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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 2554 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(SB 5654 Senator Wilson, C.)

- 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
Del to Gov*

(SB 5095 Senator Dhingra)

- 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.

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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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 Liias
Del to Gov*

(HB 1122 Representative McClintock)

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2676 Representative Gregerson)

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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.

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

Prime Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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.

ESHB 2225 REGULATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION CHATBOTS

Prime Sponsor: Representative Callan

(SB 5984 Senator Wellman)

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(SB 6092 Senator Riccelli)

- 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
Del to Gov*

(SB 6010 Senator Shewmake)

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2245 Representative Doglio)

- 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
Del to Gov*

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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.

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

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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 amount 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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 Liias

(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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

- 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)
Del to Gov*

- 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 is 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
Del to Gov

(SB 5044 Senator Ramos)

- 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
Del to Gov

(SB 5062 Senator Stanford)

- 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
Del to Gov

(SB 5437 Senator Stanford)

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(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

Del to Gov

- 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
C 15 L 26 Effective date 7/1/2027

(SB 6053 Senator Saldaña)

- 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
Del to Gov

(SB 6293 Senator Conway)

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2218 Representative Ortiz-Self)

- 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
C 109 L 26 Effective date 6/11/2026*

(HB 2190 Representative Cortes)

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(SB 6314 Senator Valdez)

- 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
Del to Gov*

- 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
Del to Gov*

- 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
Del to Gov*

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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.

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

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Wagoner
Del to Gov*

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2161 Representative Farivar)

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 1738 Representative Shavers)

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

(HB 2473 Representative Timmons)

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2252 Representative Farivar)

- 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.

**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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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.

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)

Del to Gov

- Makes supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

ESSB 6110 ADDRESSING ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES AND ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

Prime Sponsor: Senator Shewmake

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)*
Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov

- 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)*
Del to Gov

- 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.

**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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

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

SSB 6003 CONCERNING THE CAPITAL BUDGET

Prime Sponsor: Senator Trudeau

(HB 2295 Representative Tharinger)

Del to Gov

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

ESSB 6113 CONCERNING TAXES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Frame
Del to Gov*

(HB 2257 Representative Berg)

- 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.

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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2621 Representative Wylie)

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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
Del to Gov*

(HB 2724 Representative Fitzgibbon)

- 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

Del to Gov

- 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)

Del to Gov

- 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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Bills Impacting Cities 2026 Legislative Session

Below is a list of bills that passed this session that impact city operations and interests or will likely require a change in city code. We encourage you to review and prepare for the requirements outlined in the following bills. For reference, click [here](#) to view all bills approved by the Legislature, even those without a nexus to city government.

Child Care

Private Donation to Pre-K: [Senate Bill 5872](#), sponsored by Sen. Claire Wilson (D-30th LD), creates the “preK promise account” as a dedicated state treasury account under the custody of the state treasurer to receive gifts, grants, and donations to support children served through the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. This bill was created to allow the state to accept up to \$170 million a year for 10 years, for a total of over \$1 billion as a planned gift from the Ballmer Group to support public early education.

Child Care Subsidies and Caseload Caps: [House Bill 2689](#), sponsored by Rep. Mia Gregerson (D-SeaTac), restructures Working Connections Child Care eligibility and subsidy payment policies, including – among other changes – changing attendance requirements, and eliminating scheduled future expansions of income eligibility above 60 percent of state median income and retaining a single income threshold, and maintains the existing provision deeming households eligible for or receiving basic food benefits to meet income requirements.

Child Care Operational Flexibility: [House Bill 2219](#), sponsored by Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo), allows licensed child care centers to use limited mixed-age staffing ratios each day and permits returning or experienced staff to waive repeat completion of the state’s early learning orientation when certain conditions are met.

Early Learning Licensing Exemption: [House Bill 2317](#), sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Eslick (R-Sultan), revises the definition of “agency” under state early learning licensing law to exclude certain school-day Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Head Start programs that are located in a public school building or community or technical college building, or on the premises of a public school or community or technical college. This change narrows which early learning programs require state child care licensing, reducing regulatory requirements for specified school- and college-based early childhood programs and aligning them more closely with K-12 and higher education facility oversight.

Courts

Court System Unification Task Force: [House Bill 1909](#), sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-Federal Way), creates a statewide Court Unification Task Force to evaluate how disparate local

rules, technology, and funding create inefficiencies and inequities, and to recommend more unified approaches to improve access and consistency statewide. The task force must convene by October 1, 2026, report preliminary findings by June 30, 2027, submit a final strategic plan by June 30, 2028, hold at least one additional full meeting before June 30, 2029, and then sunset on December 31, 2029.

Court Procedures Update: [House Bill 2178](#), sponsored by Rep. My-Linh Thai (D-41st LD), updates civil infraction timelines by extending the response period to 30 days for personally served notices and 33 days for notices served by mail, changes the filing deadline for notices of infraction to five days excluding weekends and holidays and requires untimely notices to be dismissed without prejudice absent good cause shown, increases the damage threshold for aggregating certain malicious mischief charges to second degree from \$250 to \$750, enhances access to payment plans for civil infraction monetary obligations by allowing requests at any time and requiring courts to enter into payment plans in specified circumstances while permitting discretionary plans after referral to collections, corrects a technical cross-reference related to litter penalties, repeals an obsolete legal financial obligations collection and distribution statute, and requires annual state treasurer distributions to counties for clerk collection budgets based on a formula recommended by the Washington Association of County Officials.

Energy

Clean Energy Tax Preferences: [House Bill 1210](#), sponsored by Rep. Stephanie Barnard (R-8th LD), seeks to extend targeted urban area property tax exemptions to clean energy transformation businesses and facilities requiring federal regulatory commission certification to promote economic growth and carbon-free energy goals. The bill defines “clean energy transformation business” to include businesses that create a product for sale that will aid in lowering Washington’s carbon emissions, while excluding government agencies and tribal nations. It introduces new requirements for tax exemption applications and post-construction documentation for facilities requiring federal regulatory commission certification, including community workforce or project labor agreements, compliance with labor standards, and consultation with the Department of Labor and Industries to confirm wage, apprenticeship, and labor law compliance, and allows for extended project completion deadlines specifically for those facilities. The bill also exempts the tax preferences from certain performance review provisions.

Renewable Energy Taxation and Siting: [House Bill 1960](#), sponsored by Rep. Alex Ramel (D-Bellingham), establishes a new state excise tax framework for large wind, solar, and battery storage facilities that replaces the existing renewable energy excise regime and property tax treatment, paired with optional local excise taxes, property tax exemptions for renewable energy personal property, a local community investment account with matching grants for jurisdictions hosting projects, tribal capacity grants funded in part from climate policy accounts, and minimum siting and wind facility decommissioning standards that counties and cities must meet to qualify for grant funding.

Coal Plant Greenhouse Gas and Tax Regulation: [House Bill 2367](#), sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon (D-West Seattle), would end special greenhouse gas protections and coal sales and use tax exemptions for a specific coal-fired power plant, bringing its post-2025 emissions under the state cap-and-invest program and allowing additional state or local greenhouse gas requirements after 2025.

Finance

Local Government Revenue Tools: [House Bill 2442](#), sponsored by Rep. April Berg (D-Mill Creek), expands local government taxing authority and flexibility by broadening how several existing local revenue sources may be used and authorizing new ones. The bill allows wider use of local real estate excise taxes, local sales and use taxes for housing and related services, county rental car sales taxes, and flood control district funds; creates a new optional 0.01% local sales and use tax dedicated to services for children and families; extends the maximum duration of voter-approved levy lid lifts; and authorizes a new county property tax levy to support public health clinic expenses. It also modifies veterans', developmental disabilities, and mental health assistance levies, including allowing certain levies to be imposed outside aggregate property tax limits, and adjusts rules for city-initiated fire protection districts, including levy rate interactions and consultation requirements. With respect to fire protection districts, the bill revises rules for single-city fire districts by requiring governance by newly established, independently elected fire commissioners rather than city legislative authorities, adjusts how city levy rates interact with district levies, and requires cities to consult with impacted labor organizations and public hospital districts prior to forming such districts. These changes are intended to expand fiscal tools available to fund fire services while establishing independent district governance.

Affordable Housing Revenue Flexibility: [Senate Bill 6027](#), sponsored by Sen. Emily Alvarado (D-West Seattle), expands eligible uses of sales and use tax authority and local state credit sales and use tax to include operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of existing affordable and supportive housing, and revises document recording fee distributions and eligible activities to prioritize households below 30% of area median income while directing Commerce to maintain stability for existing permanent supportive housing projects.

Tax Increment Financing Revisions: [House Bill 2451](#), sponsored by Rep. Davina Duerr (D-Bothell), addresses special district concerns while maintaining and tightening the tax increment financing (TIF) tool. The bill is the result of a stakeholder workgroup convened by AWC last year to discuss how TIF works, what the impacts are, and potential revisions to the tool. It makes multiple changes to local TIF rules to clarify project eligibility, require mitigation for affected taxing districts, restructure revenue apportionment, and limit the use of the mandatory multifamily property tax exemption in increment areas taking effect on or after June 2, 2026. The bill applies its changes prospectively, so existing increment areas are not modified.

Senior and Disabled Property Tax Relief and State Levy Consolidation: [Senate Bill 6162](#), sponsored by Sen. Deborah Krishnadasan (D-Gig Harbor), expands senior, disabled, and veteran property tax exemptions and deferrals by raising benefit tiers, redefining income eligibility with a standard deduction and rental income exclusions, and tying thresholds to higher percentages of county median income, while consolidating the state school property tax into a single "state

school levy” that is subject to regular levy growth limits beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2028.

Fire Service

Wildfire Alleviation Support Funding: [House Bill 2089](#), sponsored by Rep. Shaun Scott (D-43rd LD) and titled the “Wildfire Alleviation Support Act,” modifies Washington’s business and occupation tax treatment of certain mortgage interest by redefining when interest earned by high volume mortgage lenders is taxed, with the additional general fund revenue annually transferred into the state’s wildfire response, forest restoration, and community resilience account to restore and support ongoing preparedness, mitigation, and community resilience activities beginning July 1, 2026. The bill responds to a reduction in the previously planned biennial investment in the wildfire response account by directing the Department of Revenue to estimate the increased general fund revenue attributable to the revised tax structure by October 15, 2027, and annually thereafter, and requiring the State Treasurer to transfer that amount to the wildfire response, forest restoration, and community resilience account by November 1 each year.

Wildland Firefighting Aviation: [House Bill 2104](#), sponsored by Rep. Tom Dent (R-13th LD) and Rep. Larry Springer (D-Kirkland), makes permanent the state’s aviation assurance funding program for wildland fire response, converting a successful pilot into an ongoing mechanism to support local firefighting aviation resources. The bill removes the prior sunset and affirms continued financial support through the Department of Natural Resources for local and tribal suppression efforts using aviation assets under trained air operations commanders, solidifying the program as a standing component of the state’s wildland fire strategy.

Ambulance Personnel Requirements: [House Bill 2110](#), sponsored by Rep. Joe Schmick (R-9th LD), allows qualified registered nurses, even without EMT certification, to staff interfacility specialty care ambulance transports under specified conditions when paramedics or nurse-EMTs are unavailable, clarifying definitions of interfacility and specialty care transports to better address workforce shortages and providing that the sending hospital must coordinate with the ambulance service to ensure the nurse is familiar with the ambulance’s equipment and supplies before participating in a transport.

Fire Sprinkler Enforcement: [House Bill 2472](#), sponsored by Rep. Dan Bronoske (D-Lakewood), enhances enforcement of existing fire protection sprinkler licensing laws by authorizing investigations, stop work orders, documentation checks, payroll record reviews, and safety-based system replacement determinations to ensure only properly licensed contractors and certified fitters perform sprinkler work, including residential systems, and requiring contractors and fitters to provide proof of licensure or certification upon request from a fire code official.

EMT Recertification Intervals: [House Bill 2540](#), sponsored by Rep. Dan Bronoske (D-Lakewood), extends the recertification period for emergency medical technicians from three to six years for practitioners who have been certified in Washington for at least ten years, while retaining the three-year interval as the standard requirement for all others.

Wildfire Home Hardening in Common Interest Communities: [Senate Bill 6054](#), sponsored by Sen. Victoria Hunt (D-Issaquah), prohibits homeowner and condominium association governing documents from unreasonably restricting an owner’s installation, use, or maintenance of qualified fire-hardened building materials that meet specified wildfire safety standards, including ignition-resistant construction under the International Wildland Urban Interface Code, relevant NFPA wildland construction standards, or Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety wildfire-prepared home criteria. Associations may adopt reasonable aesthetic or design regulations regarding the design, dimensions, placement, or appearance of these materials as long as such rules do not make their use impractical or significantly increase their cost compared to alternative fire-hardened materials, and the bill clarifies that owners do not gain any right to construct on property owned by others, on leased property without lessor permission, or in common areas. Any conflicting existing provisions are rendered unenforceable until the bill’s sunset on January 1, 2028.

Housing Affordability

Social Housing Framework: [House Bill 1687](#), sponsored by Rep. Julia Reed (D-36th LD), amends Washington’s housing cooperation statute to explicitly recognize social housing public development authorities (SHPDAs) and social housing within existing authority for state and local government support of housing projects. The bill defines “social housing” as subsidized and cross-subsidized rental housing available to households of any income level, publicly owned in perpetuity by a social housing developer, and adds related income and cross-subsidization definitions. SHPDAs are treated as housing authorities for cooperation purposes, allowing state public bodies to aid SHPDAs on the same basis as traditional housing authorities, including conveying or leasing property, providing adjacent public facilities and services, purchasing bonds or other obligations, entering into long-term agreements, making payments in lieu of taxes or no payments, and lending or donating money and support to boards of commissioners. Key provisions include the introduction of cross-subsidization, where rents from high-income households offset lower rents for low- and moderate-income households, and streamlined procedural requirements for state public bodies to authorize housing-related actions.

Religious Organization Affordable Housing Density Bonuses: [House Bill 1859](#), sponsored by Rep. Osman Salahuddin (D-Redmond), modifies the current requirement that cities and counties must grant increased residential density for affordable housing developments on property owned or controlled by religious organizations by lowering the affordability set-aside threshold from 100% of units to either 50% of units to be affordable to low-income households or 20% of units to be affordable to very low-income households, and clarifies that affordability is based on monthly housing costs not exceeding 30% of a qualifying household’s income. The bill also requires local jurisdictions to develop policies to implement these density bonus provisions upon request from a religious organization and allows them to require higher affordability set-asides as a condition of receiving the increased density bonus.

Homeless Youth Advisory Committee Membership: [Senate Bill 5957](#), sponsored by Sen. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines), expands and diversifies the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and

Protection Programs advisory committee by specifying broader representation, clarifying appointment and staffing roles, and allowing young adult members who turn 25 to complete their terms, thereby strengthening the committee's capacity to advise on funding, policy, and practice to reduce youth homelessness.

Condominium Warranty Changes: [House Bill 2304](#), sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-Federal Way), expands the types of small condominium buildings that can substitute insured express warranties for statutory implied warranties of quality by allowing this option for buildings with up to twelve units and four or fewer stories.

Nonprofit Housing Property Tax Exemptions Alignment: [House Bill 2610](#), sponsored by Rep. Chipalo Street (D-Seattle), revises property tax exemptions for nonprofit homeownership and affordable housing by aligning them with general nonprofit standards, clarifying exclusive-use requirements, and coordinating expiration dates through 2038.

Eviction Notice Service: [House Bill 2664](#), sponsored by Rep. April Connors (R-Kennewick), standardizes service of eviction and related notices by eliminating the certified mail requirement, directing mailed notices to the tenant's place of residence rather than their last known address, and clarifying that service by mail is complete when the notice is deposited in the U.S. mail from within Washington state, properly addressed with postage prepaid.

Flood Risk Disclosures for Rentals: [Senate Bill 6237](#), sponsored by Sen. Jessica Bateman (D-Olympia), expands landlord duties under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act by requiring, for residential leases entered into after December 31, 2026, disclosure that a property may be located in a special flood hazard area or area of potential flooding, that the landlord's insurance does not cover loss of the tenant's personal possessions and that tenants should consider renter's and flood insurance, and that information about hazards affecting the property, including potential flood risk, is available from the county government in which the property is located, and makes conforming renumbering changes to existing landlord duties without otherwise altering them.

Human Resources

Employee Information Sharing Expansion: [House Bill 2091](#), sponsored by Rep. Julia Reed (D-Seattle), expands the requirement to provide employee contact information to unions from a limited set of higher education institutions to all public employers covered under the state employee collective bargaining statute, standardizing disclosure obligations statewide by eliminating the prior limitation that applied only to certain four-year universities so that all employers subject to the chapter must provide specified employee information to exclusive bargaining representatives upon request; the bill also temporarily limits employer liability for failing to provide required information when an employer is unable to do so due to limitations of its current technological systems until the state's One Washington human resources Phase 2 subproject is completed and fully implemented.

Workers' Compensation Rate Transparency: [Senate Bill 6136](#), sponsored by Senator Curtis King

(R-Yakima), requires the Department of Labor and Industries to publish actuarially indicated workers' compensation premium rates and disclose any director-imposed limitations that cause cross-subsidization among risk classes. The bills also require this information to be posted online and transmitted to legislative committees and the workers' compensation advisory committee to support more informed oversight of the program.

Workers' Compensation Medical Access and Claims Management: [Senate Bill 5847](#), sponsored by Sen. Rebecca Saldaña (D-Seattle), expands injured workers' access to workers' compensation medical treatment and provider choice, eases access to nonnetwork providers when network access fails, tightens utilization review timelines, and authorizes additional claims managers to reduce caseloads and improve claim oversight. The bill also clarifies employer conduct standards around provider coercion, updates treatment duration and post-closure care rules including ongoing monitoring for accepted cancer conditions, modernizes provider network guidelines and appeal rights, and phases in these changes across all claims regardless of injury date through staggered effective dates.

Voluntary Layoff Unemployment Eligibility: [House Bill 2264](#), sponsored by Rep. Liz Berry (D-Seattle), clarifies that employees who volunteer for employer-initiated layoffs or reductions in force under a written workforce reduction plan are treated as unemployed through no fault of their own and may receive unemployment benefits if separated on or after June 14, 2026. The bill limits eligibility to situations meeting specified written notice and volunteer criteria, excluding early retirement or separation incentive programs that do not follow the formal reduction plan framework, while allowing employers to let workers rescind a volunteer offer without jeopardizing eligibility as long as the core conditions are met.

Mandatory Microchip Ban: [House Bill 2303](#), sponsored by Rep. Brianna Thomas (D-West Seattle), prohibits employers from requesting, requiring, or coercing employees or job applicants to receive an implanted microchip and establishes a private right of action for violations. The bill adds a new section to employment law to regulate the use of implanted microchips in the workplace and authorizes courts to award injunctive relief, actual and punitive damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to aggrieved employees.

