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## Weekly Overview

The 2019 Washington State Legislature is deep into budget season. Both the House and Senate have passed their respective budgets and are moving toward negotiations, including alignment of funding priorities and consideration of new revenue sources.

In terms of the legislative calendar, April 3<sup>rd</sup> was the last day for policy committees to pass out bills from the opposite chamber. Next week also includes a major cutoff date, April 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day for fiscal committees to pass out bills from the opposite chamber. This cutoff is closely followed by April 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the last day for each chamber to consider opposite house bills. As always, there are exceptions, such as matters necessary to implement the budget. And, of course, any bill can come back to life under certain circumstances.

### Budget

Tasked during odd-years with drafting, negotiating, and adopting the next biennium's operating, capital and transportation budgets, the Legislature's workload is heavy for the 105-day long session. So far this year, lawmakers remain optimistic that they will finish their work by the scheduled April 28<sup>th</sup> sine die date for the 2019 session.

*Operating Budget Proposal:* Over the 2019-2021 biennium, the original House operating budget proposal spent \$600 million more than the original Senate's \$52.2 billion proposal. On March 29<sup>th</sup> the House budget ([ESHB 1109](#)) passed by a count of 56-38. On April 4<sup>th</sup> the Senate passed its version ([ESHB 1109 as amended by the Senate](#)) by a vote of 31-17.

*Capital Budget Proposal:* On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the House unanimously passed (4 excused) its 2019-21 biennium capital budget proposal ([SHB 1102](#)). The bill headed to the Senate and on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Senate Ways & Means passed its version of the capital budget proposal ([SHB 1102 as amended by the Senate](#)). It is now waiting to be called to the Senate floor for a vote.

*Transportation Budget Proposal:* The House budget proposal ([ESHB 1160](#)) was passed (90-5, 3 excused) with strong bipartisan support on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Senate's version of the 2019-21 biennium transportation budget proposal ([ESHB 1160 as amended by the Senate](#)) was approved 47-0 on April 4. The two nearly \$10 billion 2019-21 biennium transportation proposals are similar. The House version includes a new revenue source (moving up vehicle weight fees to start earlier than the current schedule) and the Senate's does not. The revenue from the weight fees would be dedicated to fixing fish culverts.

### Revenue

Both the House and Senate operating budget proposals rely on new revenue sources, such as a graduated real estate excise tax (REET), elimination of certain tax preferences and changes in the business and occupation (B&O) tax for certain businesses. The House budget also relies upon a capital gains tax.

*Capital Gains & REET:* On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the House Finance Committee held a public hearing on its capital gains income tax and REET reform proposal ([HB 2156](#)). This bill was scheduled for executive action on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Senate also has a capital gains tax proposal ([PSSB 5961](#)), but the revenue proposal is not tied to the Senate budget. Instead, it would be used to provide tax relief in varying forms as a way to create a "more fair" tax system in Washington State. This bill has a public hearing on April 8 in Senate Ways & Means. The Senate budget does rely upon a graduated REET ([SB 5998](#)) that has an April 8<sup>th</sup> public hearing.

*Eliminating Tax Preferences:* Legislation ([HB 2157](#)) updating Washington's tax structure by eliminating certain tax preferences received an April 4 public hearing in the House Finance Committee. It was scheduled for executive action on April 5. The Senate bill addressing tax preference elimination ([SB 5997](#)) for eliminating a non-resident sales tax exemption, a preferential rate for tour operators and a preferential B&O tax rate for prescription drug resellers. This bill is scheduled for a public hearing in Senate Ways & Means on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Business & Occupation Tax:* Legislation ([HB 2158](#)) increasing the B&O tax for certain businesses was scheduled for executive action, but none was taken. It was scheduled for executive action on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

- April 9, 2019                      Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
- April 17, 2019\*\*                Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
- April 28, 2019                    Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

\*\* After the 94th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

## Education

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Child care/higher education</b></p> <p><a href="#">2SHB 1303</a></p> <p>Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to exempt certain full-time students from work requirements for Working Connections Child Care program benefits. This bill passed out of the House with a vote of 90-6 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Early Learning &amp; K-12 Education Committee and awaits action in the Ways and Means Committee.</p>	S Ways & Means	Shewmake
<p><b>Child care access work group</b></p> <p><a href="#">2SHB 1344</a> <a href="#">(SB 5436)</a></p> <p>Directs the Department of Commerce to contract for a regional assessment of the child care industry to be completed by July 1, 2020. Requires the Child Care Collaborative Task Force (CCCTF) to develop a child care cost estimate model to determine the full costs providers would incur when providing high quality child care, including recommended teacher-child ratios based on research and best practice. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 72-24 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Early Learning &amp; K-12 Education Committee and is in Ways &amp; Means.</p>	S Ways & Means	Reeves
<p><b>Early achievers program</b></p>	S Ways & Means	Senn

[E2SHB 1391](#)  
(2SSB 5484)

Adjusts rating levels and associated deadlines for participants in the Early Achievers (EA) program. Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to adopt policies related to providing incentives and removing barriers for child care and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program providers participating in the EA program. Establishes a Cost of Child Care Regulations Work Group. This bill was voted out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee and awaits executive action in the Ways & Means Committee.

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**Vuln. children ed. opport.**

S Ways & Means Reeves

[SHB 1791](#)  
(SSB 5851)

Modifies the use of the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability (PSTA) account to include facilities and programs for children and youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations and to start endowments to support improving educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. HB 1791 passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 64-33. In the Senate, the bill awaits executive action in the Ways & Means Committee.

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**Day care prof dev compliance**

S Rules 2 Dent

[HB 1866](#)

DCYF must allow all child day care centers until at least August 1, 2024, to comply with any changes made to the professional development requirements. Professional development means any professional credentials including academic degrees, coursework, or certificates, attendance at conferences, informal learning, or other education required for licensure by DCYF. This bill was voted out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.

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**K-12 education funding**

H Approps Sullivan

[HB 2140](#)

K-12 Education Funding Act: This is the House's vehicle for K-12 education funding. In its current form, this bill would change the current school district levy lid from the lesser of \$2,500 per pupil or \$1.50 per \$1,000AV to: 20% of the district's state and federal levy base in the prior school year; or the lesser of \$3,000/pupil or \$1.50/\$1,000AV. This bill also contains a proposal for the special education multiple which is adjusted to .9925.

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**Workforce education**

H Finance Hansen

[HB 2158](#)

Establishes a Legislative Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight Board. Establishes the Washington College Grant Program, the Washington Student Loan Program, and a career connected learning cross-agency work group and grant program. Makes changes to the Working Connections Child Care Program and the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship. Imposes a 20 percent business and occupation (B&O) surcharge on the income from service and other activities of select businesses. Imposes a 33.33 percent B&O surcharge on the income from service and other activities of advanced computing businesses with revenue of more than \$25 billion but less than \$100 billion. Imposes a 66.66 percent B&O surcharge on the income from service and other activities of advanced computing businesses with revenue of more than \$100 billion. Establishes a Workforce Education Investment Account. Makes biennial operating budget appropriations for the 2019-21 biennium. The bill was scheduled for executive session but no action was taken.

