on-site by elementary schools; certain nonprofits; musical, dramatic, comedic, or similar performances; one-on-one instructional activities including tutoring and consulting; and music lessons.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, provides a sales exemption for the purchase by public libraries, library districts, library service centers, K-12 schools, school districts, and educational service districts of services subject to sales tax under ESSB 5814.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, provides a sales tax exclusion for temporary staffing services utilized by hospital-based clinical providers.
- Beginning July 1, 2026, provides an exemption for the B&O surcharge on high grossing businesses for sales of food and food ingredients.
- Beginning January 1, 2029, provides a sales and use tax exemption for grooming and hygiene products.
- Beginning January 1, 2029, provides a sales and use tax exemption for diapers.
- Beginning January 1, 2029, provides a sales and use tax exemption for over-the-counter drugs.
- Beginning January 1, 2029, provides an exemption for the B&O surcharge on high grossing businesses for hospitals and the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs.
- Beginning January 1, 2029, repeals sales taxes on certain specified services, which were enacted in 2025 in ESSB 5814.
- Exempts the individual income tax from a statutory prohibition on state and local personal income taxes as long as the standard deduction exceeds \$1 million.
- Beginning January 1, 2028, requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to the Legislature annually on the total cost of administrative cost of the bill, including the number of full time employees, and the ratio of cost of implementation to revenue raised from the new tax.
- Creates a DOR-led advisory group for consultation on the implementation and administration of the bill.
- Makes most of the bill null and void if a court of final jurisdiction invalidates the tax.

ESB 6347 UNDOING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE ESTATE TAX

Prime Sponsor: Senator Kauffman

C 209 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026

- Modifies the estate tax rates to a range of 10 percent to 20 percent for Washington taxable estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 2026.
- Changes the exclusion amount to \$3 million for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2026.
- Changes the consumer price index (CPI) reference to CPI for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton metropolitan area.

SSB 6355 CONCERNING THE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hunt

(HB 2741 Representative Bernbaum)

*C 249 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026**

- Establishes the Washington Electric Transmission Authority to, among other duties, support the expansion of and upgrades to the electric transmission system and be a state-wide resource for transmission.
- Creates a ten-member board of directors to provide oversight and advise the Authority.
- Directs the Department of Commerce to identify high priority transmission corridors, based on those identified in the Western Transmission Expansion Coalition's Transmission Needs Study.
- Directs Commerce to contract with the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs to convene federally recognized Indian tribes to develop a tribal consultation framework for statewide electric transmission planning and implementation.
- Requires the Authority to make annual payments for transmission facilities in lieu of property taxes to counties where the facilities are located.

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