Paid Family and Medical Leave Premium Allocation: [House Bill 2345](#), sponsored by Rep. Suzanne Schmidt (R-Spokane Valley), adjusts how paid family and medical leave premiums are split between employers and employees by reversing which portions of the premiums may be deducted from employee wages so that employers may now deduct up to the full amount of the required medical leave premium from employee wages and redefining the maximum employee-deductible share of the family leave premium through a new cross-referenced formula designed to keep the overall employer-employee split of the total premium unchanged, while leaving unchanged the overall premium rate structure and the ability of employers to cover part or all of the employee share.

PTSD Workers' Compensation Pilot and Behavioral Health Grants: [House Bill 2405](#), sponsored by Rep. Suzanne Schmidt (R-Spokane Valley), expands workers' compensation law by authorizing Labor and Industries to fund workplace behavioral health initiatives for

trauma-exposed occupations and establishing a time-limited PTSD pilot program that provides pre-adjudication and limited post-closure treatment while easing administrative burdens and protecting certain treatment records from disclosure. House Bill 2405 further specifies use of existing Safety and Health Investment Project return-to-work funds for behavioral health workplace grants and clarifies how nonnetwork providers may deliver short-term PTSD care within the pilot.

Electronic Labor & Industries Communications Modernization: [Senate Bill 6039](#), sponsored by Sen. Curtis King (R-Yakima), authorizes the Department of Labor & Industries and related entities to use trackable electronic or nonelectronic methods for notices, standardizes deadlines when service is electronic versus nonelectronic, and modernizes notice requirements for workplace safety rulemaking.

Expanded Shared Leave Protections: [House Bill 2411](#), sponsored by Rep. Osman Salahuddin (D-Redmond), expands the state employee shared leave program to cover hate crime victims and absences related to immigration enforcement actions involving employees or their families, with confidentiality protections for immigration-related verification and updates to the definitions of eligible family members and victims.

LEOFF Survivor Medical Benefits: [House Bill 2441](#), sponsored by Representative Sam Low (R-Lake Stevens), expands and clarifies that surviving spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children of LEOFF members killed in the course of employment are entitled to reimbursement of medical and Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, including coverage for premiums paid while a line-of-duty determination is pending and retroactive reimbursement for eligible premiums paid after June 10, 2010.

Wage Complaint Enforcement Discretion: [Senate Bill 6058](#), sponsored by Sen. Rebecca Saldaña (D-Seattle), aligns and modernizes the Department of Labor and Industries' wage enforcement authority by broadening recoverable "wages" to "amounts," capping administrative recoveries to three years, adding interest and penalties through a clearer administrative order framework, and making complaint investigations discretionary under a publicly documented prioritization process tied to complaint acceptance and clarified tolling of limitation periods.

Wage Recovery Program: [House Bill 2479](#), sponsored by Rep. Mary Fosse (D-Everett), revises wage complaint enforcement by changing the Department of Labor and Industries' obligation from investigating all wage complaints to investigating complaints consistent with a publicly available prioritization process, expanding its authority to initiate and consolidate investigations, increasing and indexing civil penalties for wage violations beginning in 2030, and redirecting collected penalties into a new wage recovery account funded by civil penalties under wage and transportation network company statutes. The bill also creates a wage recovery program that can advance up to 85% of anticipated unpaid wages, capped at \$2,500 per employee, to qualifying low-wage workers beginning the later of July 1, 2028, or when the wage recovery account reaches \$130,000, and requires a long-term program and fiscal review by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee; the bill repeals the existing statute addressing mandatory civil penalties for repeat willful violators and, under a new penalty

framework, narrows penalty waivers while directing the Department to adopt a penalty matrix with enhanced penalties for repeat willful and other repeat violators.

Expanding Public Sector Employment Eligibility: [Senate Bill 5068](#), sponsored by Sen. John Lovick (D-44th LD), seeks to expand eligibility for certain public safety and prosecutorial positions in Washington state to all individuals legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law. The bill revises several sections of state law to ensure that roles in prosecuting attorneys' offices and corrections officer positions in state correctional facilities and local jails are accessible to a broader pool of candidates, provided they meet federal work authorization requirements, while preserving existing citizenship, lawful permanent residence, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals standards for peace officer positions. It maintains existing qualifications, such as language proficiency and suitability for specific roles, while requiring compliance with federal regulations, including verification of work authorization, and specifies that these standards must be applied consistently with federal law and may not be used to bypass federal employment verification requirements; it also clarifies that certain weapons prohibitions based solely on immigration status cannot, by themselves, be used to deny or revoke certification where federal law would otherwise allow lawful possession in an official capacity. The bill applies its new work-authorization requirements retroactively to individuals employed on and after the act's effective date and takes effect immediately upon enactment as an emergency measure.

PFML Premium Rate Methodology: [Senate Bill 5292](#), sponsored by Sen. Steve Conway (D-Tacoma), replaces the current formula-based approach to calculating Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) premiums with actuarially determined rates aimed at ensuring long-term solvency and establishing a four-month reserve by the end of 2030, without changing the existing statutory cap of 1.2% on the total premium rate and with the changes taking effect January 1, 2028.

Retirement Benefits Adjustment: [Senate Bill 5862](#), sponsored by Sen. Perry Dozier (R-16th LD), provides a one-time 3% cost-of-living increase, capped at \$110 per month, to beneficiaries of Teachers' Retirement System Plan 1 and Public Employees' Retirement System Plan 1 who are receiving a monthly benefit on July 1, 2025, with the act taking effect July 1, 2026 and the increase effective that same date.

Unemployment Reporting Amendments: [Senate Bill 5874](#), sponsored by Sen. Drew MacEwen (R-35th LD), modernizes unemployment insurance tax and wage reporting penalty provisions by standardizing how monetary amounts and percentages are expressed in statute and expanding the Employment Security Department commissioner's authority to waive penalties for minor or insignificant reporting errors, including inadvertent errors caused by software failures to correctly produce required job classification information. The bill clarifies that employers are subject to penalties for missing standard occupational classification or job title data only when they knowingly fail to report that information.

Layoff Notice Requirements and Tribal Exemption: [Senate Bill 6106](#), sponsored by Sen. Annette Cleveland (D-Vancouver), exempts Indian tribes from state layoff-notice requirements by excluding them from the definition of "employer" under the Securing Timely

Notification and Benefits for Laid-Off Employees Act, and creates a new public records exemption shielding employee names and addresses submitted to the Employment Security Department for layoff notifications from disclosure. The bill also clarifies that written layoff notices must be provided to both the Employment Security Department and the affected employees or, if applicable, their bargaining representative, and that the names and addresses of employees in a mass layoff or business closure notice are required only in notices sent to the department and, if applicable, the employees' bargaining representative.

Land Use/Permitting

Factory Built Housing Standards Modernization: [House Bill 2151](#), sponsored by Rep. Deb Manjarrez (R-Wapato), aligns factory built housing and commercial structure rules with updated international building, mechanical, and plumbing codes, clarifies approval and oversight of nongovernmental qualified inspection agencies, and exempts certain utility-owned prefabricated energy and electrical enclosures from state approval when tightly controlled by the utility and not used for occupancy.

Scissor Stair Code Study: Substitute [House Bill 2228](#), sponsored by Rep. Janice Zahn (D-Mercer Island), temporarily directs the State Building Code Council to convene a technical advisory group to recommend 2027 code changes allowing scissor stairs in multi-unit, primarily permanent residential occupancies.

Permitting of STEP (Shelter, Transitional Housing, Emergency Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing): [House Bill 2266](#), sponsored by Rep. Strom Peterson (D-Edmonds), standardizes statewide zoning and permitting rules to require most cities and counties planning under the Growth Management Act to allow transitional and permanent supportive housing in any urban growth area zones where residential dwelling units or hotels are allowed, and to allow indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing in any urban growth area zones where hotels are allowed, while limiting local development, operating, and permitting standards for these uses to those that are no more restrictive than those applied to comparable lodging or residential development in the same zone. It also allows cities to impose additional operational requirements when a jurisdiction contributes general fund dollars or public land to a project.

Residential Required to Be Allowed in Commercial Zones: [Senate Bill 6026](#), sponsored by Sen. Emily Alvarado (D-West Seattle), is Governor-request legislation that requires jurisdictions with a population of 30,000 or more that plan under the Growth Management Act, and counties that plan under the Act and are not rural counties, to allow residential uses in most commercial and mixed-use zones and limits a city or county's ability to require ground-floor commercial. Under the latest version, a jurisdiction generally cannot impose ground-floor commercial or mixed-use requirements in more than 40% of the total area zoned for commercial or mixed use (with specified exceptions, including industrial areas, certain historic and Main Street areas, business improvement areas, and additional allowances in station areas and higher-height zones) and may not impose such requirements on publicly subsidized affordable housing projects; covered cities and counties must also provide an administrative

process for applicants to seek reductions or waivers of ground-floor commercial or retail requirements, while grandfathering any jurisdiction that has a process already in place. Local governments have 18 months after the bill's effective date to adopt required ordinances and, if they do not, the state standards automatically preempt conflicting local regulations; they are not obligated to update growth and development assumptions until their first comprehensive plan update after January 1, 2031.

Sound Transit Permitting Streamlining: [Senate Bill 6309](#), sponsored by Sen. Marko Liias (D-Lynnwood), makes changes to local permitting, land use, and subdivision requirements for regional transit authorities, including Sound Transit, to expedite project delivery and reduce project costs. The bills allow earlier permit applications and exemptions for partial parcel acquisitions needed for transit facilities. The bills also clarify that local governments must accept land use, construction, or technical permit applications from a regional transit authority for projects on property the authority does not yet own, while requiring the authority to independently secure necessary property rights or permissions before proceeding with permitted work.

Elevator Safety Standards: [Senate Bill 5156](#), sponsored by Sen. Jesse Salomon (D-32nd LD), directs the State Building Code Council to adopt standards in the 2027 technical codes that will allow cities and counties to permit smaller passenger elevators in small apartment buildings, defined as buildings with up to six stories and no more than 24 units. The bill requires the State Building Code Council to adopt new rules ensuring that all passenger elevators in these buildings are minimally sized to meet federal accessibility requirements, while convening an expert technical advisory group to review hoistway opening protection and two-way visual emergency communication requirements and evaluate elevator safety and cost standards for small apartment buildings and to align state policy with national and international model code and competitiveness efforts.

Kit Home Building Codes: [Senate Bill 5552](#), sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wilson (R-19th LD), establishes a new category of building codes for “kit homes” to promote affordable introductory housing in Washington State. The bill defines kit homes as prefabricated residential structures of 800 square feet or smaller, comprised of prefabricated walls, floors, and roofs that are assembled on-site, and directs the State Building Code Council to perform rulemaking on the state building codes applicable to kit homes and to update those provisions over time, with rulemaking to be completed no later than March 31, 2027.

Miscellaneous

Derelict Vessel Management: [House Bill 2199](#), sponsored by Rep. Adison Richards (D-Gig Harbor), amends procedures for managing and disposing of derelict and abandoned vessels by updating and expanding the definition of a derelict vessel, including allowing a vessel to be classified as derelict if it has been in violation of state registration requirements for at least two full annual registration periods, and by removing ownership status and owner control as conditions for classifying a vessel as derelict.

Statewide Food Security Strategy: [House Bill 2238](#), sponsored by Rep. Kristine Reeves (D-Federal Way), modifies the Department of Agriculture’s responsibilities to monitor food system performance, coordinate statewide food security efforts, and lead a time-limited, multiagency planning effort to end hunger, reduce diet-related health disparities, and improve agricultural viability and supply chain resilience through 2028. The department must submit the finalized statewide food security strategy to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2027, and, beginning June 30, 2030, must report to the Legislature at least once every four years on the competitiveness of Washington’s agricultural regulatory landscape, including metrics that monitor and quantify regulatory costs imposed by the state on fuel, packaging, and labor.

Restrictive Real Estate Agreements: [House Bill 2294](#), sponsored by Rep. Darya Farivar (D-Seattle), prohibits most new private real estate agreements that restrict otherwise-allowed use of property for grocery stores or pharmacies, declares such restrictions void as against public policy, and treats entering into or maintaining such agreements as unlawful practices. The bill provides limited exceptions for preexisting agreements, certain relocation arrangements within specified distance and time limits that may be extended by local governments for good cause, and specified retail center covenants that lose enforceability if the use is discontinued beyond a set period, while authorizing enforcement by local governments and the Attorney General and requiring parties entering covered agreements to provide notice to the Attorney General and the relevant local government within ten days.

Commercial Truck Safety and Education Council: [House Bill 2410](#), sponsored by Rep. Jake Fey (D-Tacoma), creates the Washington State Commercial Truck Safety and Education Council within the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to address rising large-truck collisions and support coordinated public-private safety, training, and education initiatives, funded in part by increasing the commercial vehicle safety enforcement fee from \$16 to \$32 and directing a share of the revenue to a new commercial truck safety and education account overseen by the council.

Behavioral Health Training in the Trades: [House Bill 2492](#), sponsored by Rep. Greg Nance (D-Bainbridge Island), adds optional behavioral health and wellness content to existing continuing education requirements for plumbers and electricians and creates a mandatory behavioral health and wellness training component in all state-approved building and construction apprenticeships.

Community Reinvestment Governance and Planning: [House Bill 2523](#), sponsored by Rep. Kristine Reeves (D-Federal Way), revises Washington’s community reinvestment framework to add long-term planning, outcome reporting, and independent evaluation for funding targeted to communities disproportionately harmed by past drug laws.

Alien Terminology Replacement: [House Bill 2632](#), sponsored by Rep. My-Linh Thai (D-Bellevue), standardizes state law by defining “noncitizen,” replacing existing references to “alien” and related terms across multiple statutory titles without changing eligibility rules or program

structures, and authorizing expedited rulemaking to implement those technical language updates. The bill also directs that, beginning July 1, 2026, new state and local enactments use “noncitizen” or another context-appropriate term instead of “alien,” unless federal law or funding conditions require the term “alien.”

Rural County Eligibility Expansion: [Senate Bill 6149](#), sponsored by Sen. Jeff Wilson (R-Longview), broadens the definition of “rural county” used for Community Economic Revitalization Board programs and the rural county public facilities sales and use tax by allowing eligibility for counties that either have a population density below 100 persons per square mile, have a population density of 100 persons per square mile or greater but no city larger than 45,000 people, or are smaller than 225 square miles.

Procurement

Small Works Roster Expansion: [House Bill 2420](#), sponsored by Rep. Janice Zahn (D-Bellevue), incrementally raises the maximum contract amount eligible for small works roster procurement, allowing the limit to increase from \$350,000 to \$650,000 over a phased period while clarifying that the thresholds are based on estimated cost not including sales tax and retaining existing documentation, direct contracting, and public access provisions.

Public Works Independent Contractors: [Senate Bill 6302](#), sponsored by Sen. Steve Conway (D-Tacoma), creates a mandatory Department of Labor & Industries misclassification investigation process for certain finishing-trade independent contractors on public works projects by requiring the department to investigate potential misclassification when a contractor or subcontractor uses three or more independent contractors to perform the same type of covered finishing work—defined as drywall, flooring, tiling, painting, and glazier and glasswork—simultaneously on a public works project, upon referral from specified public entities, contractors or subcontractors on the project, labor organizations representing covered workers, or affected individuals performing covered finishing work, and, if misclassification is found, to apply all applicable prevailing wage requirements, liabilities, and penalties and refer the matter for appropriate industrial insurance and unemployment insurance actions.

Public Safety (Police and Corrections)

AI-Generated Child Sexual Exploitation Depictions: [Senate Bill 5105](#), sponsored by Senator Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines), expands existing child sexual exploitation crimes to clearly cover AI-generated and other digitally fabricated depictions of minors in sexually explicit conduct, including images where the minor is not identifiable but the material is obscene.

Transgender Jail Searches: [House Bill 1604](#), sponsored by Rep. Osman Salahuddin (D-48th LD), establishes specific statewide standards and procedures for searches and physical examinations of transgender, intersex, and gender nonconforming individuals in local jails and aligns related strip search laws with these requirements. Local jails are required to develop policies that comply with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and include training for staff to ensure searches are conducted respectfully and in the least intrusive manner consistent with security needs. Key provisions include prohibiting searches solely to determine genital status,

allowing individuals to choose the gender of the staff conducting strip searches or have them conducted by a medical professional, clarifying that lack of available trained female staff is not an exigent circumstance justifying cross-gender searches, and ensuring privacy protections during searches and daily activities such as showering, toileting, and changing clothes.

Attorney General Investigators: [House Bill 2156](#), sponsored by Rep. Edwin Obras (D-33rd LD), authorizes specially trained Attorney General’s Office investigators who handle economic and financial crime investigations to be designated as limited authority Washington peace officers for narrowly defined economic and financial crime investigations, while explicitly denying them detention, arrest, or firearms authority, limiting their search warrant authority to electronic service on businesses after judicial approval, prohibiting them from physically serving search warrants for business records, and preserving existing law enforcement powers.

Attorney General Civil Investigative Demands: [Senate Bill 5925](#), sponsored by Sen. Drew Hansen (D-Bainbridge Island), authorizes the Attorney General to issue civil investigative demands for specified civil rights, labor, and law enforcement oversight investigations, with confidentiality protections, judicial review, and limits to civil, noncriminal matters. The bill further narrows use by excluding federal agencies and the Attorney General’s criminal justice division, and adds a four-year legislative reporting requirement on how the civil investigative demand authority is used.

False Identification as Peace Officers: [House Bill 2165](#), sponsored by Rep. Edwin Obras (D-SeaTac), is Governor-request legislation that creates a new gross misdemeanor offense for falsely identifying as a peace officer and removes peace officer impersonation from the existing criminal impersonation statute.

Law Enforcement Facial Covering Restrictions: [Senate Bill 5855](#), sponsored by Sen. Javier Valdez (D-Seattle), prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing facial coverings while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties, while allowing limited exceptions for officers working as undercover operatives or as part of a special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team, and establishes a civil cause of action for individuals detained in violation of these requirements. The bill also clarifies that personal protective equipment required or authorized under federal or state workplace safety rules, helmets used on certain vehicles, and religious head or face coverings are not subject to the ban.

Digital Firearm Manufacturing Restrictions: [House Bill 2320](#), sponsored by Rep. Osman Salahuddin (D-Redmond), expands Washington’s regulation of ghost guns by defining digital firearm manufacturing code and three-dimensional printers, expressly covering 3D printing and CNC milling within existing prohibitions on manufacturing untraceable and certain prohibited firearms and components. The bill further restricts who may possess, distribute, or use firearm-related digital design files and equipment.

Blue Envelope Program: [House Bill 2323](#), sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Eslick (R-Sultan), creates a voluntary “blue envelope program” to support safer traffic-stop interactions by providing drivers and passengers with disabilities or conditions that may affect interactions, including

neurodiverse individuals, with a distinct envelope containing key documents, safety tips, and communication guidance for law enforcement. The program requires the Department of Licensing, in collaboration with stakeholders, to make blue envelopes available free of charge at driver licensing offices and to maintain program information on an existing website.