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**Early learning access**

H Approps Wellman

[SSB 5089](#)

Allows mid-year enrollment of income-eligible 3 year olds in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) who have received Early Head Start, Early Support for Infants and Toddlers, or Birth to Three ECEAP pilot project services. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 48-0 (1 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of its policy and fiscal committee. The bill has been

amended to add requirements for a nonentitled child to have a family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level or to meet a risk factor criterion adopted by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families in order to be allowed mid-year enrollment in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and adds participation in the Birth to Three ECEAP, if such a program is established, as qualifying a child for mid-year enrollment when other criteria are met.

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<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5091</u></a>	<b>Special education funding</b>	H Approps	Wellman
	Would increase the special education excess cost multiplier from the current 0.9609 to 1.00. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 9th with a vote of 46-0 (3 excused). In the House the bill has moved out of the Education Committee and needs to be exec'd out of the Appropriations Committee.		
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5313</u></a>	<b>K-12 education</b>	S Rules 2	Wellman
	Changes the levy lid from the lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil to the lesser of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil for school districts with fewer than 9,600 FTE students. Changes the levy lid from the lesser of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$2,500 per pupil to the lesser of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$3,000 per pupil for school districts with 9,600 FTE students or more. At 1:30am on Wednesday (April 3rd) morning, the Senate Ways & Means Committee debated and passed 5313. This bill would lift the lid on local school district levies imposed as part of the McCleary fix in 2017. During executive session, two amendments were attached to the bill that would restrict collective bargaining and provide funding for charter schools.		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5327</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SHB 1336)</u></a>	<b>Career connected learning</b>	H Approps	Wellman
	Creates a multi-agency work group to coordinate career connected learning (CCL) opportunities, collect data, provide recommendations, and perform other duties. Creates a competitive grant program to support regional networks and program intermediaries in expanding CCL opportunities. Requires school districts to be funded up to 1.2 full-time equivalents for students in certain CCL programs, subject to amounts appropriated. Requires the institutions of higher education to have CCL coordinators to engage faculty and institutional leadership in expanding the number of certain CCL programs, subject to amounts appropriated. The bill will create high quality career connected learning opportunities and provide opportunities for people and communities that have been left out of career pathway experiences. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 45-3. In the House, the bill has moved out of the College & Workforce Development Committee and awaits a public hearing in the Appropriations Committee.		
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5437</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(2SHB 1351)</u></a>	<b>ECEAP eligibility</b>	H Approps	Wilson
	Expanding eligibility to the early childhood education and assistance program.  This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 47-1. In the House, the bill has moved out of the Human Services & Early Learning Committee and the Appropriations Committee. While in Committee, the bill was amended to (1) Allow the enrollment of a non-entitled child in ECEAP if the child has a family income: (a) Above 110% of the federal poverty level (FPL) but less than or equal to 130% of the FPL; or (b) Above 130% of the FPL but less than or equal to 200% of the FPL, and the child meets at least one risk factor criterion as adopted in rule by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF). (2) Remove status as an Indian child as a risk factor and removes the associated requirement for the DCYF to consult with tribes to adopt a definition of "Indian child" in rule for this purpose. (3) Require the DCYF to consult with federally recognized tribes to explore creating a pathway or funding stream within ECEAP to close the opportunity gap for tribal children and report recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2020.		

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(4) Remove the January 1, 2020, deadline for DCYF to begin planning for the Birth to Three ECEAP pilot. (5) Remove the requirement for DCYF to implement the Birth to Three ECEAP pilot in 10 locations.

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**Special education**

H Approps

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Concerning special education.

The bill passed out of the Senate on March 9th with a 46-0 vote (3 excused). Requires school districts and educational service districts to embed the best practices for differentiating instruction and learning activities to meet each student's individual needs in any professional development provided to general education teachers. Makes the Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) the lead agency responsible for providing information and training regarding the special education services and disability accommodations processes, subject to state funding. Requires recognition of schools with exemplary performance in serving students receiving special education services, as measured on the Washington Achievement Index. Provides that, if requested, a representative from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will attend the Individualized Education Program meetings of students in special education to assist with transition planning. Requires special education cooperatives to apply for program approval every five years. Tasks an advisory group with designing a coordinated and responsive system for meeting the needs of students with disabilities, and reporting recommendations to the Legislature. Allows five local education agencies to seek temporary waivers from certain laws in order to execute inclusive education implementation plans, and requires quarterly progress reports to the advisory group. Requires that the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) establish, by September 1, 2021, a technical assistance program on inclusive education practices and improving outcomes for students with disabilities. Directs the OSPI to identify, and report biennially on, meaningful indicators of progress toward eliminating, within 10 years, the most significant barriers to success and disparities in outcomes for students with disabilities or special needs.

[SSB 5532](#)

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**Student debt**

H Approps

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Enacts the Student Loan Relief and Reform Act. Creates the Washington Income Share Agreement Pilot Program. Establishes the Washington Student Loan Refinancing Program in which the state contracts with financial institutions to refinance student loans by buying down the interest rate or providing partial risk coverage. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 40-8 (1 excused). In the House, the bill moved out of the College & Workforce Development and awaits a hearing in the Appropriations Committee.

[2SSB 5774](#)

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**Vulnerable children/care**

H Approps

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Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to designate homeless children as a vulnerable population to allow eligibility and 12- month authorizations for Working Connections Child Care subsidies. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 11th with a vote of 45-3 (1 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the Human Services & Early Learning Committee and awaits referral to its fiscal committee. The bill has been amended: (1) Removes the requirement for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to designate homeless children as a vulnerable population pursuant to federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) rules. (2) Allows Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) eligibility for homeless families with household incomes at or below 85% of the state median income. (3) Requires the DCYF to allow homeless families a 12-month grace period in which to provide verification of employment or participation in approved program activities, or payment or payment plan arrangements for any outstanding copayment. (4) Limits families receiving a homeless grace period authorization to those who have not received such an authorization in the 12 months prior to the month of application or reapplication. (5) Requires, effective October 1, 2019, authorizations for WCCC for a minor parent meeting education requirements who has a household income at or below 85% of the state median income. The

[2SSB 5820](#)  
[\(SHB 1574\)](#)

minor parent must be considered his or her own household for this purpose. (6) Prohibits the DCYF from considering the availability of the other biological parent when authorizing care for minor parents or from requiring a copayment from a minor parent greater than the minimum copayment established in rule. (7) Allows the DCYF to designate children of minor parents as a vulnerable population pursuant to federal CCDF rules if necessary.

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<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5846</u></a> (HB 2104)	<b>International medical grads</b>	H Rules R	Saldaña
Creates the international medical graduate (IMG) work group to develop recommendations for the creation of an IMG assistance program. The bill passed out of the Senate on March 13th with a vote of 44-4 (1 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of its policy and fiscal committee and awaits action from the Rules Committee.			