Automated License Plate Privacy Regulations: [Senate Bill 6002](#), sponsored by Sen. Yasmin Trudeau (D-Tacoma), establishes comprehensive limits on when agencies may use automated license plate reader (ALPR) systems, including exempting ALPR data from public records disclosure and tightly limiting authorized uses, retention, sharing, and enforcement to protect driver privacy. The bill clarifies that existing automated traffic safety, school bus, and toll camera systems that do not interface with ALPR beyond their current statutory purposes are excluded from the new rules, restricts agencies from using ALPR systems except in specified circumstances such as investigations involving stolen vehicles, missing or endangered persons, persons with felony or gross misdemeanor warrants, vehicles related to felonies or gross misdemeanors, commercial vehicle enforcement, and parking enforcement, and generally limits data retention to 21 days except in certain circumstances. The bill also prohibits specified surveillance practices and collection in sensitive locations, requires agencies to register ALPR systems with the Attorney General, adopt policies consistent with model policies to be developed by 2027, conduct annual audits, and provide public reporting and oversight, with violations subject to gross misdemeanor penalties and civil remedies, including treatment as unfair trade practices under the consumer protection act and inadmissibility of unlawfully obtained ALPR data in court.

Police Use of Force Investigations: [House Bill 2508](#), sponsored by Rep. Debra Entenman (D-Kent), broadens and clarifies the Office of Independent Investigations' jurisdiction over police use-of-force deaths and in-custody death cases, strengthens its authority over scene control and access to records (including certain fire and ambulance records, subject to consent or court order where they contain health care information), and narrows certain definitional references. The bill makes Office of Independent Investigations investigative records confidential until referral to a prosecutor for a charging decision and limits disclosure of certain non-investigative records to protect personal privacy through new exemptions under the Public Records Act.

Wrongful Conviction Compensation Expansion: [Senate Bill 5520](#), sponsored by Sen. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines), broadens eligibility for wrongful conviction claims by tying compensation to an "actually innocent" standard based on a preponderance of the evidence, clarifies key definitions including "actually innocent," "significant new exculpatory information," and "wrongly convicted," restructures filing and merits standards, increases and clarifies compensation and attorney fee provisions by setting attorneys' fees at 10% of a claimant's confinement- and community-custody-related monetary damages and capping fees and expenses at \$75,000, extends the statute of limitations and notice-related filing windows, authorizes structured settlements, and expands educational and reentry benefits and tuition waivers for exonerated individuals and their families.

DUI Toxicology Testing: [Senate Bill 5880](#), sponsored by Sen. Keith Wagoner (R-39th LD), expands who may conduct DUI toxicology testing by authorizing ISO/IEC 17025-accredited forensic toxicology laboratories to perform blood analyses as an alternative to individuals permitted by the state toxicologist, while retaining the toxicologist's authority to approve testing methods and issue individual permits; the bill also clarifies that local governments may, but have no duty to, accept private donations to fund such analysis and includes delayed transition language with one section expiring June 30, 2027, and a successor section taking effect on that date to align with future statutory updates, and requires cities and counties that choose to use private laboratories for analysis of evidence previously submitted to the state toxicological laboratory to reimburse the Washington State Patrol for the cost of returning the evidence and prohibits the laboratory from releasing evidence unless a contract governing the release is in place, and further requires cities and counties that use private laboratories for blood analysis to contract with those laboratories in advance and mandates that such contracts include provisions for free, timely defense interviews with laboratory personnel, which may be conducted remotely, and acceptance by the laboratory of electronic service of pleadings, discovery, and subpoenas.

Law Enforcement Qualifications: [Senate Bill 5974](#), sponsored by Sen. John Lovick (D-Mill Creek), modernizes eligibility, certification, background investigation, and accountability standards for sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, and sheriff candidates, and regulates the use of volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and deputized process servers by law enforcement agencies in cities, code cities, and counties. The bill restores the right of officers, their attorneys, or representatives to review and copy confidential records held by the Criminal Justice Training Commission, updates eligibility and background check rules for sheriffs, police chiefs, and marshals by clarifying that non-vacated gross misdemeanors can disqualify candidates while vacated gross misdemeanors do not, adding experience and grandfathering provisions, requiring state and federal criminal history checks, and authorizing the Washington State Patrol to treat sheriff candidates as peace officer certification applicants to accelerate fingerprint-based eligibility verification processes. The changes specify that decertification or failure to meet eligibility requirements creates a vacancy in office for sheriffs, police chiefs, and marshals, adjust volunteer firearm restrictions for qualified retired officers, permit fixed cameras in facilities, allow limited supervisor data sharing, clarify that specially commissioned peace officers are not subject to volunteer limits and that deputized process servers may only perform non-law-enforcement-authority tasks unless they are certified peace officers, require sheriff, police chief, and marshal candidates to undergo a pre-appointment background investigation equivalent to peace officer certification standards, with an attestation of eligibility and suitability submitted to the Commission before appointment, and prohibit volunteers and youth cadets who are not fully trained and certified peace officers from exercising core law enforcement powers, including pursuits, arrests, use of force, carrying weapons, certain surveillance activities beyond fixed internal cameras, use of tracking or apprehension dogs, and immigration enforcement.

Transportation and Traffic Safety

Transit Lane Access: [House Bill 1980](#), sponsored by Rep. Janice Zahn (D-41st LD), allows private employer transportation services to use certain business access and transit-only lanes in counties with populations over 2,000,000 under a fee-for-use, two-year pilot permit system initiated before 2035, contingent on public transportation provider approval and performance standards to protect transit operations. The bill requires public transportation providers, in consultation with local authorities and representatives of one or more labor organizations representing transit employees, to establish operational performance measures for affected lanes, jointly prepare annual performance reports with labor input, and revoke permits if those standards are not met, with permit revenues first covering local administrative costs and any remaining revenues supplementing rather than replacing existing funding for transit-only lane maintenance and improvements.

Crash Prevention Zones: [Senate Bill 6066](#), sponsored by Sen. Nikki Torres (R-Pasco), authorizes and defines “crash prevention zones,” adjusts related enforcement, and links fine revenue to targeted safety improvements. The bill allows the creation of crash prevention zones on specified high-collision segments of US 395 and SR 12 prior to January 1, 2029, and beginning in 2029 authorizes counties, cities, towns, and the Washington State Department of Transportation to designate additional zones on high-collision road segments, require public hearings and engineering and traffic investigations to identify safety improvements (including potential speed limit changes), and direct increased law enforcement presence within the zones. Monetary penalties for personal electronic device violations and automated camera-based speed violations committed within crash prevention zones may be doubled, with resulting revenues dedicated to zone-related engineering and traffic investigations, signage, and safety improvements, including deposits to local crash prevention zone accounts and, for certain state-established zones, the highway safety fund. The bill also authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras for speed enforcement in crash prevention zones and requires that any remaining camera revenue after program costs be spent only on safety purposes within the zone.

Traffic Fatality Review Confidentiality and Data Access: [House Bill 2192](#), sponsored by Representative Sam Low (R-Lake Stevens), expands the Washington Traffic Safety Commission’s role as a public health authority by authorizing confidential traffic fatality review committees, protecting related crash and health data from public disclosure, and enabling broader access to law enforcement, licensing, and medical records to analyze serious and fatal collisions and recommend safety improvements, while shifting detailed review and confidentiality functions from the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council to the commission.

Electric Motorcycle Regulations: [Senate Bill 6110](#), sponsored by Sen. Sharon Shewmake (D-Bellingham), clarifies that high-speed or easily modified electric bicycles are treated as motorcycles rather than electric-assisted bicycles, and establishes a temporary work group process to develop a new statutory framework for electric motorcycles, including enforcement tools and potential penalties related to youth operation and deceptive marketing or tampering,

while also directing the work group to assess the regulatory landscape for other micromobility devices such as electric unicycles, scooters, and tricycles. An emergency clause allows the work group section of the bill to take effect immediately, with an interim report due by December 15, 2026, and a final recommendation, including any draft legislation, due by October 31, 2027.

Utilities

Industrial Symbiosis Incentives: [House Bill 1302](#), sponsored by Rep. Julio Cortes (D-38th LD), allows local utilities to waive or delay utility connection charges for organizations practicing industrial symbiosis, defined as collaboration among businesses or organizations to exchange materials, energy, water, and byproducts to optimize resource use and achieve measurable reductions in resource consumption or greenhouse gas emissions while supporting sustainable development and long-term community benefits. The bill requires that waived charges be covered by general funds or other revenue sources and mandates repayment if the property no longer qualifies.

Clean Energy Compliance Expansion: [Senate Bill 5982](#), sponsored by Sen. Victoria Hunt (D-Issaquah), broadens the Clean Energy Transformation Act to cover ports and nonresidential electricity consumers that self-generate or procure power outside traditional utilities, requiring affected market customers to report their retail electric load and comply with clean energy standards enforced by the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Senate Bill 5982 additionally directs the Department of Commerce to tailor reporting for port districts and phases in enhanced contract disclosure requirements for consumer-owned utilities starting in 2026, with later timelines for port districts.

Energy Reporting Requirements: [House Bill 2575](#), sponsored by Rep. Zach Hall (D-Issaquah), reduces utility and energy strategy reporting requirements by shifting qualifying utilities' renewable portfolio compliance reports to the Department of Commerce from annual to biennial, lengthening state energy strategy reporting intervals, and eliminating multiple heat-related utility disconnection and energy planning-related reporting obligations while retaining underlying customer protections and disconnection rules, and adds nonbinding encouragement for utilities to use savings from the reduced reporting requirements to support low-income energy assistance programs.

Fish Barrier Coordination: [Senate Bill 5690](#), sponsored by Sen. Drew MacEwen (R-35th LD), directs the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to adopt and maintain policies to proactively coordinate with utility owners and to maximize federal funding for utility relocation in state highway fish barrier removal projects. The bill requires WSDOT to provide utility owners with information about planned state highway fish barrier removal projects, with at least one year of advance notice where feasible, and to adopt agency procedures to ensure this coordination consistent with applicable federal rules and regulations. Additionally, WSDOT is directed to adopt policies aimed at maximizing the amount of federal funding available for fish barrier removal projects where such funding can also be used for utility relocation costs, whether incurred by WSDOT or by utilities, and is encouraged to deposit eligible federal awards into the multimodal transportation account and report recommendations to the Legislature

and the Office of Financial Management on changes that would improve access to federal funding.

Utility Procurement Streamlining: [Senate Bill 6076](#), sponsored by Sen. Keith Goehner (R-Dryden), streamlines procurement processes for public utility districts and other consumer-owned utilities to more quickly procure and construct clean energy generation, storage, transmission, and distribution projects through 2045. The bill raises competitive bidding thresholds for specified clean energy projects to \$500,000, authorizes an intermediate quotation-based procurement pathway for certain mid-range purchases, clarifies that bids must be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, increases from 15% to 25% the maximum amount by which an awarded contract may exceed the estimated cost, and adds temporary exemptions allowing a municipality's governing body to waive competitive bidding for proprietary or specialized technologies needed to meet reliability standards or for projects that are common facilities.

On-site Sewage Inspections: [Senate Bill 6291](#), sponsored by Sen. Liz Lovelett (D-Anacortes), extends from two to four years the period during which noncertified individuals may review designs and conduct inspections of on-site wastewater treatment systems under the supervision of a certified individual, while leaving all other qualification and oversight requirements unchanged.



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| | Final 2025-27 Budget | Final passed Supplemental 2025-27 budget |
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| Operating budget – Shared revenues | | |
| Liquor profits (Liquor Revolving Account) | \$98.9 million | No change |
| Liquor taxes (Liquor Excise Tax Account) | \$88 million | No change. |
| Cannabis Excise Tax | \$44.2 million | Reduces by \$5.1 million. |
| Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$60.3 million • \$266,000 for reimbursement for mandatory arrest for repeat offenders. | No change. |
| City-County Assistance Account (6050) | \$43.8 million | Adds \$1.3 million. |
| Fire Insurance Premium Tax | \$16.9 million | Adds \$1.6 million. |
| Local Government Fiscal Health (SB 6346) | | Intent to transfer \$200 million from general fund to new account beginning in 2027-29 for local impacts of millionaire tax (SB 6346). |
| Operating budget – Programs | | |
| General Government | | |
| Pensions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Committee on Pension Policy to study implications of possible Plans 1 merger (as suggested by SB 5085) or LEOFF 1 restatement (as suggested by HB 2034). Report by January 9, 2026. • Pension rates adjusted to take into account SB 5357. New employer rates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PERS 5.38% ▪ PSERS 6.91% ▪ LEOFF 2 employer rate: 5.32% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers \$880 million from pension funding stabilization account to budget stabilization account by Jun 30, 2029 (HB 2034). • Transfers \$539 million from Pension Surplus Holding Account to Climate Commitment Account in 2027-29. |
| PERS 1 COLA | No PERS 1 COLA included. | Adds \$10,000 for PERS plan 1 COLAs (SB 5862). |

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| Paid Family & Medical Leave Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10.8 million for additional staff to process PFML customer and employer inquiries. \$8.9 million completing statutorily required PFML implementation. \$5 million to implement changes to PFML job protections. | Adds \$1.2 million to implement paid leave contributions (HB 2345). |
| Miscellaneous HR & labor provisions of interest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$851,000 to implement restriction on including unnecessary driver requirements in job applications (SB 5501). \$852,000 to implement UI benefits for striking workers (SB 5041). \$102,000 to implement changes to public employee bargaining (SB 5503). | Adds \$19 million to support unemployment program due to projected federal revenue shortfall. |
| Municipal Research and Services Center | \$6.8 million | No change. |
| Municipal Revolving Account | Sweep of \$5 million from State Auditor municipal revolving account balance of local audit fees. | No change. |
| Elections | \$500,000 to UW to study local government compliance with voting and elections laws and recommend best practices. | No change. |
| Public Safety & Criminal Justice | | |
| Training for law enforcement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds 23 BLEA classes per year in 2026 and 2027, with two per year in each of four regional academies in Arlington, Pasco, Spokane, and Vancouver. Remaining classes in Burien. Reinstates 25% local match for BLEA and basic corrections officer training programs. | No change. |
| Crisis intervention training | \$1.8 million for <i>Trueblood</i> phase 1-3 regions. | No change. |
| Co-responder team funding | \$5.2 million for cities/counties alternative response, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4 million to AWC to provide funds to cities to create alternative response team programs around the state. \$1.2 million to support Whatcom County alternative response team. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced AWC alternative response grants by \$600,000. Reduced Whatcom alternative response team by \$176,000. |
| Law enforcement behavioral health & suicide prevention program | \$5 million to the CJTC for officer wellness programs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3 million for grants to local law enforcement agencies for wellness programs. \$2 million for a wellness app. | No change. |

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| Public safety funding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$100 million for public safety funding grants to support recruiting, hiring, retaining, and training officers and co-responders (HB 2015). \$635,000 to CJTC to administer grants. | No change. |
| Organized retail crime program | | Adds \$500,000 for statewide organization to conduct a retail crime pilot program focused on diversion-oriented programs. |
| Auto theft prevention authority | Transfers \$1.8 million to general fund. | Transfers an additional \$2.1 million to general fund. |
| Drug & gang prevention | \$1 million grant program. | No change. |
| Impaired driver safety account | \$1.2 million | No change. |
| Small & rural court grants for increased security | \$1 million for grant matching funds to increase small rural court security. | No change. |
| Public defense grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$900,000 for grants to cities. Additional \$2.7 million for public defense grants to cities. | Reduced public defense grants to cities by \$180,000 due to state budget drafting error. |
| Vacating & resentencing under <i>State v. Blake</i> decision & refunding LFOs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5.9 million to AOC to refund legal financial obligations vacated under <i>Blake</i> and an additional \$1.7 million for the activities of the AOC including contracting with cities and counties to disburse legal financial obligations. \$7.6 million to AOC to assist cities and counties with costs to comply with <i>Blake</i>. \$8.6 million to the Office of Public Defense to assist cities and counties with public defense services related to <i>Blake</i>, including SPAR grants. | No change. |
| Human Services | | |
| Community Behavioral Health | <p>Continued investments in the community behavioral health system, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$78.5 million for community treatment (PACT) teams. \$4.1 million for mental health services for mentally ill offenders in county or city jails and connection to services after release from confinement. \$38.1 million for clubhouse programs. \$17 million for substance use disorder peer support. \$61.2 million to support the housing needs of individuals with behavioral health disorders. \$9.5 million for health engagement hub pilot program sites (SB 5536). \$5.3 million to continue behavioral health street | <p>Reduces investments in the community behavioral health system, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5.7 million reduction for clubhouse programs. \$1.2 million reduction for health engagement hub pilot program sites (SB 5536). \$1 million reduction to distribution of naloxone to community health programs and community settings. Adds Clallam County to street medicine team eligibility. |

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| | <p>medicine teams for homeless individuals in Tacoma, Everett, and Spokane, plus King and Kitsap Counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$6.9 million to expand distribution of naloxone to community health programs and other community settings. | |
| Forensic mental health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$18.3 million to phase-in <i>Trueblood</i> settlement competency evaluations, competency restoration, forensic navigators, crisis diversion and supports, education and training, and workforce development. • \$14.3 million to improve the timeliness of competency evaluations for individuals in local jails. • \$8 million, including \$7 million for <i>Trueblood</i> phase one and phase two regions. • \$10.3 million to expand efforts to provide opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder medication in city, county, regional, and tribal jails. | \$1.3 million reduction for phase-in <i>Trueblood</i> settlement competency evaluations, competency restoration, forensic navigators, crisis diversion and supports, education and training, and workforce development. |
| Foundational public health | \$300.2 million | Adds language directing \$2.5 million of existing funding to maintain core infrastructure and staff. |
| Housing & Homelessness | | |
| Housing and homelessness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200 million for covenant homeownership program. • \$137 million for HEN program. • \$117.6 million for grants to local governments to maintain programs impacted by loss of document recording fees. • \$111 million for grants for local governments and NGOs for homeless housing programs and services. • \$90 million to transition those living in encampments to safer housing. • \$30.4 million for homeless families, youth prevention and diversion. • \$25 million for grants to support building operations, maintenance and service costs of permanent supportive housing projects. • \$22.5 million for housing assistance, including rental subsidies, permanent supportive housing, and low- and no-barrier housing beds for unhoused individuals. • \$6.5 million for Consolidated Homeless Grant Program. • \$1.2 million for foreclosure prevention assistance. • \$1 million for diversions services for those at risk of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.5 million reduction in permanent supportive housing for families that are chronically homeless with a disability. • Adds \$15 million for grants to permanent supportive housing providers for O&M. • Adds \$313,000 to support a task force to establish a state department of housing. |

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| | losing stable housing or are homeless that are determined to have a high probability of returning to stable housing. | |
| Land Use & Environment | | |
| Stormwater nonpoint pollution | <p>\$8.5 million for Ecology to address and mitigate 6PPD (tire chemical lethal to salmonids), including to identify effective management practices for stormwater treatment. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.4 million to identify effective best management practices to treat 6PPD in stormwater. • \$2.7 million to develop a strategy and recommendations to eliminate 6PPD in consumer products. | No change. |
| PFAS and water quality | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4 million to investigate and monitor sources and impacts of PFAS, including a study of how to manage discharges at municipal wastewater treatment facilities. • \$196,000 to implement SB 5033, required PFAS testing of biosolids. | No change. |
| Growth Management Act Planning Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.5 million for local government climate planning implementation. • \$18 million for updating comprehensive plans and development regulations to comply with the Growth Management Act. • \$3.8 million to support implementation of various land use bills (HB 1096 (lot splitting), HB 1183 (development regulations), HB 1491 (transit density), SB 5148 (housing element audits), SB 5509 (childcare zoning), SB 5559 (subdivision reform), & SB 5587 (housing gaps report & infill housing). • \$1.7 million to increase middle housing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces 2027 GMA periodic update formula planning grants by \$2.9 million and repealed proviso allowing for a competitive grant cycle for unallocated funds. • Adds \$500,000 for grants to local government to update permit review processes. |
| Clean energy technologies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5 million to support local governments in siting and permitting clean energy projects. • \$13 million to assist owners of public buildings conduct energy audits. • \$10 million to assist local governments, local organizations, and tribes to access federal tax incentives and grants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces assistance to local governments, local organizations, and tribes to access federal tax incentives and grants by \$2.5 million. • Reduces assistance to owners of public buildings for conducting energy audits by \$1.6 million. |
| Climate mitigation and resiliency | \$1.9 million for coastal hazard monitoring and resilience, including grant technical assistance to local governments and tribes. | Adds \$10 million for community wildfire resilience per RCW 76.04.511(3)(c). |

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| Urban and Community Forest Grant Program | \$3 million. | No change. |
| Public Works & Infrastructure | | |
| Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) | \$288 million transfer from PWAA to state general fund in FY 2026. <i>See also PWAA under Capital Budget.</i> | Adds \$375 million transfer from PWAA to state general fund on June 30, 2027. |
| Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance | \$24 million for Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance grants. | No change. |
| Utility assistance | \$25 million for grant funding through existing network of federal low-income home energy assistance. | Adds \$30 million for grant funding through existing network of federal low-income home energy assistance. |
| Capital budget | | |
| Public Works & Infrastructure | | |
| Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$365 million in new funding \$468 million in new and existing diversions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$288 million to general fund (new) \$114 million (\$57 million/year) transfer to general fund (temporary redirection of existing transfers to the Move Ahead WA Account). \$41 million to Water Pollution Control Revolving Account. \$25 million to Drinking Water Assistance Account. <i>See also PWAA under Operating Budget.</i> | Add \$14.5 million <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$279.5 million in new bond revenue (backfilling sweeps) \$10 million for emergency grants to local governments impacted by 2025 weather events. \$381.9 in new diversions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$375 million transfer to general fund in FY 2027. \$6.9 million transfer to Drinking Water Assistance Account. Reduces existing diversion to Water Pollution Control Revolving Account to \$20.5 million <i>See also PWAA under Operating Budget.</i> |
| Stormwater Financial Assistance Program | \$60 million | No change. |
| Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction WWTP Grant Program | \$10 million | No change. |
| Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$120 million for water system infrastructure construction projects through DWSRF. \$25 million for DWSRF state match dollars from PWAA. | Add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3 million for DWSRF preconstruction loans. \$6.9 million for DWSRF state match dollars from PWAA. |

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| Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program | \$614 million: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$214 million federal \$400 million state \$41 million PWAA | No change. |
| Centennial Clean Water Grant Program | \$40 million | No change. |
| Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) | \$81.3 million for CERB Capital Construction. | No change. |
| Broadband grants and loans | \$1.3 billion, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$114 million as match for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment state grants program from IIJA. \$1.2 billion federal. | No change. |
| Regional Approaches Grant Program | \$2 million | No change. |
| Land Use & Environment | | |
| Puget Sound Restoration and Salmon Recovery Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$105 million for Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRF) grants, plus an additional \$20 million for riparian area grants. \$60.5 million for Puget Sound acquisition and restorations. \$9.6 million for Washington Coastal Restoration & Recovery. | No change. |
| PFAS & Water Quality | \$14.5 million to address PFAS cleanup. | No change. |
| Remedial Action Grants | \$84.4 million | No change. |
| Urban and Community Forest Grant Program | \$6.2 million | Adds \$3 million. |
| Floodplains by Design Grant Program | \$75.7 million | No change. |
| Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account | \$4.3 million | No change. |
| Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program | \$120 million | No change. |
| Youth recreational facilities | \$7.6 million for specific projects. | No change. |
| Youth and community outdoor athletic facilities | \$19.8 million for specific projects. | No change. |
| Fish Barrier Removal Board | \$32.5 million to fund identified projects and agency administration. | No change. |

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| Air quality & greenhouse gas reduction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10.1 million for landfill methane capture grants. • \$4.1 million for community participatory budgeting program for mitigating climate change impacts on overburdened communities. | No change. |
| Clean energy & climate resilience and mitigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35 million for Weatherization Plus Health grants. • \$26 million for Clean Energy Fund program. • \$23 million for Community EV charging grants. • \$20 million for Solar and Energy Storage grants. • \$11 million for Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings grants. • \$10 million for Clean Energy Community grants. • \$5 million for Clean Buildings Performance grants. <p><i>Extended 2023-25 appropriation of clean energy retrofit dollars for grants (administered by AWC) for energy audits of city-owned tier 1 & 2 buildings into FY 2026.</i></p> | Adds \$11 million for Weatherization Plus Health grants. |
| Housing & Homelessness | | |
| Housing Trust Fund | <p>\$605 million, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$536 million for housing to benefit low-income and special needs populations, including permanent supportive housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$215 million multifamily rental housing. • \$100 million for Apple Health & Homes. • \$75 million for first-time low-income homeownership. • \$62 million for identified projects. • \$50 million for housing for those with developmental disabilities. • \$50 million for affordable housing preservation. • \$30 million for mobile home park preservation. • \$10 million for rapid conversion or acquisition of housing to address extremely low-income and unhoused populations. • \$5 million for farmworker housing. • \$5 million for urgent repair grants. | <p>Adds \$123 million, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$96 million, for housing to benefit low-income and special needs populations, including permanent supportive housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in Apple Health & Homes by \$57 million. • \$55 million for first-time low-income homeownership. • \$49 million for multifamily rental housing projects. • \$40 million for affordable housing preservation. Projects impacted by December 2025 atmospheric river and winter weather event are eligible. • \$8 million for farmworker housing. • \$21 million for identified projects. • \$5 million for urgent repair grants or risk mitigation for affordable housing. • |

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| Additional investments in housing and shelters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$90 million for Connecting Housing to Infrastructure (CHIP) grants to local governments. • \$22 million for identified projects. • \$14.7 million for recovery residences grants. • \$9 million for youth shelters and housing. • \$8 million for identified transit-oriented housing projects. • \$5 million for low-income home rehabilitation grants. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds proviso to allow CHIP to fund deferred loans. • Adds \$37 million for identified projects. • Adds \$17 million for grants and technical assistance for mobile home communities. • Adds \$5 million for projects impacted by December 2025 atmospheric river and winter weather event. |
| Human Services | | |
| Behavioral Health Community Capacity | \$119.8 million, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$70 million for competitive community behavioral health grants to address regional needs, including preventing closure of existing facilities, youth and adult bed capacity, facilities that serve specialized populations, and crisis relief centers. • \$49.8 million for 11 specific local crisis stabilization projects. | Reduced to \$74.3 million and allocated differently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces \$60 million from the competitive community behavioral health grants. • Adds \$14.5 million for 10 additional specific local crisis stabilization projects |
| Transportation budget | | |
| WSDOT Local Programs Capital budget | \$962.7 million | \$180 million temporary diversion from existing legislative appropriations to local projects; assumes delay in delivery of projects. |
| Statutory transfers to local governments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$494 million • Additional \$36.2 million over next 3 biennia for city distribution of 6-cent increase to motor vehicle fuel tax. | Adds \$14.5 million. |
| Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) | \$310.8 million, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.9 million to Small City Pavement and Sidewalk Program. • \$24.6 million for Complete Streets grants. • \$9.3 in preservation funding for cities. Legislature intends to provide an additional \$21 million in 2027-29 for the Complete Streets Program. | Adds \$15 million in assistance for cities recovering from 2025 weather events. |
| Recovery from 2025 weather events | - | See Transportation Improvement Board . |
| Safe Routes to Schools Grants | \$83.4 million | Adds \$34 million. |
| Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Programs & Grants | \$81.7 million | Adds \$33.4 million. |

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| Safety and Active Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$33.2 million for the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Pilot Program for projects to reconnect communities bifurcated by state highways. • \$500,000 for grants to local jurisdictions to implement network-wide traffic conflict screening programs. | Adds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$13.2 million for the Sandy Williams Connecting Communities Program. • \$500,000 for local jurisdictions to implement network-wide traffic conflict screening programs. • \$6.5 million for the Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program, to which cities are now eligible to apply. |
| Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$44.2 million for FMSIB recommended projects. • \$35.5 million in federal funds for recommended local preservation projects. | Adds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.9 million for FMSIB recommended projects. • \$8 million in federal funds for recommended local preservation projects. |
| Fish passage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retains proviso language to coordinate with Fish Barrier Removal Board on watershed approach to include local culverts. • Includes language allowing partnerships to leverage state and local funds to match opportunity for federal funding under BIL. | No change. |
| Homeless encampments | \$9.2 million to address homeless encampments on WSDOT-owned rights-of-way in coordination with local governments and social service organizations to direct people to housing and prevent future encampments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of \$2 million dedicated to litter removal. • \$1 million in coordination with the City of Spokane. • \$1 million for safety improvements and debris cleanup in Seattle. • \$1 million in coordination with the City of Tacoma. • \$1.2 million to contract with the City of Fife. <i>See also Housing and Homelessness in Operating budget</i> | No change. |
| Rural mobility grant | \$32.2 million | No change. |
| Alternative fuel and electric vehicle infrastructure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25 million for clean alternative fuel vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure program. • \$3.5 million for an e-bike lending library and ownership program offering competitive grants. | No change. |
| Federal fund exchange pilot program | \$17.5 million for a federal fund exchange pilot program of Transportation Block Grant population funding and state funds at an exchange rate of 95 cents in state funds per \$1 in federal funds. | No change. |

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| Studies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250,000 to update the 2013 memorandum of understanding between AWC and WSDOT for the construction, operations and maintenance responsibilities for city streets as part of state highways. • \$140,000 for the JTC to update the 2019 assessment of city transportation funding needs. • \$200,000 for the JTC to study alternative new methods for local governments to fund sidewalk improvements. | No change. |
| FHA bridge load rating | \$5 million for the County Road Administration Board to provide grant dollars to counties and cities for the costs associated with obtaining a new federal highway administration load rating. | No change. |

City of Tacoma 2026 Legislative Report

April 20, 2026

Introduction

The City of Tacoma 2026 Legislative Report is a summary of the legislation passed during the state legislative session. The report provides information on policy bills and budgets, as well as additional discussion to provide background and context for the issues.

The City of Tacoma's State Government Affairs team was tremendously active throughout the 2026 legislative session. This report contains a summary of bills tracked and a portion of the team's work throughout the session. The City's advocacy is guided by the City's adopted legislative agenda and also includes work on issues impacting the City that arise during the legislative session.

The report is extensive; therefore, in order to provide easier access to the information on the bills and issues, the report is divided into sections both by topic and in relation to the legislative agenda. The following is an overview to assist readers in navigating this report with links to each section in order to allow readers access to content most relevant to their interests:

[Section 1](#): **Overview of the 2026 Legislative Session**: *A high-level summary of the legislative session that provides political and process context.*

[Section 2](#): **Budget Overview**: *A summary of the 2026 Supplemental Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets*

[Section 3](#): **State Legislative Policy Priorities**: *A report on those issues that the City Council identified as top-priority issues, including funding requests.*

[Section 4](#): **State Legislative Policy Positions**: *A summary of legislative issues tracked by the City's government affairs team organized by those topic areas identified in the City's State Legislative Policy Positions document. The topics are organized according to the following [City priorities](#) identified by the Council:*

- i. [Safety](#)
- ii. [Housing and Homelessness](#)
- iii. [Jobs](#)
- iv. [Access](#)
- v. [Health](#)
- vi. [Additional Policy Priorities](#)

Section 1: Overview of the 2026 Legislative Session

The 2026 legislative session convened on January 12 and adjourned on schedule on March 12. During the 60-day short session, lawmakers focused on two primary responsibilities: adopting biennial operating, capital, and transportation budgets, and debating and advancing legislation. From a city perspective, the results of the 2026 Session show there is still significant room for progress. During the session, the Legislature:

- Continued its pattern of passing land-use mandates without attached funding. However, in refining several proposals, lawmakers incorporated more city input than they have in recent years.
- Declined to offer broad financial support for cities facing budget pressures, though it did pass a modest fiscal-flexibility measure ([House Bill 2442](#)) that introduces a few new revenue options that may help some municipalities.
- Preserved most, though not all, state accounts that share funds with cities, but did not fully compensate for the expected financial losses that will occur once tax exemptions tied to the millionaire's tax go into effect.

The session was largely defined by Democrats' push to overhaul the state's tax structure. That effort culminated in final legislative approval of [Senate Bill 6346](#), which imposes a new 9.9% tax on household income above \$1 million. Supporters argued the measure begins to address Washington's long-standing reliance on regressive revenue sources, while Republicans warned it could open the door to broader income taxation. The Legislature passed this bill in the final days of session and Governor Ferguson signed the bill on March 30th.

Democratic leaders also advanced a slate of bills aimed at insulating the state from shifting federal policies. Lawmakers approved measures restricting the release of voter data, prohibiting law enforcement officers from concealing their identities while performing official duties, and anchoring vaccine guidance to state-level health authorities rather than federal directives. Party leaders described these actions as necessary to protect civil rights and public health.

In total, legislators introduced 1,238 bills during the session and enacted 268 into law. Despite declaring the short session largely successful, Democratic leaders acknowledged that several major issues remain unresolved and are likely to resurface next year. These include regulating data centers more comprehensively, managing rising legal costs facing the state, stabilizing funding for public defense, revisiting public school funding, and securing long-term funding for ferry construction.

For Republicans, the session was largely defined by opposition. With limited leverage as the minority party, lawmakers relied heavily on procedural tactics and amendment strategies to slow or challenge Democratic priorities. That approach was most visible during the marathon House Floor debate over the millionaire's tax bill, which stretched more than 24 hours and ranked among the longest floor debates in state history.

Section 2: State Budget Overview

Legislators' budget work focused on making mid-biennial adjustments to the biennial budgets adopted during the 2025 session. The state's fiscal biennium begins July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2027. Funding from the high-earner income tax referenced above will not be available within this timeframe; if implementation proceeds forward as anticipated, funding from that proposal will be available in 2028, impacting the 2027-29 budget.

2025-27 Operating Budget:

The legislative session commenced with lawmakers confronting a persistent multiyear challenge - balancing the state's Operating Budget. Expenditures associated with state programs, many of which were expanded in recent years, continued to rise, while revenue growth softened. Additionally, changes to federal policies meant fewer resources were available for state services. The primary task of the short session was updating the 2025-27 biennial budget to account for these changes.

Although the February revenue forecast offered slightly improved expectations due to stronger than anticipated early collections from tax measures enacted in 2025, state economists cautioned that the cost of maintaining existing programs in K–12 education, health care, and long-term care costs continues to outpace projected revenues. Budget writers indicated early in the legislative session that they would not be entertaining requests for new projects or programs, and that their focus would remain on funding existing programs. The state also faces approximately \$1 billion in legal settlements for various claims that have been brought against the state for wrongdoing.

The supplemental operating budget authorizes an additional \$2.3 billion in spending, bringing the biennial budget to \$80.2 billion. To achieve a balanced Operating Budget, legislators relied on a combination of targeted program reductions, inter-account transfers, and new revenues generated by eliminating select tax preferences, including those affecting data centers, prescription drug wholesalers, and insurance carriers.

The enacted budget uses \$880 million from the Budget Stabilization Account and transfers an additional \$375 million from the Public Works Assistance Account to the state general fund. The Budget Stabilization Account is backfilled using funds from the LEOFF 1 retirement system, and the Public Works Assistance Account is backfilled with capital budget bond revenues. For a full list of account transfers and legislation impacting revenue, [click here](#).

Despite these adjustments, the state faces a projected \$878 million deficit in fiscal year 2027—a challenge for next year's legislature, pending updated revenue forecasts. This deficit would significantly expand if the high earner income tax were invalidated by the courts or overturned by voters. The only reason the state is not required to have a four year balanced budget is that it utilized the Budget Stabilization Account during this biennium, which temporarily exempts it from the statutory four-year balance requirement.

Local Government Fiscal Health: In the four-year outlook, budget writers included language outlining their intent to transfer \$200 million from the state's general fund to a new account called Local Government Fiscal Health. The intent of this allocation is to help offset some of the local tax reductions from the implementation of the sales tax

exemptions included in Senate Bill 6346, the high-earner income tax. This amount is estimated to fully mitigate local jurisdictions for the exemptions on hygiene products, diapers and other baby products, and over-the-counter medications. It does not mitigate the impact on local jurisdictions from repealing the sales tax on services that was enacted in 2025; cities began receiving increased sales tax collections from that tax change in Q1 of 2026. The \$200 million would be shared between cities, counties and transit agencies via a formula that is yet to be determined.

Other notable expenditures in the supplemental operating budget include:

- Roughly \$1 billion to cover the state's self-insurance liability costs.
- \$15 million for grants to permanent supportive housing providers for operations, maintenance and service costs.
- \$25 million for Immigrant, Refugee, and New Arrival Supports.
- \$18 million for state employee collective bargaining agreements.
- \$82.4 million to the Disaster Response Account.

To view the summary of expenditures and reductions included in the supplemental operating budget, [click here](#). To view the text of the supplemental budget, [click here](#).

2025-27 Transportation Budget: Transportation Budget writers faced another challenging year in developing a balanced budget that meets the state's transportation needs now and into the future. In the 2025 session the Legislature adopted a 6-cent fuel tax increase and a variety of other fee increases. That resulted in an estimated \$4.4 billion increase in revenue for the next three biennia. However, in the last three revenue forecasts, that estimate has been lowered by \$843 million. Said otherwise, 20 percent of the projected increase in resources from the 2025 session have been offset by decreases since then. The primary reason for the lower projection is declining fuel consumption. Fuel tax collections represent 40 percent of the total forecasted revenues, which limits overall available transportation resources.

In developing the supplemental transportation budget, the top priority for Governor Ferguson, Democrats and Republicans, and both chambers was increasing investments in preservation and maintenance of the state's highway system, including ferries. The supplemental transportation budget appropriates \$16.6 billion, an increase of \$1.2 billion over the biennial budget. Of the total, \$10.2 billion (61 percent) is dedicated to capital projects and programs and \$6.4 billion (39 percent) to operating programs. The budget includes \$1.5 billion in new bond authority, sufficient to provide capacity for \$200 million in highway maintenance, \$1.3 billion in highway preservation and \$28 million in ferries preservation through the 2029-31 biennium. Additionally, to provide clarity and certainty for long-term planning, the supplemental budget plans for the next 3-biennia, through 2031. Click [here](#) to access Supplemental Transportation Budget documents.