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<a href="#"><u>SSB 5851</u></a> (SHB 1791)	<b>Vuln. children ed. oport.</b>	H Rules R	Frockt
The RTA counties' authorized uses of the PSTAA distributions are broadened. Permitted expenditures are expanded from "educational services" to improving education outcomes, including programs or facilities for children or youth that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations. The RTA counties may use PSTAA distributions to start endowments to provide support for improving education outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 42-2. In the House, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.			

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5991</u></a>	<b>Grad. real estate excise tax</b>	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
The bill would replace the current flat REET with a tiered system - with higher priced property having higher tax rates than lower priced property. The revenue generated would be divided between the Education Legacy Trust Account (~20 percent), the Public Works Assistance Account, the City-County Assistance Account, and the State General Fund.			

## Environment

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1110</u></a> (SB 5412)	S Transportation	Fitzgibbon
<b>Greenhouse gas/transp. fuels</b> This legislation will reduce carbon emissions and harmful tail pipe emissions, improve air quality, generate revenue for local utilities, and keep economic benefits from WA state produced bio fuels, in our state. Directs the Department of Ecology (ECY) to adopt a rule establishing a Clean Fuels Program (CFP) to limit the greenhouse gas emissions per unit of transportation fuel energy to 10 percent below 2017 levels by 2028 and 20 percent below 2017 levels by 2035. The bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 53-43 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and awaits executive action by the Transportation Committee.		

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<a href="#"><u>E3SHB 1257</u></a> (2SSB 5293)	<b>Energy efficiency</b>	S Ways & Means	Doglio
The bill establishes large commercial building performance standards; 2) natural gas energy efficiency targets; and 3) requirement for new buildings to be "EV-Ready". The bill passed out of the House on March 29th with a 55-37 vote. In the Senate, the bill received a public hearing in the Ways & Means Committee on April 5th.			



<p><b>Appliance efficiency</b></p> <p><a href="#">2SHB 1444</a> (2SSB 5115)</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: Ways &amp; Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>Repeals federally-preempted appliance efficiency and testing standards. Amends the state appliance efficiency and testing standards for certain state- covered appliances. Establishes new minimum efficiency and testing standards for certain appliances. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 57-41. In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Environment, Energy &amp; Technology Committee and is scheduled for executive action in the Ways &amp; Means Committee on April 8th.</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Morris</p>
<p><b>Transp. electrification</b></p> <p><a href="#">SHB 1512</a></p>	<p>Provides clear legislative authority for all utilities, public and private, to be able to offer incentive programs and services in electrification of transportation for its customers and rate payers. This bill will provide the clear authority language municipal and publicly-owned utilities have needed to be able to offer incentive programs in the electrification of transportation for its customers, including advertising programs to promote the utility's service, incentives or rebates. The bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 64-33 (1 excused). In the Senate, the bill is on second reading.</p>	<p>S 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Fey</p>
<p><b>Recycling</b></p> <p><a href="#">E2SHB 1543</a> (SSB 5545)</p>	<p>Establishes the Recycling Development Center within the Department of Ecology (ECY) to further the development of markets and processing for recycled commodities and products. Changes the distributions and uses of funds in the Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Litter Control Account. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 64-32 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Environment, Energy &amp; Technology Committee and awaits executive action in the Ways &amp; Means Committee.</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Mead</p>
<p><b>Product degradability</b></p> <p><a href="#">ESHB 1569</a></p>	<p>Restricts the labeling and marketing of the degradability of certain products, including plastic products, film bags, food service products, and film products. Empowers the Attorney General, cities, and counties to enforce marketing and labeling requirements. Establishes penalties for violations and a revolving account in the custody of the State Treasurer for state receipts of penalties, for use in enforcement of marketing and labeling requirements. The bill passed out of the House on March 11th with a vote of 60-37 (1 excused). In the Senate, the bill passed out of the Environment, Energy &amp; Technology Committee and awaits action in the Rules Committee.</p>	<p>S Rules 2</p>	<p>Ramos</p>
<p><b>Oil transportation safety</b></p> <p><a href="#">ESHB 1578</a> (SSB 5578)</p>	<p>Upcoming Events: Ways &amp; Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>Requires a tug escort in Rosario Strait and connected waterways to the east for laden oil tankers of between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons and for articulated tug-barges and certain towed waterborne vessels of at least 5,000 deadweight tons, beginning in 2020. Directs the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC), in consultation with the Department of Ecology (ECY), to adopt tug escort rules by 2025 addressing certain oil tankers of between 5,000 and 40,000 deadweight tons, articulated tug-barges, and towed waterborne vessels or barges of at least 5,000 deadweight tons operating in Puget Sound. Directs the ECY</p>	<p>S Ways &amp; Means</p>	<p>Lekanoff</p>

to develop and maintain a model to assess oil spill risks in Washington waters and the oil spill risk reduction potential of an emergency response towing vessel serving waterways located near the San Juan Islands. This bill passed out of the House with a vote of 70-28. In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Environment, Energy & Technology Committee and is scheduled for executive action in the Ways and Means Committee on April 8th.

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**Chinook abundance**

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Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm

[2SHB 1579](#)

Implements recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing chinook abundance. This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 59-39. In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks and is scheduled for executive action in the Ways & Means Committee on April 8th.

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**Single-use plastic straws**

H Rules R

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Prohibits food service establishments from providing single-use straws except upon customer request. Requires food service establishments that provide straws to provide plastic straws upon request to persons with disabilities. Preempts new local ordinances that restrict single-use plastic straws, beginning January 1, 2020. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 4th with a vote of 27-21 (1 excused). In the House, the bill awaits action by the Rules Committee.

[ESSB 5077](#)

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**Clean energy**

H Approps

Carlyle

This "100% clean electricity" legislation would transition Washington State to clean energy future by removing carbon emissions from the generation of electricity. If passed, the bill would require utilities to gradually transition away from fossil-fuel generated electricity. It includes a coal elimination deadline of 2025 and final clean grid deadline of 2045. The bill requires all electric utilities to eliminate from electric rates all costs associated with delivering electricity generated from coal-fired power plants by December 31, 2025; requires each electric utility to make all retail sales of electricity greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030; requires each electric utility to meet 100 percent of its retail electric load using non-emitting and renewable resources by January 1, 2045; establishes an administrative penalty equal to \$60 for each MWh for noncompliance with the three standards. This bill was voted out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 28-19 (2 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the Environment & Energy Committee, the Finance Committee, and now awaits executive action from the Appropriations Committee.