Highway Preservation and Maintenance: For the current biennium, the supplemental budget allocates an additional \$40 million for the WSDOT Highway Maintenance Program, \$300 million for the Highway Preservation Program. In addition to these amounts, there is \$65 million in federal funding for state highway flood recovery and \$45 million for local highway flood recovery (\$30 million for county and \$15 million for city). These funds are specified for transportation infrastructure damaged during the December 2025 weather events.

Ferries: The state's ferry system includes 20 marine terminals and 21 car and passenger ferries with an average age of over 33 years. The supplemental budget allocates an additional \$4 million for preservation of ferries in the current biennium and doubles that amount in each subsequent biennia, for a total of \$28 million over 6 years. The budget advances \$29 million of previously allocated Climate Commitment Act resources to complete the construction of new hybrid electric ferries, with the first ferry anticipated to be delivered by 2030.

In contrast to the governor's budget, which provided funding for three new ferries, the supplemental budget allocates \$750,000 to the Joint Transportation Committee to convene a work group to consider options for long-term, financially sustainable vessel preservation and replacement. The work group's initial report is due to the governor and Legislature by December 15. The budget also includes \$500,000 for a feasibility study regarding the establishment of state owned or leased dry dock facilities which would enable WSDOT to control scheduling for maintenance of the ferry fleet.

Local Project Impacts: The supplemental budget makes no new investments in transportation projects at the state or local level. However, the budget includes intent to increase funding by \$107 million for the Regional Mobility Grant Program and the Rideshare Grant Program in the next two biennia. The application window for the Regional Mobility Grant Program is already open, and the signal of increased investment means there will be additional funding awarded in the upcoming cycle. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Regional Mobility Grant Program.

The final budget also incorporates the budgeting tool referred to as "resource smoothing" which assumes a \$180 million underspend of the Local Programs project list for the current biennium. This amount is invested elsewhere in the budget.

Traffic Safety & Enforcement: The biennial budget reduced funding for the Washington State Patrol (WSP) due to staff vacancies and the supplemental budget restores \$2.7 million of that reduction. An additional \$11 million is provided to WSP for capital and operational improvements. Other traffic safety-related investments include:

- \$250,000 for WSDOT to develop an implementation plan for a new Megaproject Safety Program.
- \$234,000 to report crash data and wrong-way driving violations at locations where wrong-way driving prevention strategies have been implemented.
- Establishment of an older driver reduced fee identocard program for currently licensed drivers aged 70 years or older who wish to replace their driver's license with an identocard or an enhanced identocard.

Looking Ahead: The supplemental transportation budget makes relatively few changes to the underlying budget and signals intent to make more sweeping changes in the 2027-29 budget. Minimal funding is provided to complete studies and provide recommendations on a variety of issues, including:

- \$100,000 for the Joint Transportation Committee to facilitate review of the long-term financial sustainability of the transportation budget.
- \$640,000 for the Joint Transportation Committee to continue to oversee a Climate Emission Reduction Account investments tracking tool.

- \$400,000 for a report on the state's maintenance and preservation needs, including recommendations for a sustainable and integrated delivery plan and a public education program on investment needs and options.

2025-27 Capital Budget: The state's Capital Budget funds infrastructure and building construction for state and local communities through direct appropriations and grant programs. A percentage of the operating budget is dedicated to paying bonds issued to fund the budget. Of the three budgets, revenues in the capital budget were the most stable although not as ample as in previous years when there was an influx of federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The supplemental capital budget relies on debt limit bond capacity, Climate Commitment Act (CCA) accounts, and minimal other cash resources.

The supplemental Capital Budget authorizes \$889 million in new expenditures for a total of \$8.5 billion over the 2025-27 biennium. To help balance the operating budget, the capital budget transferred roughly \$1 billion in cash resources typically dedicated to capital purposes. These resources included capital gains, public works and higher education building accounts, described in more detail below. To view the supplemental budget and the associated project lists and grant programs, [click here](#).

Notable investments in the final Capital Budget include:

- The operating budget utilized \$375 million of the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) resources and the capital budget backfills the account with \$279.5 million of bond funding. There is \$100 million in existing bond backfill and the capital budget allocates \$10 million for emergency grants to local governments for public works projects impacted by the December 2025 flooding event. This brings the total amount of funding available in PWAA to \$389.5 million.
- An additional \$123 million in Housing Trust Fund investments which includes \$50 million for multifamily/rental units, \$40 million for preservation and \$55 million for homeownership.

Tacoma Project Funding

2026 Supplemental Capital Budget

| Project | House | Senate | Final |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Museum of Glass HVAC | \$2 million | \$1.3 million | \$2 million |
| Clark Place Affordable Housing | | \$319,000 | \$319,000 |
| Our Sisters House Permanent Home | | \$1.8 million | \$1.8 million |
| Portland Avenue Park Playground | | \$515,000 | \$515,000 |
| Hillsdale Town Affordable Housing | \$1.75 million | \$1.75 million | \$1.75 million |
| Tacoma-Pierce County Community Health Hub | \$258,000 | | \$924,000 |

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|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| Restoration & Preservation of Historic Stained Glass Windows | \$232,000 | | \$232,000 |
| Rise Above Foundation Safety & Infrastructure Upgrades | \$254,000 | | \$254,000 |
| HVAC Replacement at AL Davies Club | \$231,000 | | \$231,000 |
| LED Lighting & Controls at Pierce County Building | \$960,000 | | \$960,000 |
| NETP Trickling Filter Upgrade | \$1.7 million | | \$1.7 million |
| Housing Trust Fund – THRIVE Center | | | \$2 million |

2026 Supplemental Transportation Budget

| Project | House | Senate | Final |
|--|--|---|---|
| Marine View Drive Trail | \$275,000 | Not Included | Not included |
| Puyallup Ave Corridor | 25-27: \$8.944 million | 25-27: \$8.944 million | 25-27: \$8.944 million |
| Fife to Tacoma Pedestrian Access | 25-27: \$12.127 million 27-29: \$13.1 million | 25-27: \$12.127 million 27-29: \$13.1 million | 25-27: \$12.127 million 27-29: \$13.1 million |
| Schuster Parkway (CW) | 25-27: \$3.542 million | 25-27: \$3.542 million | 25-27: \$3.542 million |
| Schuster Parkway (MAW) | 27-29: \$5 million Future: \$10 million | 27-29: \$5 million 29-31: \$10 million | 27-29: \$5 million 29-31: \$10 million |
| Tacoma Dome Link Light Rail Access, Fife to Tacoma | 27-29: \$2.4 million Future: \$17.6 million | 27-29: \$2.4 million 29-31: \$8.8 million Future: \$8.8 million | 27-29: \$2.4 million 29-31: \$8.8 million Future: \$8.8 million |

Section 3: State Legislative Policy Priorities

The City adopted the **2026 State Legislative Policy Priorities** in November 2025. These are the City’s top legislative requests, and those items are prioritized by the City’s government affairs team and asked by the City’s legislative delegation to prioritize.

Preservation of Services Amid Federal Cuts/Responding to Actions of the Federal Government: Democrat legislators made it a priority throughout the 2026 legislative session to protect Washington State’s residents and values from the actions of the federal government. The Legislature backfilled federal cuts, advanced policies in response to ICE enforcement, and advanced policies to protect Washingtonians’ right to vote.

Within the budget proposals, the Legislature made several investments in programs that saw or will see a reduction in federal funding. The 2026 Supplemental Operating Budget allocates \$370 million in new funding for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Medicaid, complying with administrative requirements and backfilling cuts as much as possible.

On immigration, a slate of bills was introduced to make progress on this issue. Several bills were signed into law, including [House Bill 2105](#), which establishes immigrant worker protections; [Senate Bill 5855](#), which prohibits law enforcement at any level of government from wearing masks; and [House Bill 2165](#), which increases penalties for individuals who impersonate

law enforcement officers. The legislature considered but did not approve many others including [House Bill 2464](#), addressing reporting requirements for private detention facilities; [House Bill 2597](#), strengthening immigration-related enforcement provisions; [House Bill 2641](#), updating standards for law enforcement hiring; [House Bill 2648](#), clarifying interactions between local agencies and federal immigration enforcement; [Senate Bill 5906](#), enhancing data and personal safety protections; [Senate Bill 6080](#)/[House Bill 2547](#), establishing new parameters for federal custody contracts; [Senate Bill 6109](#), concerning private detention investment restrictions; and [Senate Bill 6286](#), imposing fines on detention facilities, reflect ongoing legislative interest in regulating detention practices, increasing transparency, and setting clearer statewide standards for how local governments interact with federal enforcement systems, even though none of these measures crossed the finish line this session.

The Legislature approved two major voting-rights bills, [House Bill 1710](#) and [House Bill 1750](#), that together expand the Washington Voting Rights Act. House Bill 1710 requires jurisdictions with a voting-rights violation in the past 25 years to obtain authorization from the Attorney General before making changes to voting systems, district boundaries, or forms of government. House Bill 1750 broadens the definitions of voting-rights abridgement and dilution and limits the defenses jurisdictions may use to demonstrate compliance. Both bills reflect a statewide push to strengthen voting protections, though they also introduce new procedural and legal constraints for local governments.

Fiscal Sustainability

While the Legislature has been focused on establishing a more stable and progressive fiscal structure for the state budget, local government budgets have not received the same level of prioritization or attention.

During the first year of the legislative biennium, significant energy was invested in a proposal to lift the [1% property tax cap](#). However, at the very end of the legislative session, Governor Ferguson indicated that he was not interested in signing such a proposal into law. Instead, the Legislature approved a [councilmanic sales tax increase for public safety](#). This change makes the local tax code more regressive and more vulnerable to the ups and downs of economic downturns and broader fiscal uncertainty.

During the 2026 legislative session, the Legislature continued this trend by approving yet another councilmanic sales tax increase—this time for children, youth, and families ([House Bill 2442](#)).

Additionally, if the high-earner's income tax is upheld, several sales and use tax exemptions will take effect as the tax is implemented. While these exemptions are widely recognized as an opportunity to reduce cost burdens on low- and middle-income households, they will negatively impact local government revenues. The Legislature acknowledged this impact in a brief intent section that recognizes the potential reduction in local revenues and references \$200 million in mitigation funding in the four-year budget outlook. However, this amount would only partially offset the fiscal impacts of the proposal.

In the third and fourth quarters of 2026, cities will begin collecting sales tax revenues on services that became taxable under legislation enacted during the 2025 session. Many cities—though not all—will experience a modest increase in sales tax collections as a result. However, this revenue increase is temporary and will likely be repealed in 2029 if the millionaire's tax is upheld.

The Legislature did approve [House Bill 2442](#), sponsored by Rep. April Berg (D-Mill Creek), provided cities and counties with flexibility with several streams of existing revenue including sales tax revenues dedicated to housing, allowing REET 2 revenues to be spent on nuisance abatement, allowing levy lid lifts to last 10 years rather than 6 years. In addition to those adjustments to existing revenue, the bill also authorizes cities to impose a councilmanic sales tax for children, youth, and families, and allows cities to create a single-city fire district without reducing the city property tax levy.

Capital Funding Request: North End Treatment Plant (NETP) Trickling Filter Project

Supplemental Capital Budgets often present more limited funding opportunities than the biennial budget. The City requested \$2 million to construct a new trickling filter, which is an essential component of the NETP's wastewater treatment process that provides the second stage of contaminant removal and allows the NETP to reliably meet its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit regulations. Initial feedback from the City's legislative delegation was that they would prefer to fund projects that could not otherwise be funded through utility rates. However, the House proposed supplemental capital budget included \$1.7 million for the project, and the final 2026 Supplemental Capital Budget included this funding.

Other Issues of Importance

Wastewater Treatment Plant Nutrient Regulation: For several legislative sessions, the City has been pushing back on the Department of Ecology's proposals to regulate nutrient effluent from wastewater treatment plants. Initially, the Department of Ecology proposed a new general permit regulating nutrients that all wastewater treatment plants in the Puget Sound would need to comply with. The city expressed concerns with the scientific underpinnings of that permit, as well as the process that was used to develop it. The City is especially concerned about the cost of complying with nutrient limits on ratepayers, particularly when compared to the level of improvement in water quality if the limits were adopted. Fortunately, the permit was overturned prior to the beginning of the 2026 legislative session. However, the Department of Ecology has pivoted to integrating nutrient regulations into each wastewater treatment plant facility's permit as they are renewed. On one hand, this should allow nutrient limits to be set tailored to each facility; however, on the other hand, DOE continues to base nutrient limits on science that the City believes is outdated and the City remains concerned that an individual facility nutrient limit could still result in significant utility rate increases. The City's government relations team anticipates continuing to work on this issue in the months and sessions to come.

Transfer of State Obligations: For two legislative sessions, the City has been requesting the assistance of the State Legislature to improve the processes that the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) uses to transfer state routes to local jurisdictions. Under current law, there are multiple processes with various levels of due diligence. WSDOT has initiated one process to transfer a portion of River Road, including a bridge with significant deferred maintenance, to the City alongside the agency's completion of the Puget Sound Gateway project.

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the City learned that the Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is currently conducting a [statewide study](#) on the appropriate method/process to transfer routes. The Legislature placed a moratoria on route transfers until June 30, 2026, to allow the study to be completed and the

Legislature to deliberate on its findings and recommendations.

The Legislature did indeed consider legislation to clarify how state routes are transferred. [House Bill 2172](#), sponsored by Rep. Adam Bernbaum (D-24th LD), establishes a new process for transferring or abandoning state highway routes to local jurisdictions, including requiring an agreement with a city or county before abandoning to that jurisdiction any state highway segment over two miles in length or that includes a bridge, and refining the role of the independent multijurisdictional review commission by requiring a conference and an annual report to the House and Senate transportation committees on proposed transfers, costs, and system impacts.. The Senate Transportation Committee held a public hearing on the bill on February 27. Supporters of the bill, including the City of Tacoma, the Washington State Transportation Commission, the Washington State Association of Counties, AWC, and the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, shared that the bill provides much-needed reforms to the state's process for transferring highway segments to local jurisdictions, noting that current law allows unilateral turnbacks of aging, costly infrastructure with little notice, analysis, or public transparency.

House Bill 2172 was approved by the House (92-0); however, the bill stalled in the Senate Transportation Committee. It's unclear whether WSDOT weighed in behind the scenes with strong concerns or whether committee members themselves had concerns. However, feedback from committee members after they chose not to advance it was that they felt that the policy needed further refinement before final approval. With the stalling of the bill, the City asked that the moratoria on route transfers be extended an additional year; however, that date adjustment was not made in the 2026 Supplemental Transportation Budget.

Moving forward, WSDOT is currently conducting rulemaking related to route transfers. The City will engage with WSDOT directly to ensure that either the route is not transferred to the city prior to the 2027 legislative session, or that if it is transferred that fair and appropriate care is taken to address the deferred maintenance on facilities prior to the transfer. In advance of the 2027 legislative session, the City's government relations team will engage members of the Legislature to better ascertain specific concerns and advance the bill forward next session.

Sidewalk Utility: During the 2025 Legislative Session, the City expressed interest in identifying a new dedicated revenue tool to support sidewalk construction, repair, and broader infrastructure needs, including the creation of a sidewalk utility. The 2025 Legislature allocated \$200,000 to conduct a study evaluating the feasibility of mechanisms such as sidewalk utilities and other local funding options. The following proviso language was included in the final 2025 Transportation Budget:

\$200,000 is for the joint transportation committee to conduct a study and make recommendations on alternative new methods for local governments to fund sidewalk improvements, including but not limited to establishing a sidewalk utility. The study must review revenue options utilized in other states and make evaluations based on fairness, stability, adequacy, regressivity, simplicity, and the effect on economic vitality. A preliminary report is due to the office of the governor and the transportation committees of the legislature by December 15, 2025. The final report is due to the office of the governor and the transportation committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

The City has been in contact with the Joint Transportation Committee regarding the implementation of the study. Tacoma is one of the case studies that is being utilized in the study. The study began during the legislative session and is anticipated to be completed in June 2026. This timeline should allow the City to utilize the study materials to develop a request prior to the 2027 legislative session.

- **Continued Advocacy for Transportation Projects:** *See the above budget summary of the 2026 Supplemental Transportation Budget.* The City continued to highlight the need for transportation investments; however, the Legislature did not allocate funding to any new projects or programs this session. Instead, the Legislature focused on funding preservation and maintenance of the existing system.

Section 3: State Legislative Policy Positions

The City adopted the **2026 State Legislative Policy Positions**, outlining topics that the City would like to engage in throughout the legislative session in addition to its top priorities. Below is a broad overview of what the Legislature did in each of these issue areas.

I. Safety:

While public safety received considerable attention during this session, relatively few significant policy changes were enacted compared to previous sessions where significant time and energy were invested in police reform.

Two bills passed this session with notable implications for public safety. The first, [Senate Bill 5974](#), **establishes minimum qualifications for elected sheriffs**, creating background check requirements. The second, [Senate Bill 6002](#), **regulates the use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras, often referred to as “Flock cameras,”** which are increasingly used by local law enforcement agencies to investigate and prevent crime.

The Legislature also monitored—but did not take action on—the implementation of [House Bill 2015](#), adopted last year. That law created a \$100 million grant program and authorized a councilmanic sales tax to support local public safety investments. Several jurisdictions have expressed concern that the eligibility criteria and certification requirements established by the Criminal Justice Training Commission have been burdensome and difficult to meet, limiting access to the funding. Approximately one month into the legislative session, the Commission approved the first jurisdictions for certification under the program. Click [here](#) to view the CJTC program page.

In recent years, the Legislature has also considered proposals aimed at reducing the number of individuals entering the criminal justice system, including efforts to decriminalize certain offenses or modify detention standards. Several such proposals were introduced this session, but did not ultimately pass into law. One worth mentioning is [House Bill 2389](#), which expands alternatives to confinement and adjusts sentencing rules for juvenile offenders. This proposal was a priority for the Members of Color caucus and is likely to return next session. The House spent several hours debating this bill within their respective caucuses before determining that there were not enough legislators willing to vote for the bill.

Public defense remained one of the most unresolved pressures on local governments this year, driven largely by the Washington Supreme Court’s June 2025 order requiring a two-thirds reduction in public-defender caseloads over the next decade. There were two bills introduced this session that aimed to reduce pressure on local governments. The first was [House Bill 2163/Senate Bill 5913](#), which would clarify that the Court’s 10-year phase-in takes precedence over the three-year timeline proposed by the Washington State Bar Association. Cities strongly supported this clarification, as the shorter timeline is widely viewed as unworkable given current workforce shortages and the absence of state funding. The second was [Senate Bill 5914](#), which restructured how the Office of Public Defense distributes state funding by moving to a pro rata formula tied to documented costs. The bills did not receive public hearings and did not make any progress this session.

Another bill [Senate Bill 5912](#) which would reinstate the Indigent Defense Task Force to study the current system from providing indigent defense and recommend changes to indigent defense delivery systems, funding structures, data reporting, and implementation support. This bill did not pass

In the final days before the first fiscal cutoff, [House Bill 1592](#), was unexpectedly scheduled for a public hearing. Originally introduced in 2025 and focused solely on counties, the bill was amended this year to create a city funding distribution based on misdemeanor case counts, eliminating the grant-application process. The bill also added new reporting requirements for the Office of Public Defense (OPD) and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to track caseloads, backlogs, and staffing needs. Despite the last-minute surge of attention, the bill did not pass.

As part of an ongoing effort to identify efficiencies in the judicial system, the Legislature approved [House Bill 1909](#), sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-Federal Way), which creates a statewide Court Unification Task Force to evaluate how disparate local rules, technology, and funding create inefficiencies and inequities, and to recommend more unified approaches to improve access and consistency statewide. The task force must convene by October 1, 2026, report preliminary findings by June 30, 2027, submit a final strategic plan by June 30, 2028, hold at least one additional full meeting before June 30, 2029, and then sunset on December 31, 2029.

II. Housing and Homelessness

The City of Tacoma and other stakeholders have consistently emphasized that meeting housing needs across all income levels will require significantly greater investment in housing serving households at 50 percent of area median income (AMI) or below. The state’s primary tool for funding affordable housing production is the Housing Trust Fund. In his capital budget proposal, Governor Ferguson recommended investing \$275 million in the program—an unusually large investment for a supplemental budget year. While the Legislature did not fully fund the governor’s proposal, it approved **\$123 million in increased funding for the Housing Trust Fund, increasing the biennial total to over \$900 million**, reflecting continued legislative commitment to affordable housing development. Even with this investment, however, the Housing Trust Fund alone will not produce the level of housing needed for Washington State to meet its housing supply goals.

Several proposals were introduced this session that would have provided new local revenue options to support housing production. These included proposals to:

- Allow local governments to impose a tax on short-term rentals ([House Bill 2559](#)).
- Authorize all jurisdictions to seek voter approval for an additional 0.25 percent real estate excise tax, similar to authority currently available to San Juan County ([House Bill 1480](#)).
- Allow local governments to waive local sales and use taxes on affordable housing construction ([House Bill 1717](#)).
- Modify existing incentives to support redevelopment of parking lots and underutilized sites into housing ([Senate Bill 5755](#)). The City of Tacoma provided technical assistance into the development of this proposal.

While these proposals received legislative attention, none advanced during the short legislative session.

However, **the Legislature provided additional flexibility in how existing housing-related revenues may be used.** In recent years, lawmakers created two local-option sales tax tools to support housing investments: 1) a sales tax credit that cities can use to fund affordable housing ([House Bill 1406](#) from 2019), and 2) a locally enacted councilmanic sales tax dedicated to housing and related services ([House Bill 1590](#) from 2020). Both programs included statutory restrictions on how revenues could be spent. This year, the Legislature approved [Senate Bill 6027](#) and [House Bill 2442](#), expanding flexibility by allowing these funds to be used for rental assistance, providing jurisdictions with additional tools to address housing affordability.

The Governor has continued to advance his executive order establishing a Washington State Department of Housing. An advisory committee has been formed and has begun meeting to guide the development of the new agency, with the Association of Washington Cities serving as a participant. As part of this effort, a [survey](#) is currently being circulated to gather stakeholder input on the mission and role of the future agency. The survey includes several questions about how the agency should interact with cities in advancing housing policy, including topics related to land use and permit reform. Local governments are encouraged to participate and provide input.

The Legislature has also continued to advance housing supply bills that make modifications to local land use regulations. During the first year of the biennium, lawmakers limited cities' authority to require housing developers to provide parking to reduce development costs. In the second year of the biennium, **the Legislature approved a proposal limiting cities' authority to require ground-floor retail or commercial space in new developments.** The bill—requested by Governor Ferguson and Lieutenant Governor Heck—was supported by major employers such as Microsoft and Amazon, along with the Master Builders Association and the Sightline Institute. After several rounds of negotiations, the Legislature approved a final version of [Senate Bill 6026](#), which the Governor signed into law. While the bill limits local authority, the final version retained some ability for cities to require ground-floor commercial or retail uses in certain circumstances. Unless there is a significant political shift, legislative mandates affecting local land use authority in the name of increasing housing supply are likely to continue in future sessions. There are several proposals that did not advance forward that are likely to be considered in future session. For example, [House Bill 1443](#), sponsored by Rep. Mia Gregerson, would have required cities to allow “homes on wheels”, including RVs, travel trailers, and tiny homes on wheels, on residential lots under specified conditions.

For years, cities have urged the state to update condominium insurance laws to stabilize and strengthen the condominium market. That long-sought **condominium liability reform was approved last year with the passage of [House Bill 1403](#) and was finetuned during the 2026 session.** In the current session, lawmakers advanced a follow-up measure, [House Bill 2304](#), sponsored by Rep. Jamila Taylor (D-Federal Way) to fine-tune the newly enacted changes. This additional phase of reform has now been approved by the Legislature. Testimony on the bill highlighted that many builders have stopped constructing condominiums because insuring a condo unit can cost more than ten times what it costs to insure a comparable newly built single-family home. Under existing state law, apartment buildings can be converted to condominiums after seven years, a timeline that often results in deferred maintenance and higher costs for eventual condominium associations. The bill addresses this concern by allowing the use of an express warranty for condo units located in new or converted buildings with 12 or fewer units and no more than four stories. Allowing four-story construction helps reduce building costs and supports the development of accessible units for older adults.

For the second consecutive session, lawmakers considered legislation that would have significantly limited cities' authority to regulate or remove individuals occupying public rights-of-way, including individuals experiencing homelessness who are living in encampments. [House Bill 2489](#) was approved by the House Housing Committee but did not advance further in the legislative process. Despite not passing, the proposal generated significant attention and opposition. Each year this policy is introduced and debated, it draws substantial interest from local governments, advocacy groups, and legislators due to its potential impact on cities' ability to manage public spaces and address encampments within the public right-of-way.

The Legislature has also continued to focus on the regulation and siting of "step housing" types, including shelters, transitional housing, emergency housing, and permanent supportive housing. In 2021, the Legislature adopted [House Bill 1220](#), which required cities to allow these housing types in areas where hotels are permitted. The bill was influenced in part by events in Renton, where a Red Lion hotel was converted into a shelter and generated significant public debate about public safety impacts. At the time, cities were allowed to adopt reasonable occupancy, spacing, and health and safety regulations. However, local regulations adopted across the state have varied widely, and in some cases have been written narrowly enough to effectively prevent shelters from locating in a community.

To address these concerns, **the Legislature adopted [House Bill 2266](#) this session. The bill modifies existing law by requiring cities to allow permanent supportive housing and transitional housing in all residential zones and requiring shelters and emergency housing in all zones where hotels are allowed.** It also narrows the types of spacing, occupancy, and health and safety regulations that cities may adopt. One notable provision allows cities to impose additional operational requirements when a jurisdiction contributes general fund dollars or public land to a project. Proponents believe the bill will create greater statewide consistency in how these housing types are regulated.

In addition to land use mandates, lawmakers have also focused on local permitting processes. In 2021, the Legislature adopted [Senate Bill 5290](#), establishing permit review timelines for local governments. While jurisdictions may set their own timelines, they must meet statutory performance requirements. The law also requires the Department of Commerce to study permitting timelines statewide. Commerce released its first report shortly before the start of the

legislative session, establishing baseline data and indicating that permit review timelines vary widely among jurisdictions.

This session, the Legislature adopted [House Bill 2418](#), which makes modest changes to local permitting requirements, including clarifying when an application is considered complete and requiring jurisdictions to designate a permit review office or point of contact. Lawmakers also considered [Senate Bill 5729](#), which would have required cities to accept architectural or engineering plans approved by licensed professionals, but that proposal did not advance. Governor Ferguson and other stakeholders have indicated that additional permit reform will likely be pursued in future sessions as part of ongoing efforts to reduce housing development timelines and costs.

III. Jobs

The most notable local government bills addressing economic development is [House Bill 2451](#), **sponsored by Rep. Davina Duerr (D-Bothell), which makes modifications to tax increment financing to address special district concerns.** The bill is the result of a stakeholder workgroup convened by AWC last year to discuss how TIF works, what the impacts are, and potential revisions to the tool. It makes multiple changes to local TIF rules to clarify project eligibility, require mitigation for affected taxing districts, restructure revenue apportionment, and limit the use of the mandatory multifamily property tax exemption in increment areas taking effect on or after June 2, 2026. The bill applies its changes prospectively, so existing increment areas are not modified.

IV. Access

This section of the policy positions covers several unrelated areas, summarized below in subsections:

Child care: The Legislature made several changes to child care this session. Most notably, the Legislature changed, via [House Bill 2689](#), the provider reimbursements associated with the Working Connections Child Care Programs – the main program that the state uses to provide child care to low-income families. This shift in provider reimbursement was a key element to the state balancing its operating budget.

The other notable legislation approved was [Senate Bill 5872](#), sponsored by Sen. Claire Wilson (D-30th LD), which creates the “pre-K promise account” as a dedicated state treasury account under the custody of the state treasurer to receive gifts, grants, and donations to support children served through the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. **This bill was created to allow the state to accept a 10-year, over \$1 billion planned gift from the Ballmer Family to support public early education.** Additionally, the Legislature approved several policy bills that are captured in the attachments to this report.

Education: Lawmakers focused on stabilizing districts facing enrollment declines, rising costs, and special-education funding gaps.

The operating budget included \$140 million for free school meals, while also decreasing the Running Start program for high school students by \$14 million, while the capital budget continued investments in school construction and modernization, though within limited statewide bond capacity. Other investments included targeted support for foster youth outcomes,

ninth-grade success, homeless student services, High School & Beyond Plan implementation, and dual-credit fee assistance, along with continued funding for Apple Health, the Washington College Grant, long-term care, and behavioral health services.

A broad set of education bills moved through the process, reflecting the Legislature's emphasis on student wellbeing, early learning, and special-education capacity. Key bills included [House Bill 1634](#), student safety and wellbeing, and [House Bill 2429](#), behavioral-health coordination, [House Bill 1795](#) and [House Bill 2557](#), special-education services and oversight, and early-learning expansions such as [House Bill 2159](#), [House Bill 2282](#), and [House Bill 2318](#).

The session also revived the larger structural debate about how Washington funds its schools. [House Bill 2026](#), the "Fairness in Education Funding Act," reappeared with a proposal to eliminate local levies, equalize per-pupil funding statewide, and shift salary allocations to a uniform state model. While it did not advance, it kept the equity conversation alive and underscored the tension between local flexibility and statewide uniformity. It did not pass this year.

Election Reform: The Legislature approved two major voting-rights bills, [House Bill 1710](#) and [House Bill 1750](#), that together expand the Washington Voting Rights Act. House Bill 1710 requires jurisdictions with a voting-rights violation in the past 25 years to obtain authorization from the Attorney General before making changes to voting systems, district boundaries, or forms of government. House Bill 1750 broadens the definitions of voting-rights abridgement and dilution and limits the defenses jurisdictions may use to demonstrate compliance. Both bills reflect a statewide push to strengthen voting protections, though they also introduce new procedural and legal constraints for local governments.

Transportation: Lawmakers have been prioritizing policies that aim to increase safety for all road users. This session, the legislature passed [Senate Bill 6066](#), authorizing and defining crash prevention zones, and [Senate Bill 6110](#), addressing the increase of e-motos use and developing a workgroup to define e-motos. Introduced in 2025, [Senate Bill 5067](#) lowers the blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for the operator of a vehicle or watercraft from 0.08% to 0.05%. This effort continued into the 2026 legislative session, making its way through the Senate but ultimately stalling in the House.

To support communities with infrastructure funding, [Senate Bill 6262](#) increased the maximum weight of vehicles subject to a transportation benefit district fee from 6,000 pounds to 9,000 pounds. However, the bill did not pass. The Association of Washington Cities and others hope to see this bill reintroduced in the 2027 session.

Another concept that was debated but didn't make it over the finish line was changing the revenue distribution method for cities that operate traffic safety cameras. Current law says that cities must share 25% of net revenues from stationary cameras put in place after June 6, 2024. [House Bill 2711](#) would have changed it to require a city to remit \$5,000 annually for each device active in the previous 12 months, and an additional \$5,000 annually for each permanent camera that has been in place for at least four years. This shift was recommended by cities after a Senate concept proposed sharing 10% of gross revenues, which would have been far more costly to cities. This discussion was prompted by a desire for stable funding for the Cooper Jones Bicycle Safety Account, which is still needed. It is likely this issue will return in the 2027 session.

Water and Sewer Infrastructure: Local governments have the responsibility of constructing and maintaining infrastructure for public services like water, sewer, and stormwater. The state's primary method of supporting local governments with this obligation is through the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA). However, it is commonly an attractive option for operating budget writers to raid the PWAA when facing budget challenges. This year was no exception. The supplemental operating budget transfers \$375 million from the PWAA to the general fund, while the final capital budget provides an additional \$279.5 million in bond revenue to backfill the reduction. Combined with \$100 million in *existing* bond revenue backfill and \$10 million in new funding for emergency grants to public works projects impacted by extreme weather events in 2025, this gives the Public Works Board authority to award up to \$389.5 million in grants and loans for infrastructure projects in FY 2027. Overall, this results in an increase of \$14.5 million compared to the appropriations to the PWAA in the biennial budget. The capital budget also cuts in half an existing diversion from the PWAA to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Account, eliminating a \$20.5 million transfer that was scheduled for FY 2027.

As an alternative to the PWAA, legislators have proposed creating a Washington State Public Bank to lower the borrowing costs and provide financing for infrastructure and housing. [Senate Bill 5754](#) was originally introduced in the 2025 session and had a public hearing this session. However, the concept continues to lack the support needed to advance.

V. Health

Behavioral Health: There continues to be bipartisan recognition that addressing behavioral health—both mental health and substance use—is essential to improving public safety. Consistent with recent budgets, the Legislature continued to make significant investments in the state's behavioral health system, including:

- \$24 million for Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams to expand intensive, community-based services for individuals with serious behavioral health conditions.
- \$12 million for substance use disorder peer support services, increasing access to certified peer counselors and strengthening recovery-oriented care statewide.
- \$48 million to support the housing and stabilization needs of individuals with behavioral health disorders, including crisis response teams, supportive housing programs, recovery navigator services, stabilization teams, and other community-based interventions.

These investments reflect the Legislature's ongoing shift toward a more community-based behavioral health system, reducing reliance on state hospitals and expanding local capacity for treatment, stabilization, and long-term recovery.

Environment: The legislature considered several bills aimed at protecting the environment, including [House Bill 2233](#) which would have expanded the restrictions on the use of plastic carry out bags and [House Bill 2271](#), which would have established new thresholds for post-consumer recycled content for plastic products. Neither bill made it out of the House of origin though both are expected to return in 2027. Product stewardship for textiles ([House Bill 1420](#)) and bottles ([House Bill 1607](#)) also both failed after their second year of being considered. Extensive stakeholder work is expected over the interim on both pieces of legislation.

The most notable environmental bill to pass this session is [Senate Bill 6355](#) which got a late start in a short session but made it through the process in just 15 days. The bill creates the

Washington Electric Transmission Authority to ensure the state has adequate grid capacity for the growing demand for electricity.

VI. Additional Policy Positions

Land Use: See the above section under Housing for details on land use bills related to residential development. Increasingly, legislators are indicating a desire to look at the impacts of the Growth Management Act on housing construction and other statewide goals.

The Legislature also considered, but did not advance, a proposal related to annexation. [House Bill 2201](#), sponsored by Rep. Lisa Parshley (D-Olympia), would have required cities and counties to do greater coordination in urban growth areas to facilitate annexations.

Liability: Session brought heightened attention to an increase in liability exposure for the state and local governments. After concerns from the governor and legislators about the tens of millions spent annually on liability claims, Senator Manka Dhingra introduced [Senate Bill 6239](#) which would have required arbitration for tort claims against the state and its subdivisions. Originally, this was the only bill being considered on the topic but as the session progressed, the bill was watered down and eventually died after victim advocates expressed concerns with the delay of justice for those harmed by state or local governments. While no major reforms were passed, the session marked a clear shift toward confronting the growing financial strain tort exposure places on both the state and local governments, setting the stage for deeper work in the next biennium.

To support that work, the final Operating budget directs the Office of Administrative Hearings to convene a committee to recommend changes to the process for claims against the state or its political subdivisions for damages arising out of tortious conduct. The committee will provide a report by November 1.

Simultaneously, the Legislature considered several bills that would have increased liability exposure for governments. One example is [House Bill 2095](#), which if approved would have expanded civil liability when vulnerable road users are struck by automobiles. Although intended to protect vulnerable road users, such as people walking in a crosswalk or riding bicycles in a lane, the bill would expand cities' exposure to potential damages and attorneys' fees even if no city driver or vehicle was involved. The bill was ultimately halted in the Senate but the sponsor, Rep. Julia Reed (D-Seattle), plans to introduce similar legislation next year.

Bidding/Contracting/Procurement: [House Bill 2420](#), sponsored by Rep. Janice Zahn (D-Bellevue), incrementally raises the maximum contract amount eligible for small works roster procurement, allowing the limit to increase from \$350,000 to \$650,000 over a phased period while clarifying that the thresholds are based on estimated cost not including sales tax and retaining existing documentation, direct contracting, and public access provisions.

Personnel and other Human Resources Issues

During this legislative session, several human resources–related bills with fiscal impacts on cities were introduced but did not advance.

- [House Bill 1622](#) would have required public employers to bargain over the decision to adopt artificial intelligence tools. The bill was reintroduced this year after failing to advance during the 2025 session. Ultimately, the bill did not advance out of the House.

- [Senate Bill 5882](#) would have designated post-traumatic stress disorder as a presumptive occupational disease for local correctional facility workers. The bill failed to advance out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee prior to the legislative cutoff.
- [Senate Bill 5972](#) sought to expand binding interest arbitration for collective bargaining agreements to include all uniformed correctional officers employed by cities. Currently, interest arbitration applies only to uniformed correctional workers employed by counties with populations over 70,000. By removing this statutory limitation, the bill would have broadened the requirement to any city employing uniformed jail personnel. Although the bill passed the Senate and made significant headway in the House, it ultimately stalled in the House Rules Committee.