[E2SSB 5116](#)

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**Electrical net metering**

H Rules R

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Requires an electric utility to make conventional net metering available to eligible customer-generators on a first-come, first-served basis until the earlier of either June 30, 2029, or the first date upon which the cumulative generating capacity of net metering systems equals 4 percent of the utility's peak demand during 1996. Authorizes alternatives to conventional net metering. Requires certain electric and gas utilities to provide on any customer billing the total amount of kilowatt-hours of electricity consumed for the most recent 12-month period or other information that provides the customer with information regarding the customer's energy usage over a 12-month period. Requires the State Building Code Council to conduct a study of the State Building Code and adopt changes necessary to encourage greater use of renewable energy systems. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 4th with a vote of 29-19 (1 excused). In the House, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.

[E2SSB 5223](#)

(HB 1862)



<a href="#">ESSB 5323</a> <b>(2SHB 1205)</b>	<b>Plastic bags</b> Restricts the provision of single-use plastic carryout bags by retail establishments. Authorizes retail establishments to provide recycled content paper carryout bags and reusable bags made of film plastic that meet minimum performance and technical specifications, and establishes a per bag charge to be collected and retained by the retail establishment for those bags. Establishes restrictions related to the labeling of bags as "compostable." Preempts local governments from establishing local carryout bag ordinances. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 31-44 (4 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the Environment & Energy Committee and the Finance Committee.	H Finance	Das
<a href="#">E2SSB 5397</a> <b>(HB 1204)</b>	<b>Plastic packaging</b> Requires Department of Ecology (DOE) to hire a third party independent contractor to conduct a study on the amount and types of plastic, the management and disposal of plastic packaging in the state, identify alternatives to achieve certain goals for recycled packaging, and provide a report with findings and recommendations, including product stewardship, to the Legislature by October 31, 2020. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 48-0 (1 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the Environment & Energy Committee and awaits executive action by the Appropriations Committee.	H Approps	Rolfes
<a href="#">2SSB 5489</a>	<b>Environ. health disparities</b> Creates a task force to recommend strategies for state agencies to incorporate environmental justice principles into their responsibilities. Requires state agencies to adopt the cumulative impact analysis for the purposes of identifying highly impacted communities. Provides that the task force provide guidance to agencies, the Legislature, and the Governor regarding how to use the cumulative impact analysis for designating highly impacted communities. Requires the Department of Health to initiate a process to develop model policies for implementing task force recommendations. Requires state agencies to submit a report on progress made towards reducing environmental burdens and attaining environmental health targets. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 27-21 (1 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the State Government & Tribal Relations Committee and awaits executive action in the Appropriations Committee.	H Approps	Saldaña
<a href="#">2SSB 5577</a> <b>(2SHB 1580)</b>	<b>Orca whales/vessels</b> Increases the distance within which a vessel or other object may not approach a southern resident orca whale (orca). Establishes a speed limit of 7 knots within one-half of a nautical mile of an orca. Establishes commercial whale watching and alternate operator licenses, sets fees for the licenses, and requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to report on the license program. Directs the DFW to convene an independent science panel to analyze the most current and best available science regarding noise impacts to orcas by small vessels and whale watching vessels. Requires the topic of sustainable whale watching to be included in the statewide tourism marketing plan. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 7th with a vote of 46-3. In the House the bill has moved out of the Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Committee and awaits executive action in the Appropriations Committee.	H Approps	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5993</a>	<b>Model toxics control program</b> Changes the hazardous substance tax (HST) on petroleum products to a volumetric rate of \$2.52 per 42-gallon barrel. Replaces the existing Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) accounts with operating, capital and stormwater accounts; HST revenue will be allocated 43 percent for operating, 43 percent for capital and 14 percent for stormwater. Adjusts the volumetric rate each year by a fiscal growth factor. Specifies qualifying operating budget programs and capital budget projects for each account. Requires the	S Ways & Means	Frockt

Governor's proposed and enacted budgets to be accompanied by a report documenting the MTCA expenditures.

## General Government

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Personal delivery devices</b></p> <p><a href="#">ESHB 1325</a> (SSB 5378)</p> <p>Establishes a regulatory framework for the operation of personal delivery devices, which are automated devices intended to deliver property via sidewalks and crosswalks. The bill requires that the infractions issued to a personal delivery device be treated like a parking infraction. Requires that the registered agent and mailing address, along with a unique identification number, is on every personal delivery device. Provides that the registered agent is responsible for any traffic infraction. Updates the self-certification form to require that each device the eligible entity intends to operate in Washington be listed. Sets a fee of \$50 per device and directs DOL collect the fee and deposit it into the motor vehicle account. Provides that a personal delivery device may not be operated in Washington until it has been added to the list of devices in the self-certification and the fee has been paid. This bill passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote count of 94-3 (1 excused). In the House, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.</p>	S Rules 2	Kloba
<p><b>Municipal B&amp;O tax apportionment.</b></p> <p><a href="#">SHB 1403</a></p> <p>Modifies the apportionment formula for local business and occupation tax. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.</p>	S Rules 2	Frame
<p><b>Broadband service</b></p> <p><a href="#">3SHB 1498</a> (2SSB 5511)</p> <p>Creates the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office. Requires the Public Works Board to establish a competitive grants and loans program for broadband. Authorizes public utility districts to temporarily provide retail Internet services. Authorizes port districts to provide wholesale Internet services outside of the district. Modifies and extends the Universal Communications Services program. This bill passed out of the House on March 8th with a vote of 95-1 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Environment, Energy &amp; Technology and awaits executive action in the Ways &amp; Means Committee.</p>	S Ways & Means	Hudgins
<p><b>Collective bargaining/dues</b></p> <p><a href="#">SHB 1575</a> (SSB 5623)</p> <p>Provides that public employers and public employee organizations are not liable in claims or causes of action for deducted union fees that were permitted by law and deducted before the Janus v. AFSCME decision. Removes provisions in state law authorizing union security clauses in collective bargaining agreements. Provides procedures for authorizing the deduction of union dues from an employee's pay and for the revocation of such authorization. Modifies the showing of interest required for certification of an exclusive bargaining representative by cross-check for certain public employees. This bill passed out of the House on March 11th with a vote of 57-41. In the Senate, the bill has moved out of the Labor &amp; Commerce Committee and awaits action in the Rules Committee.</p>	S 2nd Reading	Stonier