Tacoma Bill Status Report

Access - Equity & Empowerment

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|---|------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 2SHB 1448 (Dead) | Local elections | Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections. | H Approps | Gregerson | |
| HB 1582 (Dead) (SSB 5655) | Child care centers/buildings | Concerning child care centers operated in existing buildings. | H Rules X | Valdez | |
| E3SHB 1710 (Dead) | Voting rights act compliance | Concerning compliance with the Washington voting rights act of 2018. | C 211 L 26 | Mena | |
| SHB 2099 (Dead) (SB 5907) | ECEAP access/military | Expanding access to the early childhood education and assistance program for military families. | H Approps | Leavitt | Support |
| 2SHB 2210 (Dead) | Local government elections | Protecting local representation by strengthening and securing fair elections in local governments. | H Rules R | Gregerson | Support |
| EHB 2317 | Early learning licensing | Concerning early learning program licensing requirements. | C 54 L 26 | Eslick | |
| SSB 5123 (Dead) (HB 1855) | Discrimination in schools | Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. | S Rules X | Nobles | |
| SB 5907 (Dead) (SHB 2099) | ECEAP access/military | Expanding access to the early childhood education and assistance program for military families. | S Rules X | Nobles | |
| SB 6078 (Dead) | Child care provider supports | Providing preclicensing supports to individuals interested in becoming a licensed child care provider. | S Rules X | Slatter | |
| SSB 6206 (Dead) | First responders/child care | Establishing a pilot program that incentivizes child care providers to care for children of first responders. | S Ways & Means | Dhingra | |

Access - Transportation & Infrastructure

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------------|---------|----------|
| SHB 1043 (Dead) | Commute trip reduction | Extending the commute trip reduction tax credit. | H Finance | Wylie | |
| SHB 1302 | Utility connection charges | Concerning utility connection charge waivers. | C 127 L 26 | Cortes | |
| ESHB 1423 (Dead) (SB 5417) | Vehicle noise cameras | Authorizing the use of automated vehicle noise enforcement cameras in vehicle-racing camera enforcement zones. | H Transportation | Donaghy | |
| SHB 1529 (Dead) | Cities/county road resources | Increasing opportunities for cities to utilize county resources for road construction and maintenance. | H Rules R | Griffey | |
| SHB 2092 (Dead) (SB 6270) | Passenger rail adv. comm. | Establishing a passenger rail advisory committee. | H Rules X | Reed | |

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| ESHB 2095 (Dead) | Public way vulnerable users | Protecting vulnerable users of public ways. | H Rules 3C | Reed | |
| SHB 2134 (Dead) | Regional transp. plans | Concerning regional transportation plans, of regional transportation planning organizations containing certain counties, providing for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. | H Rules X | Duerr | |
| ESHB 2172 (Dead) | Road jurisdiction transfer | Concerning route jurisdiction transfer and abandonment. | H Rules 3C | Bernbaum | Support |
| HB 2307 (Dead) | Commute trip reduction/times | Modifying the time component of various definitions for purposes of commute trip reduction. | H Rules R | Salahuddin | |
| SHB 2379 (Dead) | Emergency tolling suspension | Providing for the suspension of tolling on certain facilities in the event of an emergency. | H Rules X | Low | |
| SHB 2420 | Small works roster limits | Increasing small works roster contract limits. | C 97 L 26 | Zahn | |
| HB 2722 (Dead) (ESSB 6262) | Vehicle fees/maximum weight | Increasing the maximum weight of certain vehicles subject to transportation benefit district vehicle fees. | H Rules R | Reed | Support |
| E2SSB 5061 (Dead) | Public works wages | Requiring certain wages in public works contracts to be at least the prevailing wage in effect when the work is performed. | S Rules 3 | Conway | Concerns |
| SSB 5215 (Dead) | Vehicle debris escape | Concerning debris escaping from vehicles on public highways. | S Rules X | Shewmake | |
| ESB 5581 (Dead) (HB 1992) | Safe system approach strat. | Implementing safe system approach strategies for active transportation infrastructure. | S Rules 3 | Shewmake | Support |
| 2SSB 5690 (Dead) | Utility relocation | Concerning actions of the department of transportation to notify utility owners of projects and seek federal funding for utility relocation costs. | C 106 L 26 | MacEwen | |
| E2SSB 6066 (SHB 2174) | Crash prevention zones | Establishing accident risk zones. | C 123 L 26 | Torres | |
| ESSB 6110 | Electric bicycle, motorcycle | Addressing electric-assisted bicycles and electric motorcycles. | C 159 L 26 | Shewmake | |
| SSB 6131 (Dead) (ESHB 2192) | Roadway fatalities | Updating the role of the Washington traffic safety commission in identifying the contributing factors that lead to roadway fatalities. | S Rules X | Shewmake | |
| SB 6243 (Dead) | Autonomous motor vehicles | Concerning the operation of autonomous motor vehicles. | S Transportation | Boehnke | |
| ESSB 6262 (Dead) (HB 2722) | Vehicle fees/maximum weight | Increasing the maximum weight of certain vehicles subject to transportation benefit district vehicle fees. | S Rules 3 | Valdez | Support |

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| SB 6291 | On-site wastewater systems | Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections. | C 210 L 26 | Lovelett | |
| SB 6298 (Dead) (HB 1256) | Public works/made in US | Concerning products manufactured in the United States for the purposes of public works projects. | S State Gov/Trib | Holy | |
| SB 6352 (Dead) | Transportation resources | Concerning transportation resources. | S Transportation | Liias | Concerns |

Additional Issues

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|---|------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|
| SHB 1305 (Dead) | Property owners/projects | Concerning reimbursement by property owners for street, road, and water or sewer projects. | H Local Govt | Donaghy | |
| SHB 1339 (Dead) (SB 5373) | Even-numbered year elections | Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation. | H Rules X | Gregerson | |
| ESHB 1408 (Dead) (SB 5460) | Community authority funding | Establishing funding for community preservation and development authorities approved through RCW 43.167.060. | C 217 L 26 | Santos | |
| SHB 1904 (Dead) | Declawing cats | Prohibiting the act of declawing cats. | H Rules R | Peterson | Support |
| HB 2291 (Dead) | Kratom | Establishing the kratom consumer protection act. | H ConsPro&Bus | Reeves | |
| SHB 2297 (Dead) | Grocery store incentives | Incentivizing grocery stores located in underserved communities. | H Rules C | Farivar | Support |
| HB 2313 (Dead) | Public grocery stores | Concerning publicly owned grocery stores. | H Local Govt | Farivar | |
| E2SHB 2325 (Dead) (SSB 6061) | Tourism assessment | Establishing a tourism self-supported assessment program to fund statewide tourism promotion. | C 229 L 26 | Paul | |
| HB 2426 (Dead) | Pollution control appeals | Improving efficiency in appeals to the pollution control hearings board. | C 98 L 26 | Bernbaum | |
| HB 2433 (Dead) | Cannabis excise tax | Concerning the cannabis excise tax. | H ConsPro&Bus | Reeves | |
| E2SHB 2451 | Local tax increment fin. | Concerning local tax increment financing. | C 141 L 26 | Duerr | |
| HB 2614 (Dead) (SSB 6204) | Home cultivation of cannabis | Legalizing the home cultivation of cannabis by persons who are 21 years of age and older. | H ConsPro&Bus | Kloba | |
| 3SSB 5466 (Dead) (SHB 1673) | Electric transmission system | Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state. | S Rules X | Shewmake | |
| SB 5882 (Dead) | Correctional workers/stress | Concerning industrial insurance coverage for posttraumatic stress disorders affecting local correctional facility workers. | S Ways & Means | Valdez | |

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| SB 5921 (Dead) | Psilocybin | Concerning psilocybin. | S Ways & Means | Salomon | |
| SSB 5956 (Dead) | AI use/student discipline | Addressing artificial intelligence, student discipline, and surveillance in public schools. | S Rules 3 | Nobles | |
| 2SSB 6037 (Dead) (SHB 2224) | Fire protection districts | Concerning fire protection districts. | S Rules X | Cortes | |
| SSB 6061 (Dead) (E2SHB 2325) | Tourism assessment | Establishing a tourism self-supported assessment program to fund statewide tourism promotion. | S Rules X | Riccelli | |
| SSB 6147 (Dead) | Grocery estab. closures | Concerning notice requirements for grocery establishment closures. | S Rules X | Conway | Support |
| SB 6175 (Dead) | Ticket sales | Concerning ticket sales. | S Business, Trade | Lovelett | |
| SSB 6204 (Dead) (HB 2614) | Home cultivation of cannabis | Legalizing the home cultivation of cannabis by persons who are 21 years of age and older. | S Rules X | Saldana | |

Fiscal Issues

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|---|------------------------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|
| HB 1126 (Dead) (SB 5315) | Local tax rate changes | Standardizing notification provisions relating to local tax rate changes and shared taxes administered by the department. | H Rules X | Walén | |
| HB 2018 (Dead) | Solid waste/local government | Concerning solid waste and establishing the local government solid waste assistance account. | H Finance | Doglio | |
| HB 2097 (Dead) | County B&O tax | Authorizing counties to impose a business and occupation tax. | H Finance | Scott | |
| HB 2100 (Dead) (SB 6093) | Payroll expense tax | Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account. | H Finance | Scott | |
| HB 2101 (Dead) | Live presentations/sales tax | Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax. | H Finance | Dufault | |
| SHB 2224 (Dead) (2SSB 6037) | Fire protection districts | Concerning fire protection districts. | H Rules R | Stuebe | Neutral |
| SHB 2257 (Dead) (ESSB 6113) | Tax administration | Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue. | H Rules R | Berg | |
| HB 2258 (Dead) | Animal control excise tax | Authorizing cities and counties the ability to levy a household excise tax for the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of animal control and shelter systems. | H Finance | Parshley | |

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| HB 2278 (Dead) | Tourism promotion areas | Concerning tourism promotion areas. | H Rules R | Barnard | |
| HB 2359 (Dead) (E2SSB 6027) | Affordable housing funding | Modifying requirements and allowed uses for certain funding related to providing and maintaining affordable housing and related services. | H Finance | Peterson | |
| ESHB 2442 (SB 6294) | Local government fund use | Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility. | C 221 L 26 | Berg | Support |
| HB 2502 (Dead) | Local gov./sales & use tax | Improving local government funding by removing certain sales and use tax exemptions. | H Finance | Wylie | |
| SSB 5085 (Dead) | Closed retirement plans | Concerning three of Washington state's closed retirement plans. | S Ways & Means | Robinson | |
| SB 5650 (Dead) | Cannabis local excise tax | Authorizing a local excise tax on cannabis. | S Ways & Means | Wagoner | |
| SSB 5798 (Dead) | Property tax | Concerning property tax reform. | S Ways & Means | Pedersen | Support |
| SSB 5804 (Dead) | Fish habitat restoration | Concerning fish habitat restoration. | S Ways & Means | Trudeau | |
| SB 6093 (Dead) (HB 2100) | Payroll expense tax | Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account. | S Ways & Means | Saldana | |
| ESSB 6113 (SHB 2257) | Tax administration | Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue. | C 250 L 26 | Frame | |
| SB 6294 (Dead) (ESHB 2442) | Local government fund use | Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility. | S Ways & Means | Frame | Support |
| SB 6328 (Dead) | Cannabis excise tax | Concerning the cannabis excise tax. | S Ways & Means | Saldana | |

General Government

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
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| HB 1571 (Dead) (SB 6180) | Occupational disease/heart | Removing qualifiers related to the presumption of occupational disease for heart problems. | H Approps | Bronoske | |
| 2SHB 1622 (Dead) (SSB 5422) | Collective bargaining/AI use | Allowing bargaining over matters related to the use of artificial intelligence. | H Rules R | Parshley | |
| SHB 1653 (Dead) (ESSB 5484) | Tow truck payments/indigent | Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent citizens. | H Transportation | Donaghy | |
| HB 2194 (Dead) | Cultural access sales tax | Concerning sales and use tax for cultural access programs. | H Rules R | Parshley | |
| HB 2195 (Dead) | City initiatives, referenda | Concerning city initiatives and referendums. | H Local Govt | Parshley | |

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| HB 2336 (Dead) (SB 6128) | Independent medical exams | Facilitating the use of a department of labor and industries-approved, application-based, third-party recording platform to record independent medical exams. | H Labor & Workpl | Abbarno | |
| HB 2391 (Dead) | PRA/lists of individuals | Concerning disclosure of lists of individuals under the public records act. | H State Govt & T | Doglio | |
| HB 2485 (Dead) | Paid leave benefits | Concerning paid family medical leave benefits. | H Labor & Workpl | Schmidt | |
| HB 2520 (Dead) | Emergency meetings | Concerning emergency meetings of public agencies. | H Rules R | Lekanoff | |
| HB 2566 (Dead) | Local government procurement | Concerning local government procurement. | H Rules R | Zahn | |
| HB 2582 (Dead) | Fire dept. civil service | Concerning civil service positions in city and town fire departments. | H Local Govt | Paul | |
| HB 2611 (Dead) | 32 hour workweek | Reducing the standard workweek from 40 hours to 32 hours. | H Labor & Workpl | Scott | |
| SHB 2661 (Dead) | Public records task force | Establishing the legislative task force on public records act modernization consisting of eight voting members and four nonvoting legislators. | H Rules X | Rude | |
| HB 2700 (Dead) (E2SSB 6239) | State tort claims | Requiring arbitration for tort claims against the state of Washington and its subdivisions. | H Civil R & Judi | Taylor | |
| SSB 5176 (Dead) | Prompt pay/capital projects | Implementing prompt pay recommendations from the capital projects advisory review board. | S Ways & Means | Valdez | Concerns |
| ESSB 5484 (Dead) (SHB 1653) | Tow truck payments/indigent | Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent citizens. | S Rules X | Chapman | |
| SB 5754 (Dead) | Washington state public bank | Creating the Washington state public bank. | S Ways & Means | Hasegawa | Support |
| SSB 5862 | TRS & PERS plan 1 COLA | Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for plan 1 retirees of the teachers' retirement system and public employees' retirement system. | C 248 L 26 | Dozier | |
| SB 5927 (Dead) | Workers' comp. adjustments | Capping the rate of increase for future workers' compensation cost-of-living adjustments. | S Labor & Comm | Schoesler | |
| SB 6123 (Dead) | Local gov. employees/PRA | Concerning the protection of voluntary supplied personal information of local government employees. | S State Gov/Trib | Conway | Support |
| SB 6127 (Dead) | Paid leave integrity audit | Requiring a performance audit of program integrity measures in Washington's paid family and medical leave program. | S Labor & Comm | Braun | |
| SB 6128 (Dead) (HB 2336) | Independent medical exams | Facilitating the use of a department of labor and industries-approved, application-based, third-party | S Labor & Comm | Braun | |

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| SB 6199 (Dead) | Paid leave contributions | Concerning contributions in the state paid family and medical leave program. | S Labor & Comm | Hunt | |
| E2SSB 6239 (Dead) (HB 2700) | State tort claims | Requiring arbitration for tort claims against the state of Washington and its subdivisions. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a process for adjudicating tort claims against the state of Washington and its political subdivisions.) | S Rules 3 | Dhingra | Concerns |

Health - Environment

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|--|------------------------------|--|----------------|------------|----------|
| SHB 1015 (Dead) | Energy labeling/residential | Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings. | H Local Govt | Duerr | Neutral |
| 2SHB 1150 (Dead) (E2SSB 5284) | Solid waste management | Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes. | H Rules X | Berry | Support |
| 2SHB 1303 (Dead) (SB 5380) | Environmental justice | Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions. | H Approps | Mena | |
| 2SHB 1420 (Dead) | Textile producers | Establishing producer responsibility for textiles. | H Approps | Reeves | |
| SHB 1550 (Dead) (SB 5586) | Electric vehicle batteries | Improving the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries. | H Rules C | Street | |
| 3SHB 1607 (Dead) (2SSB 5502) | Recycling & waste reduction | Concerning recycling and waste reduction. | H Rules R | Stonier | |
| HB 1652 (Dead) (SB 5519) | Ocean vessels/environment | Reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels. | H Env & Energy | Lekanoff | |
| HB 2181 (Dead) | Atmospheric river response | Paying for response activities for the December 2025 significant atmospheric river and winter event. | H Approps | Barkis | |
| HB 2233 (Dead) (2SSB 5965) | Retail bags | Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments. | H Env & Energy | Parshley | Support |
| E2SHB 2251 | Climate commit. act accounts | Concerning climate commitment act accounts. | C 219 L 26 | Fitzgibbon | |
| SHB 2267 (Dead) | Urban forest management | Concerning urban forest management ordinances. | H Approps | Duerr | Support |
| 2SHB 2271 (Dead) (SB 6156) | Plastics/recycled content | Concerning postconsumer recycled content requirements for plastic products. | H Rules R | Berry | |

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| HB 2284 (Dead) | Litter reduction | Reducing litter. | H Env & Energy | Dye | |
| 2SHB 2421 (Dead) (SB 6119) | Tires/6PPD and substitutes | Concerning 6PPD and regrettable 6PPD substitutes in tires. | H Rules R | Hall | |
| HB 2633 (Dead) (SB 6271) | Mattress producer resp. | Concerning mattress producer responsibility organizations. | H Env & Energy | Hall | Support |
| SB 5519 (Dead) (HB 1652) | Ocean vessels/environment | Reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels. | S Environment, E | Lovelett | |
| SB 5896 (Dead) | Water quality pollution | Modifying the standards for determining water quality pollution. | S Environment, E | Short | |
| 2SSB 5965 (Dead) (HB 2233) | Retail bags | Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments. | S Rules 2 | Bateman | Support |
| SB 6030 (Dead) | Plastic carryout bags | Repealing restrictions and fees on plastic carryout bags. | S Environment, E | Braun | |
| SB 6119 (Dead) (2SHB 2421) | Tires/6PPD and substitutes | Concerning 6PPD and regrettable 6PPD substitutes in tires. | S Environment, E | Lias | Support |
| SB 6156 (Dead) (2SHB 2271) | Plastics/recycled content | Concerning postconsumer recycled content requirements for plastic products. | S Environment, E | Lovelett | |
| SB 6271 (Dead) (HB 2633) | Mattress producer resp. | Concerning mattress producer responsibility organizations. | S Environment, E | Hunt | Support |

Health - Physical and Behavioral Health

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|--|------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------|----------|
| E2SHB 1218 (Dead) | Competency eval. & restor. | Concerning persons referred for competency evaluation and restoration services. | H Civil R & Judi | Farivar | |
| EHB 1574 (Dead) | Substance use/care, services | Protecting access to life-saving care and substance use services. | H Rules 3C | Macri | |
| ESHB 2168 (Dead) (SSB 5933) | Overdose mapping information | Facilitating the rapid sharing of overdose mapping information for overdose prevention. | S Passed 3rd | Manjarrez | |
| HB 2286 (Dead) (SB 6060) | Social worker licensure | Concerning alternative routes to social worker licensure. | H Postsec Ed & W | Rule | |
| HB 2383 (Dead) | Involuntary treatment act | Concerning the involuntary treatment act. | H Civil R & Judi | Walsh | |
| SHB 2439 (Dead) | Tobacco product policy | Enhancing public health by modifying cigarette, vapor product, and tobacco product policy. | H Approps | Reeves | |

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| SSB 5762 (Dead) | 988 crisis hotline | Increasing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax. | S Rules X | Orwall | |
| SSB 5933 (Dead) (ESHB 2168) | Overdose mapping information | Facilitating the rapid sharing of overdose mapping information for overdose prevention. | S Rules X | Riccelli | |
| SB 6060 (Dead) (HB 2286) | Social worker licensure | Concerning alternative routes to social worker licensure. | S Health & Long- | Orwall | |
| SSB 6296 (Dead) | Involuntary treatment | Concerning involuntary treatment. | S Ways & Means | Salomon | |

Housing & Homelessness

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
|---|------------------------------|--|------------|------------|----------|
| SHB 1380 (Dead) | Public property regulations | Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property. | H Housing | Gregerson | |
| 2SHB 1443 (Dead) (SSB 5332) | Mobile dwellings | Concerning mobile dwellings. | H Rules X | Gregerson | Oppose |
| ESHB 1717 (Dead) (SB 5591) | Affordable housing/sales tax | Creating a sales and use tax remittance program for affordable housing. | H Rules 3C | Leavitt | Support |
| HB 1763 (Dead) (ESSB 5576) | Affordable housing funding | Providing state funding for essential affordable housing programs. | H Finance | Parshley | |
| 2SHB 1859 (Dead) (SB 5885) | Housing dev./religious orgs. | Expanding opportunities for affordable housing developments on properties owned by religious organizations. | C 2 L 26 | Salahuddin | Support |
| SHB 1867 (Dead) | Affordable housing REET | Allowing counties or cities to impose a real estate excise tax for the purpose of developing affordable housing, subject to the will of the voters. | H Finance | Ramel | |
| E2SHB 1974 (SSB 6214) | Land banking authorities | Establishing land banking authorities. | C 233 L 26 | Hill | |
| ESHB 2238 | Statewide food security | Concerning statewide food security. | C 83 L 26 | Reeves | Support |
| HB 2265 (Dead) | Extreme heat/tenants | Protecting tenants from periods of extreme heat. | H Housing | Mena | |
| ESHB 2266 (SSB 6069) | Supportive & emerg. housing | Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters. | C 232 L 26 | Peterson | |
| HB 2304 | Condominium warranties | 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. | C 7 L 26 | Taylor | Support |

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| HB 2346 (Dead) | Middle housing/perf. codes | Concerning performance-based building codes for middle housing. | H Local Govt | Duerr | |
| HB 2559 (Dead) | Affordable housing funding | Providing a local government option for the funding of essential affordable housing programs. | H Approps | Parshley | |
| E2SSB 5496 (Dead) (HB 1732) | Home buying by entities | Preserving homeownership options by limiting excessive home buying by certain entities. | S Rules 3 | Alvarado | |
| ESSB 5576 (Dead) (HB 1763) | Affordable housing funding | Providing a local government option for the funding of essential affordable housing programs. | S Ways & Means | Lovelett | |
| SSB 5647 (Dead) | Affordable housing/REET | Providing a real estate excise tax exemption for the sale of qualified affordable housing. | S Rules 3 | Alvarado | |
| SB 5659 (Dead) | Housing shortage/local share | Eliminating each local government's proportional share of Washington's housing shortage. | S Ways & Means | Goehner | Oppose |
| SSB 5884 (Dead) | Underutilized property/tax | Expanding the limited sales and use tax incentive program to encourage redevelopment of underutilized property. | S Ways & Means | Riccelli | Support |
| SB 5885 (Dead) (2SHB 1859) | Housing dev./religious orgs. | Expanding opportunities for affordable housing developments on properties owned by religious organizations. | S Housing | Riccelli | Support |
| E2SSB 6027 (HB 2359) | Affordable housing funding | Modifying requirements and allowed uses for certain funding related to providing and maintaining affordable housing and related services. | C 230 L 26 | Alvarado | Support |
| SB 6256 (Dead) | Unoccupied housing/tax | Concerning tax exemptions for unoccupied property used for affordable housing that is owned by a nonprofit entity. | S Rules X | Slatter | |

Immigration and Detention

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
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| 2SHB 2105 (SSB 5852) | Immigrant workers | Concerning immigrant worker protections. | C 240 L 26 | Ortiz-Self | Support |
| HB 2173 (Dead) (SSB 5855) | Law enf. face coverings | Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. | H Community Safe | Cortes | Support |
| HB 2332 (Dead) (ESSB 6002) | Driver privacy | Concerning driver privacy protections. | H Civil R & Judi | Salahuddin | Support |
| HB 2464 (Dead) | Private detention/reports | Concerning reporting requirements and law enforcement responses for incidents at private detention facilities. | H Rules 3C | Ortiz-Self | Support |
| HB 2547 (Dead) (SSB 6080) | Federal custody contracts | Concerning contracts between the United States and county and municipal jails for committing or | H Community Safe | Stonier | |

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| | | confining individuals in federal custody. | | | |
| SHB 2597 (Dead) | Immigration enforcement | Concerning remedies for violations of federal constitutional rights occurring during immigration enforcement. | H Rules R | Thai | Support |
| HB 2641 (Dead) | Law enforcement hiring | Prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from hiring certain federal employees. | H Community Safe | Simmons | |
| SHB 2648 (Dead) | Immigration enf. interaction | Concerning state and local law enforcement interactions with federal immigration enforcement officials. | H Approps | Fosse | Support |
| SSB 5852 (Dead) (2SHB 2105) | Immigrant workers | Concerning immigrant worker protections. | S Ways & Means | Saldana | Support |
| SSB 5855 (HB 2173) | Law enf. face coverings | Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. | C 115 L 26 | Valdez | Support |
| ESSB 5906 (Dead) | Data and personal safety | Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents. | S Rules 3 | Hansen | Support |
| ESSB 6002 (HB 2332) | Driver privacy | Concerning driver privacy protections. | C 239 L 26 | Trudeau | Support |
| SSB 6080 (Dead) (HB 2547) | Federal custody contracts | Concerning contracts between the United States and county and municipal jails for committing or confining individuals in federal custody. | S Rules 3 | Cleveland | |
| SB 6109 (Dead) | Private detention/investment | Prohibiting investment of funds under management by the state investment board in private detention facilities. | S Ways & Means | Trudeau | Support |
| SSB 6286 (Dead) | Detention facility fines/DOH | Concerning the state's ability to fine private detention facilities that deny entry to the department of health for an inspection. | S Ways & Means | Orwall | Support |

Jobs

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
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| SHB 1406 (Dead) (ESSB 5677) | Associate development orgs | Concerning associate development organizations. | H Rules X | Barnard | Support |
| ESHB 1551 (Dead) | Cannabis social equity prg. | Extending the cannabis social equity program. | H Rules X | Reeves | |
| HB 2264 | Unemployment ins./layoffs | Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for workers separated from employment as a result of employer-initiated layoffs or workforce reductions. | C 150 L 26 | Berry | |

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| 2SHB 2345 | Paid leave contributions | Concerning contributions in the state paid family and medical leave program. | C 26 L 26 | Schmidt | |
| 2SSB 5292 | Family & medical leave rates | Concerning paid family and medical leave rates. | C 104 L 26 | Conway | |
| SSB 6289 (Dead) | Economic dev. strategic plan | Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan. | S Rules 3 | Kauffman | |

Planning

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position |
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| SHB 1160 (Dead) | Local gov. design review | Concerning local government design review. | H Rules X | Walen | Concerns |
| E2SHB 1175 (Dead) | Small businesses/residential | Allowing small business establishments in residential zones. | H Rules 3C | Klicker | Concerns |
| 2SHB 1195 (Dead) (SB 5497) | Housing & shelters | Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters. | H Rules X | Peterson | |
| SHB 1254 (Dead) | Wildland urban interface | Implementing the International Wildland Urban Interface Code. | H Rules X | Duerr | |
| HB 2201 (Dead) | Urban growth area planning | Standardizing city and county planning and development regulations with an urban growth area. | H Local Govt | Parshley | |
| SHB 2228 (SSB 6001) | Scissor stairs | Concerning scissor stair regulations in the state building code. | C 4 L 26 | Zahn | |
| SHB 2381 (Dead) | Low-rise res. buildings | Concerning performance-based building codes for low-rise residential buildings. | H Rules R | Duerr | |
| E2SHB 2418 | Permit review | Concerning permit review processes. | C 235 L 26 | Duerr | |
| HB 2459 (Dead) | Schools outside UGAs | Concerning siting schools outside of an urban growth area. | H Local Govt | Callan | |
| HB 2480 (Dead) (E2SSB 6026) | Residential dev./zones | Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones. | H Local Govt | Street | |
| 2SHB 2517 (Dead) (SSB 6309) | High cap. transit permits | Providing for enhanced municipal permitting tools for high capacity transit projects. | H Rules R | Fitzgibbon | |
| HB 2701 (Dead) | Land use development | Concerning land use development. | H Local Govt | Barkis | |
| HB 2702 (Dead) | Short plat threshold | Increasing the short plat threshold. | H Local Govt | Zahn | |
| SSB 5249 (Dead) | Kit home siting | Concerning siting kit homes. | S Rules X | Wilson | |
| 2SSB 5609 (Dead) | Cultural resources/land use | Regarding cultural resource protection for certain land use activities that are categorically exempt from the state environmental policy act. | S Rules X | Kauffman | |

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| E2SSB 5613 (Dead) | Residential development | Concerning the development of clear and objective standards, conditions, and procedures for residential development. | S Ways & Means | Salomon | Concerns |
| SSB 5633 (Dead) | Subdivision of land | Concerning the subdivision of land. | S Ways & Means | Lovelett | Concerns |
| ESSB 5719 (Dead) | Local gov. hearing examiners | Concerning local government hearing examiners. | S Loc Gov | Salomon | |
| SSB 5729 (Dead) | Housing permitting | Encouraging construction of affordable housing by streamlining the permitting process. | S Rules 3 | Gildon | |
| E2SSB 6026 (HB 2480) | Residential dev./zones | Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones. | C 236 L 26 | Alvarado | |
| SSB 6069 (Dead) (ESHB 2266) | Supportive & emerg. housing | Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters. | S Rules X | Alvarado | |
| SSB 6096 (Dead) | Delayed utility conn. fees | Concerning delayed utility connection fees for residential construction. | S Rules X | Goehner | |
| SB 6154 (Dead) | Culvert replacement permits | Concerning local government permits for replacing existing culverts. | S Loc Gov | Salomon | |
| SB 6181 (Dead) | City incorporation | Concerning city incorporation. | S Loc Gov | Conway | |
| SSB 6234 (Dead) | Sewage grinder pumps | Regulating sewage grinder pumps for new residential buildings. | S Rules X | Liias | |
| SB 6274 (Dead) | Street standards | Concerning street standards and frontage improvement requirements. | S Rules X | Salomon | |
| SB 6279 (Dead) | Wildland urban interface | Implementing the International Wildland Urban Interface Code. | S Loc Gov | Lovelett | |
| SSB 6309 (2SHB 2517) | High cap. transit permits | Providing for enhanced municipal permitting tools for high capacity transit projects. | C 166 L 26 | Liias | |

Safety

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| SHB 1101 (Dead) | Vehicular homicide offenses | Concerning vehicular homicide offenses. | H Rules R | Jacobsen | |
| HB 1152 (Dead) | Firearm storage | Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences. | H Rules X | Doglio | |
| SHB 1178 (Dead) | Sentencing enhancements | Concerning sentencing enhancements. | H Rules C | Goodman | |
| SHB 1317 (Dead) | Sentences/offenses before 21 | Concerning persons serving long sentences for offenses committed prior to reaching 21 years of age. | H Approps | Hackney | |
| 2SHB 1399 (Dead) (SB 5364) | Sheriffs, chiefs, etc. | Modernizing, harmonizing, and clarifying laws concerning sheriffs, | H Community Safet | Goodman | |

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| | | chiefs, marshals, and police matrons. | | | |
| HB 1400 (Dead) (SB 5224) | Officer certification | Concerning officer certification definitions, processes, and commissioning. | H Rules X | Goodman | |
| 2SHB 1592 (Dead) (SB 5404) | Public defense services | Concerning public defense services. | H Rules R | Peterson | Support |
| HB 2162 (Dead) | Public interest law grants | Establishing a public interest law grant program and a business and occupation tax credit for approved contributions to the program account. | H Civil R & Judi | Richards | |
| HB 2163 (Dead) (SB 5913) | Public defense caseloads | Clarifying public defense caseload standards for local jurisdictions. | H Civil R & Judi | Richards | |
| ESHB 2165 (SB 5876) | Peace officer false ident. | Concerning false identification as a peace officer. | C 114 L 26 | Obras | Support |
| HB 2173 (Dead) (SSB 5855) | Law enf. face coverings | Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. | H Community Safe | Cortes | Support |
| SHB 2174 (Dead) (E2SSB 6066) | Crash prevention zones | Establishing accident risk zones. | H Transportation | Klicker | |
| ESHB 2192 (SSB 6131) | Roadway fatalities | Updating the role of the Washington traffic safety commission in identifying the risk factors that lead to roadway fatalities. | C 152 L 26 | Low | |
| HB 2209 (Dead) | Stolen property/sentencing | Concerning sentencing enhancements for theft offenses, robbery, possessing stolen property, and trafficking stolen property. | H Community Safe | Leavitt | |
| HB 2213 (Dead) | Metal property | Addressing theft and vandalism involving metal property. | H ConsPro&Bus | Ryu | |
| HB 2216 (Dead) | Emergency response | Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington. | H Tech, Econ Dev | Parshley | |
| HB 2217 (Dead) | Rehabilitative pathways | Concerning rehabilitative pathways for persons charged with certain felony offenses who have no prior felony convictions in adult criminal court. | H Community Safe | Farivar | |
| SHB 2220 (Dead) | CJTC oversight | Concerning state oversight and accountability of the criminal justice training commission. | H Approps | Leavitt | |
| HB 2332 (Dead) (ESSB 6002) | Driver privacy | Concerning driver privacy protections. | H Civil R & Judi | Salahuddin | Support |

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| HB 2349 (Dead) | Sexually violent predators | Providing community notification regarding the release or discharge of sexually violent predators. | H Community Safe | Leavitt | |
| SHB 2351 (Dead) | Emergency response | Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington. | H Rules X | Parshley | |
| SHB 2374 (Dead) | Electric motorcycle, bicycle | Concerning electric-assisted bicycle and electric motorcycle regulation. | H Rules 3C | Zahn | |
| SHB 2489 (Dead) | Public space/local use laws | Establishing statewide standards for when local governments may enforce laws regulating the use of public space for life-sustaining activities. | H Rules R | Gregerson | |
| ESHB 2508 | Office of independent inves. | 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. | C 174 L 26 | Entenman | |
| HB 2531 (SB 6102) | Quality assurance fee | Aligning the quality assurance fee for the ambulance transport fund with federal regulations. | C 31 L 26 | Stuebe | |
| HB 2629 (Dead) (SSB 6190) | Critical infrastructure | Protecting critical infrastructure. | H ConsPro&Bus | Rule | |
| HB 2644 (Dead) | Law enf. body worn cameras | Concerning the use of body worn cameras by law enforcement officers. | H Civil R & Judi | Simmons | |
| SSB 5067 (Dead) | Impaired driving | Concerning impaired driving. | S Rules 3 | Lovick | |
| ESB 5068 (Dead) | Public employ. eligibility | 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. | C 103 L 26 | Lovick | Support |
| ESSB 5071 (Dead) | Synthetic opioids/endanger. | Updating the endangerment with a controlled substance statute. | S Rules 3 | Braun | |
| E2SSB 5098 (Dead) | Weapons in certain areas | Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. | S Rules 3 | Valdez | Support |
| ESSB 5156 (Dead) | Elevators/smaller apartments | Concerning elevator standards in smaller apartment buildings. | C 145 L 26 | Salomon | |
| SSB 5238 (Dead) | Reckless driving, speed | Addressing reckless driving in cases involving excessive speed. | S Rules X | Muzzall | |

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| 2ESSB 5268 (Dead) | Unlawful firearm possession | Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense. | S Rules 3 | Wagoner | |
| ESB 5775 (Dead) | Public safety/local tax | Expanding local taxing authority to fund public safety and community protection focused programs and services. | S Ways & Means | Slatter | |
| SB 5846 (Dead) | Sex offender placements | Providing community notification and protection for less restrictive alternative placements for sex offenders in the community. | S Human Services | Fortunato | |
| SB 5854 (Dead) (HB 2533) | Sexually violent predators | Modifying procedures for releasing sexually violent predators to less restrictive alternative placements. | S Human Services | Schoesler | |
| SSB 5855 (HB 2173) | Law enf. face coverings | Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. | C 115 L 26 | Valdez | Support |
| SB 5876 (Dead) (ESHB 2165) | Peace officer false ident. | Concerning false identification as a peace officer. | S Law & Justice | Cortes | Support |
| ESB 5890 (Dead) | Reckless driving, speed | Addressing reckless driving in cases involving excessive speed. | S Rules 3 | Muzzall | |
| ESSB 5912 (Dead) | Indigent defense task force | Reinstating the indigent defense task force. | S Rules 3 | Torres | |
| SB 5913 (Dead) (HB 2163) | Public defense caseloads | Clarifying public defense caseload standards for local jurisdictions. | S Law & Justice | Torres | |
| SB 5914 (Dead) | Public defense services | Concerning public defense services. | S Law & Justice | Torres | |
| 2SSB 5974 | Local law enforcement | Modernizing and strengthening laws concerning sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, law enforcement agency volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and police matrons. | Del to Gov | Lovick | Support |
| ESSB 6002 (HB 2332) | Driver privacy | Concerning driver privacy protections. | C 239 L 26 | Trudeau | Support |
| SB 6102 (Dead) (HB 2531) | Quality assurance fee | Aligning the quality assurance fee for the ambulance transport fund with federal regulations. | S Rules 3 | Muzzall | |
| SSB 6190 (Dead) (HB 2629) | Critical infrastructure | Protecting critical infrastructure. | S Rules X | Orwall | |
| SB 6352 (Dead) | Transportation resources | Concerning transportation resources. | S Transportation | Liias | Concerns |

Uncategorized Bills

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| ESHB 1113 (Dead) | Misdemeanor dismissal | Concerning accountability and access to services for individuals charged with a misdemeanor. | H Community Safet | Farivar | Concerns |
| SHB 1198 (Dead) (ESSB 5167) | Operating budget | Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations. | H Rules X | Ormsby | |
| SHB 1202 (Dead) (SSB 5194) | State gen. obligation bonds | Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts. | H Rules X | Tharinger | |
| SHB 1216 (Dead) (SSB 5195) | Capital budget | Concerning the capital budget. | H Rules X | Tharinger | |
| SHB 1227 (Dead) (ESSB 5161) | Transportation budget | Making transportation appropriations. | H Rules X | Fey | |
| SHB 2289 (Dead) (ESSB 5998) | Operating budget, supp. | Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. | H Rules R | Ormsby | |
| SHB 2295 (Dead) (SSB 6003) | Capital budget, supplemental | Concerning the capital budget. | H Rules R | Tharinger | |
| SHB 2306 (Dead) (ESSB 6005) | Transportation budget, supp. | Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium. | H Rules R | Fey | |
| ESSB 5998 (Dead) (SHB 2289) | Operating budget, supp. | Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. | Del to Gov | Robinson | |
| SSB 6003 (SHB 2295) | Capital budget, supplemental | Concerning the capital budget. | Del to Gov | Trudeau | |
| SB 6148 (Dead) | RTA bond issues maximum term | Modifying the maximum terms of regional transit authority bond issues. | S Rules 3 | Liias | Support |
| SSB 6225 (Dead) | Transportation funding bonds | Authorizing bonds for transportation funding. | Del to Gov | Liias | |