<a href="#"><u>HB 1743</u></a> (SSB 5766)	<p><b>Prevailing rate of wages</b></p> <p>Provides that prevailing wage rates for residential construction are established by wage and hour surveys, unless survey information is insufficient. Provides for interim rates pending the establishment of rates based on surveys. The House concurred with the Senate amendments on April 4th.</p>	H Passed FP	Ormsby
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1839</u></a> (SB 5813)	<p><b>Arena projects/taxes</b></p> <p>Requiring eligible arena projects to fully pay the state and local sales tax within ten years of commencing construction. Passed House: 3/11/19, 94-4.</p>	S Ways & Means	Sullivan
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1847</u></a>	<p><b>Aircraft noise abatement</b></p> <p>Expands the dimensions of existing impacted areas established to alleviate and abate the impact of aircraft noise on areas surrounding an airport. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 55-41 (2 excused). In the Senate, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.</p>	S Rules 2	Pellicciotti
<a href="#"><u>HB 1918</u></a>	<p><b>Community preservation auth.</b></p> <p>Adds definitions to clarify what a Community Preservation and Development Authority (CPDA) is. Adds that proposals for CPDAs after 2020 may include a revenue source with a nexus to land use decisions as well as publicly funded facilities. Changes the way the initial board of a newly created CPDA is formed— from a list of candidates submitted by a legislative delegation to direct appointment by that delegation. Authorizes the formation of a Central District CPDA within the city of Seattle. Passed House: 3/9/19, 96-0. In the Senate, the bill is on second reading.</p>	S 2nd Reading	Santos
<a href="#"><u>HB 2156</u></a>	<p><b>Taxes on asset sales, profit</b></p> <p>Imposes a 9.9 percent tax on Washington capital gains realized from the sale of long- term assets. Modifies the state real estate excise tax rate structure. Adds expenditures for early learning programs to authorized uses of Education Legacy Trust account moneys.</p>	H Finance	Jinkins
<a href="#"><u>HB 2157</u></a>	<p><b>Tax structure</b></p> <p>Eliminates tax preferences for sale of precious metals and bullion. Repeals the preferential business and occupation tax rate for travel agents and tour operators. Changes the nonresidential retail sales tax exemption to an annual remittance. Reauthorizes and expands the Tax Structure Work Group, created within the 2017-19 Operating Budget. Modifies income qualifying thresholds for the property tax exemption, valuation freeze, and deferral programs for low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and disabled veterans.</p>	H Finance	Tarleton
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5024</u></a>	<p><b>Local taxing districts</b></p> <p>Requires utility districts to disclose the specific rates of local taxes and how those rates are applied on each customer's billing statement: metropolitan municipal corporations; public utility districts; diking, drainage, and sewerage improvement districts; solid waste collection districts; solid waste disposal districts; water-sewer districts; and municipal utility districts. Disclosure requirements may be satisfied as part of a regular billing statement, by bill insert (mailer or other type of communication), or on a website, if written notice is provided to customers that such information is available online. Billing inserts or mailers must be issued on an annual basis, if no rate change has occurred during the previous 12 months, or within 30 days of the effective date of any subsequent rate change. This bill</p>	H Rules R	Hasegawa

passed out of the Senate on March 11th with a vote of 46-2 (1 excused). In the House, the bill awaits action by the Rules Committee.

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<b>Ballots, prepaid postage</b>	H Approps	Nguyen
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[SSB 5063](#)  
(HB 1209) Requires prepaid postage on return envelopes for all elections, with county costs for the postage to be reimbursed by the state. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote of 42-3 (4 excused). In the House, the bill has moved out of the State Government & Tribal Relations and awaits executive action in the Appropriations Committee.

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<b>Wrongful injury or death</b>	H Approps	Hasegawa
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[SSB 5163](#)  
(SHB 1135) Removes the requirements that second tier beneficiaries—parents and siblings—reside in the United States at the time of the decedent's death and be dependent on the decedent for financial support in order to recover in a wrongful death or survival action. Clarifies damages that may be recovered in wrongful death and survival causes of action. The bill was voted out of the Senate on March 5th with a vote 30-17. In the House, the bill has moved out of the Civil Rights & Judiciary and the Appropriations Committees.

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<b>Consumer data</b>	H Approps	Carlyle
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[2SSB 5376](#)  
(2SHB 1854) Requires controllers to facilitate requests to exercise consumer rights regarding access, correction, deletion, restriction of processing, data portability, and objection for targeted advertising. Requires controllers to conduct risk assessments under certain conditions. Specifies the thresholds a business must satisfy for the requirements set forth in this act to apply. Provides that violation of this act violates the Consumer Protection Act. Requires controllers using facial recognition for profiling to meet certain requirements. Prohibits the use of facial recognition technology by all state and local government agencies to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified individuals in public spaces unless in support of law enforcement or in an emergency. Requires the Office of Privacy and Data Protection to conduct an analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition technology. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 46-1. In the House, the bill has moved out of the Innovation, Technology & Economic Development and the Appropriations Committees.

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<b>Local government procurement</b>	H Rules R	Takko
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[ESSB 5418](#)  
(SHB 1359) Allows counties of any population to create a purchasing department. Allows counties and water-sewer districts to procure public works with a unit priced contract. Increases the small works roster process and limited public works project cost thresholds. Requires a municipality soliciting competitive bids for public works to disclose all bids received if requested by a bidder. Changes the date by which a bidder must protest to within two business days of when a municipality discloses all bids received or, if no request is made, bid opening. Increases public works contract thresholds for public utility districts, second class cities and towns, first class cities, and fire protection districts. Allows a second class city or town to award certain competitive public works contracts to a bid within 5 percent of the lowest bid until July 2022. Requires a Capital Projects Advisory Review Board study of local government public works contracting processes by November 1, 2020. Expires all provisions in the act on March 31, 2021. This bill was passed out of the Senate on March 8th with a vote of 45-3 (1 excused). In the House, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.

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<b>Broadband service</b>	H Approps	Wellman
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[2SSB 5511](#)  
(3SHB 1498) Creates the Governor's Statewide Broadband Office. Requires the Public Works Board to establish a competitive grants and loans program for broadband. Authorizes public utility districts (PUDs) to

temporarily provide retail Internet services. Authorizes port districts to provide wholesale Internet services outside of the district. Modifies and extends the Universal Communications Services program. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 47-0. In the House, the bill has moved out of the Innovation, Technology & Economic Development and Capital Budget Committees and awaits a public hearing in the Appropriations Committee.

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<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5740</u></a>	<b>Retirement savings program</b>	H Approps	Mullet
	Requires certain employers to automatically enroll its employees into an individual retirement account in the Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program at the Department of Commerce. Passed Senate: 3/08/19, 31-17. In the House, the bill awaits action in the Appropriations Committee.		

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<a href="#"><u>SSB 5861</u></a>	<b>Legislature/code of conduct</b>	H Rules R	Dhingra
	Directs the Public Disclosure Commission to create a training course for lobbyists on the legislative code of conduct. Requires notification of a lobbyist's clients if the lobbyist is suspended for a violation of the legislative code of conduct. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 6th with a vote of 29-18. In the House, the bill awaits action by the Rules Committee.		

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<a href="#"><u>SB 5961</u></a>	<b>WA tax structure</b>	S Ways & Means	Saldaña
	Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 4/8 @ 1:30 pm		
	This bill sponsored by seven Senate democrats would establish a capital gains tax.		

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## Health Care

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1039</u></a>	S Ways & Means	Pollet
<b>Opioid medications/schools</b> Requires high schools in school districts with over 2,000 students, and allows other public schools, to obtain and store opioid overdose medication to assist a person at risk for an opioid-related overdose. Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop opioid-related overdose guidelines and training requirements for public schools and school districts. Requires certain public institutions of higher education to develop a plan to maintain and administer opioid overdose medication in residence halls. Passed out of the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 20th and a public hearing was held in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on April 3rd.		
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1394</u></a> (2SSB 5431)	S Ways & Means	Schmick
<b>Behavioral health facilities</b> Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm Relates to behavioral health facilities and programs needed to ensure a continuum of care for behavioral health patients. Among other things, the bill requires HCA to assess community capacity to provide long-term inpatient care to involuntary patients and contract for such services to the extent that certified providers are available and requires DOH to license and certify intensive behavioral health treatment		

facilities, mental health peer respite centers, and to allow an enhanced rate to be paid to nursing homes that convert to assisted living or residential treatment facilities. The bill had a hearing in Senate Ways & Means on March 28th.

<a href="#">2SHB 1497</a> (SB 5732)	<b>Foundat. public health servs</b>	Del to Gov	Robinson
	Addresses the governmental public health system which is comprised of the department of health, state board of health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs. Requires funding for the governmental public health system to be restructured to support foundational public health services, and in restructuring, there must be efforts to reinforce current governmental public health system capacity and implement service delivery models allowing for system stabilization and transformation. Passed out of both the House and Senate and awaiting the signature of the Governor.		
<a href="#">E2SHB 1523</a> (ESSB 5526)	<b>Individual health ins market</b>	S Ways & Means	Cody
	Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm Requires the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to develop standardized health plans. The standardized plans must be designed to reduce deductibles, make more services available before the deductible, provide predictable cost sharing, maximize subsidies, limit adverse premium impacts, reduce barriers to maintaining and improving health, and encourage choice based on value, while limiting increases in health plan premium rates. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care		
<a href="#">SHB 1531</a> (SB 5530)	<b>Medical debt</b>	S Rules 2	Jenkins
	Lowers the prejudgment interest rate on medical debt and bans certain actions in supplemental proceedings related to medical debt. Amends the prohibited practices section of the Collection Agency Act with respect to medical debt. Prohibits health care providers and facilities from selling or assigning medical debt to any person licensed as a collection agency until at least 120 days after the initial billing statement has been transmitted to the patient or other responsible party. Passed out of the House on March 1st with a 90-4 vote; executive session in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice on March 21st. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.		
<a href="#">E2SHB 1593</a> (SSB 5516)	<b>UW behavioral health campus</b>	S Ways & Means	Chopp
	Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm Creates a behavioral health innovation and integration campus within the University of Washington School of Medicine (UW School of Medicine). Directs the UW School of Medicine to submit a development and siting plan to the Office of Financial Management and Legislature by December 1, 2019. Preempts local land use regulations if the behavioral health teaching hospital is sited in Seattle. Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care on March 29th. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on April 8th.		
<a href="#">EHB 1638</a>	<b>Vaccine preventable diseases</b>	S Rules 2	Harris



This bill would repeal the personal belief exemption for the Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) vaccine. The bill passed out of Senate Health & Long Term Care on April 1st and has been referred to Senate Rules for further consideration.

<a href="#"><u>SHB 1869</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Emerging therapies work grp</b>	S Health & Long T	Schmick
Establishes the Emerging Therapies Work Group to develop a comprehensive analysis of emerging therapies, defined as health care treatments that cost over \$100,000 annually, and their impacts on patients. Passed out of the House 97-0 on March 4th; Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on March 20.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1870</u></a> (SSB 5805)	<b>Afford. care act protections</b>	H Spkr Signed	Davis
Puts key patient protections such as banning pre-existing condition exclusions from the Affordable Act into state law. Both bills were amended as they moved out of the policy committees with the same changes. The House version passed off the House floor with a vote of 56 to 38 on March 1st and off the Senate on March 27 with a 28-17 vote. Bill awaits signature of the Governor.			
<a href="#"><u>E2SHB 1874</u></a> (SSB 5904)	<b>Adolescent behavioral health</b>	S Ways & Means	Frame
Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care on March 29 and a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means took place on April 3rd.			
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 1879</u></a> (SB 5806)	<b>Rx drug utilization mngmt</b>	S Rules 2	Jinkins
Requires clinical review criteria used to establish a prescription drug utilization management protocol be evidence-based. Requires a health carrier or review organization that restricts coverage of a prescription drug through a prescription drug utilization management protocol to provide the patient and the prescribing practitioner with access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process to request an exception. Establishes requirements and timelines for step therapy exception requests. Passed out of the House on March 8th. Passed out of the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on April 1 and now in the Rules Committee for second reading.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1930</u></a> (SB 5911)	<b>Expression of breast milk</b>	S Rules 2	Doglio
Concerning reasonable accommodation for the expression of breast milk in the workplace. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.			
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5380</u></a> (2SHB 1331)	<b>Opioid use disorder</b>	H Approps	Cleveland
The Governor-requested opioid bill focuses on treatment and recovery, pregnant and parenting women, opioid overdose reversal medication, and people with opioid use disorder involved in the criminal justice system. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in House Appropriations on April 6 <sup>th</sup> .			
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5432</u></a> (SHB 1393)	<b>Behavioral health, integrate</b>	H Approps	Dhingra
Relates to fully implementing behavioral health integration. The Senate version. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on March 27th with a due pass recommendation. A Public Hearing in the House Committee on Appropriation took place on April 6th.			

<a href="#">E2SSB 5444</a> <b>(2SHB 1513)</b>	<b>Forensic mental health care</b>	H Approps	Dhingra
The Governor-request legislation (SB 5444) for the Trueblood settlement agreement, which was agreed on by the parties in the lawsuit, would provide timely competency evaluations and restoration services to persons suffering from behavioral health disorders within the forensic mental health care system. A public hearing took place in the House Committee on Appropriations on April 6th.			
<a href="#">ESSB 5526</a> <b>(E2SHB 1523)</b>	<b>Individual health ins market</b>	H Approps	Frockt
Governor requested public option bills, which include establishing a public option (called Cascade Care), establishing standard plan design for health insurance plans sold on the Exchange, and looking into other options to control costs such as cost sharing reductions. The House version had a hearing in Senate Health & Long Term Care on March 20th. A public hearing took place in the House Appropriations on April 6th.			
<a href="#">2SSB 5602</a> <b>(HB 1612)</b>	<b>Reproductive health care</b>	H Approps	Randall
Establishes the reproductive health care access for all act. Finds and declares that: (1) In 2018, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6219 was passed which mandated a literature review of barriers to reproductive health care; (2) The report submitted to the legislature on January 1, 2019, stated that young people, immigrants, people living in rural communities, transgender and gender nonconforming people, and people of color face significant barriers in getting reproductive health care; and (3) State law should be enhanced to ensure greater coverage of and timely access to reproductive health care for the benefit of all, regardless. Passed out of the Senate on March 7th; a Public hearing took place in the House Committee on Appropriations			
<a href="#">2SSB 5822</a> <b>(HB 1877)</b>	<b>Universal health care system</b>	H Approps	Randall
Directs the Health Care Authority to convene a work group to study the establishment of a universal health care system in Washington, and for the workgroup to report its findings by November 15, 2020. Passed out of the Senate on March 13th with a 28-21 vote. A public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations on April 6th.			
<a href="#">SSB 5839</a>	<b>Personal care services pilot</b>	H Approps	Darneille
Creating a pilot project to provide personal care services for homeless seniors and persons with disabilities. Referred to Appropriations on March 22.			
<a href="#">2SSB 5903</a> <b>(SHB 1876)</b>	<b>Children's mental health</b>	H Approps	Darneille
Requires educational service districts to coordinate behavioral health services and trainings in school districts in their regions. Expands the Partnership Access Line to include consultation in schools. Establishes certificate programs in evidence-based practices for children and adolescents at the University of Washington. Expands psychiatric residencies in Eastern and Western Washington for residents specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry. Establishes pilot programs related to early identification and intervention for psychosis, trauma-informed early care and intervention, and infant and early child mental health consultation. A public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations took place on April 6th.			

## Housing & Homelessness

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Home foreclosure/taxes</b></p> <p><a href="#">E2SHB 1105</a> Modifies home foreclosure provisions regarding the protection of taxpayers. Creates the counselor referral hotline account and the housing counseling activities account. Passed out of the House on March 12th with a vote of 39-48. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.</p>	S Rules 2	Orwall
<p><b>Real estate taxes/housing</b></p> <p><a href="#">EHB 1219 (SB 5195)</a> Counties and cities may use REET II revenue for the planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of facilities serving the homeless and affordable housing projects. House version passed on March 5th. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.</p>	S 2nd Reading	Walen
<p><b>Affordable housing/sales tax</b></p> <p><a href="#">SHB 1406 (SB 5646)</a> Authorizes a county or city to impose a local sales tax, credited against the state sales tax, for affordable or supportive housing. Passed out of the House on March 5th with a 66-32 vote. Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways &amp; Means April 3rd.</p>	S Ways & Means	Robinson
<p><b>Residential tenants</b></p> <p><a href="#">ESHB 1453</a> Upcoming Events: Ways &amp; Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm</p> <p>Makes a number of changes to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act, including: affording tenants 14 days (up from three days) to comply with a notice to pay rent or vacate prior to commencement of an unlawful detainer action; defining "rent," and providing that continued tenancy or relief from forfeiture may not be conditioned on the payment of any amount other than rent; and authorizing the use of judicial discretion in unlawful detainer proceedings. Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways &amp; Means on April 8th.</p>	S Ways & Means	Macri
<p><b>Housing tax/councilmanic</b></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1590 (Dead)</a> Authorizes county or city legislative authorities to impose the local sales and use tax for housing and related services and eliminates the requirement that the imposition of the tax be subject to the approval of a majority of county or city voters at a general or special election. Referred to Rules 2 Consideration.</p>	H Rules C	Doglio
<p><b>Homeless youth services</b></p> <p><a href="#">HB 1657 (SB 5470)</a> Defines "street outreach services" to mean a program that provides services and resources either directly or through referral to street youth and unaccompanied young adults and authorizes the Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection Programs to provide these services. Eliminates the 75-bed cap for HOPE centers and the prohibition on youth who are subject to a child in need of services petition receiving HOPE center services. Eliminates educational and experiential qualifications for HOPE center staff, but requires licensure of HOPE center staff by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families. Allows innovative youth and young adult homelessness approaches to serve both youth and young adults. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.</p>	S 2nd Reading	Callan
<p><b>Public facilities mitigation</b></p>	S 2nd Reading	Santos

[SHB 1724](#)  
(SB 5679)

Requires a city with a population greater than 550,000 that permits, constructs, or operates a public facility in a neighborhood with a high poverty level and high rate of ethnic diversity to request the entity (local government agency, transit authority, or public facility district) operating or constructing the facility to assess and mitigate the negative impacts that the facility has had, or may have, on the surrounding neighborhood. Requires the entity operating or constructing the facility to develop a mitigation plan and consider the potential or actual disparate racial, social, and economic impacts of the public facility on nearby residents, including paying for residential parking necessitated by the facility causing the impact. Authorizes an entity to negotiate with other local jurisdictions who have a direct interest in having created the negative impacts, but the residents must be held harmless. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

[HB 1743](#)  
(SSB 5766)

**Prevailing rate of wages** H Passed FP Ormsby  
Provides that prevailing wage rates for residential construction are established by wage and hour surveys, unless survey information is insufficient. Provides for interim rates pending the establishment of rates based on surveys. Passed out of the Senate on March 27th. House concurrence on the Senate amendments -- final passage with the following vote count: yeas, 93; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.

[SHB 1798](#)  
(SB 5870)

**Short-term rentals** S Rules 2 Ryu  
Requires short-term rental owners and online platforms to register with the Department of Revenue, collect and remit taxes, and comply with certain consumer safety requirements. Passed out of House on March 7th. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

[E2SHB 1923](#)

**Urban residential building** S Ways & Means Fitzgibbon  
Requires cities with a population of less than 10,000 that are planning fully under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to either take certain actions to increase residential building capacity and housing affordability, or make certain updates to the housing element of their comprehensive plan. Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means took place on April 5th.

[ESSB 5160](#)

**Sr's, disab. vets/prop tx ex** H Rules R Dhingra  
Modifies the qualifying income thresholds for the property tax exemption and deferral programs for low-income senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and veterans beginning with taxes levied for collection in 2022. Referred to Rules 2 Review.

[SSB 5324](#)  
(SHB 1263)

**Homeless student support** H Approps Frockt  
Modifies a competitive grant program of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction that assists districts in identifying and supporting homeless students. Modifies a competitive grant program of the Department of Commerce, including changing who is eligible to receive funds, that links homeless students and their families with stable housing in the student's school district. Requires all kindergarten through grade 12 public schools to establish a building point of contact who is responsible for identifying homeless and unaccompanied homeless youth and connecting them with the school district's homeless student liaison. Passed out of the Senate and a public hearing was held in the House Committee on Appropriation on April 5th.

[ESB 5334](#)  
(HB 1306)

**Common interest ownership** H Passed 3rd Pedersen  
Amends the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) to: revise the implied warranties applicable to condominiums; and provide to association officers and board members the same

immunity from liability as is provided to officers and directors of nonprofit corporations. Passed off of the House floor on April 4th with a vote count of yeas, 93; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 5.

<a href="#">ESSB 5600</a>	<p><b>Residential tenants</b></p> <p>Extends the 3-day notice to pay and vacate for default in rent payment to 14 days notice for tenancies under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act. Creates a uniform 14-day notice to pay and vacate that includes information on how tenants can access legal and advocacy resources. Requires the Department of Commerce to provide translated versions of the uniform 14-day notice on its website in at least the top 10 languages used in the state. Requires a landlord to first apply any tenant payment to rent before applying the payment toward other charges. Prohibits continued tenancy and relief from forfeiture to be conditioned upon tenant payment or satisfaction of any monetary amount other than rent. Provides the court with discretion to provide relief from forfeiture or to stay a writ of restitution based upon the required consideration of certain factors and with the burden of proof for relief on the tenant. Authorizes the court to consider the reasonableness of late fees and costs and attorneys' fees before awarding such fees. Passed out of Senate March 9th. Referred to Rules 2 Review in the House.</p>	H Rules R	Kuderer
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<a href="#">ESSB 5812 (SHB 1797)</a>	<p><b>Accessory dwelling units</b></p> <p>Requires cities and counties to adopt ordinances and development and zoning regulations that authorize creating accessory dwelling units within designated urban growth areas. Passed out of the Senate on March 11th. Referred to Rules 2 Review in the House.</p>	H Rules R	Palumbo
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<a href="#">ESSB 5946</a>	<p><b>SEPA/shelters &amp; encampments</b></p> <p>SB 5946 was introduced last and received a public hearing in the Senate Housing Stability &amp; Affordability Committee and then executive action on February 20th, where it passed out of Committee. During the public hearing, the state team spoke to how the legislation would help local jurisdictions permit shelters and encampments as short term or transitional places for the homeless while they await permanent housing, how SEPA review of shelters and encampments can delay the stand up of shelters for as much as six months to a year while adding to the cost. Other stakeholders who testified in support included King County, Housing Alliance, DESC, and the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness. Passed out of Senate March 5th. Referred to Rules 2 Review in the House.</p>	H Rules R	Nguyen
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## Public Safety

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1002</a>	S Rules 2	Orwall
<p><b>Rape in the third degree</b></p> <p>Eliminates the evidentiary requirement that the victim clearly expressed their lack of consent by words or conduct in order to prove rape in the third degree. This bill passed out of the House on February 7th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). Executive action was taken in the Senate and is passed to the Rules Committee.</p>		
<a href="#">HB 1016 (SB 5910)</a>	S Rules 2	Caldier
<p><b>Sexual assault kit notice</b></p> <p>Requires a hospital that does not perform sexual assault evidence kit collection or does not have an appropriate provider available, to notify any individual who presents at the emergency department requesting a sexual assault evidence kit collection that it does not provide the service, and to</p>		

coordinate care with the local community sexual assault agency to assist the patient in finding a facility with an appropriate provider available. Creates a civil penalty of \$2,000 for failure to comply with this requirement. This bill passed out of the House on February 7th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). It passed out of Senate Committee unanimously and is in Rules.

<a href="#">SHB 1041</a>	<b>Certificates of discharge</b>	S Passed 3rd	Hansen
	Modifies the process for obtaining a certificate of discharge for felony convictions. Expands eligibility criteria for vacating criminal convictions. This bill passed out of the House on March 1st with a vote of 95-0 (3 excused). It passed off the floor of the Senate unanimously April 3rd and is headed to the Governor's desk.		
<a href="#">HB 1055</a>	<b>No-contact orders/arrest</b>	Del to Gov	Entenman
	Authorizing law enforcement to arrest persons in violation of certain no-contact orders involving victims of trafficking and promoting prostitution offenses.		
<a href="#">SHB 1064</a> (SB 5029)	<b>Law enforcement</b>	C 4 L 19	Goodman
	Modifies Initiative Measure No. 940, including provisions relating to training, the criminal liability standard for use of deadly force, independent investigations of deadly force incidents, and rendering of first aid. Requires the state to reimburse a peace officer for reasonable defense costs when he or she is found not guilty or charges are dismissed in certain circumstances. This bill was signed by the Governor on February 4th.		
<a href="#">HB 1149</a>	<b>Sex. assault protect. orders</b>	S Rules 2	Jenkins
	HB 1149 clarifies requirements to obtain a sexual assault protection order. This important legislation passed the House floor with a vote of 81 yeas, 14 nays, and 3 excused. The bill responds to the State Supreme Court's decision in Roake v. Delman, 189 Wn.2d 775 (2018) by clarifying requirements to obtain a sexual assault protection order.		
<a href="#">2SHB 1166</a>	<b>Sexual assault</b>	S Ways & Means	Orwall
	The bill address rape kits need by outlining time frames for testing, provides \$13 million in funding and places a moratorium on the destruction of unreported kits. It is a comprehensive bill that furthers the work WA state has done to address testing of rape kits and enhancing sexual assault responses. The bill was heard in Senate Law and Justice on March 18. All parties who testified spoke in support of the bill. The bill has a \$13 million fiscal note to pay for a renovation at the Vancouver crime lab to make it a high frequency lab. This will allow for expedited testing of rape kits. If passed, the bill will create time frames for testing and provide monies for the lab renovation, scientists and equipment at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab. It also funds law enforcement training on victim notification. The bill places a moratorium on the destruction of kits belonging to survivors not yet ready to press charges (unreported kits) and enumerates rights of sexual assault victims. If passed, the backlog for our state could be eliminated by 2020. The bill was heard in Senate Ways and Means on March 28.		
	<b>School safety &amp; well-being</b>	S Ways & Means	Dolan



[2SHB 1216](#) Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm

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Establishes a statewide network for school safety with a state center, regional centers through the educational service districts, and an advisory committee, subject to appropriations. Requires school districts to establish school-based threat assessment programs. Directs OSPI to monitor safety plans and threat assessment programs, subject to appropriations. Tasks the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee with completing a study on the first responder building mapping information system. Adds safe school plan and safety drill requirements. This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 83-14 (1 excused).

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**Domestic violence/law enf.**

S Rules 2

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[SHB 1225](#)

SHB 1225 strengthens our protections for law enforcement and domestic violence victims by authorizing law enforcement to temporarily remove firearms when making an arrest for domestic violence, creates protocols for inquiring of the victim regarding the abuser's access to and past use of firearms and requires that firearms secured in connection with a domestic violence call may not be returned to the owner or person from whom it was obtained until five business days have elapsed since the firearm was obtained;. SHB 1225 also requires courts to consider all information in a domestic violence incident report regarding the defendant's possession of and access to firearms, and allows the court to include a firearm prohibition as a condition of release and order the defendant to surrender all firearms upon release. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 60-38. It was voted out of Senate Law and Justice April 2nd and is in Rules.

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**Sex offenses/modify SOL**

S Rules 2

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[SHB 1231](#)

HB 1231 eliminates or extends the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 89-7 (2 excused). It passed to Rules on April 3rd.

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**Emergency aid/prostitution**

S Rules 2

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[HB 1382](#)

Provides immunity from prosecution for Prostitution if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of a person seeking emergency assistance in certain circumstances. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused). It passed out of Senate Law and Justice Committee on April 2nd.

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**Patronizing a prostitute**

S Rules 2

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[SHB 1383](#)

Raises the classification for any second or subsequent conviction for the crime of patronizing a prostitute from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused). It was voted out of Senate Law and Justice on April 2.

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**Pistol sales or transfers**

S Rules 2

Goodman

[EHB 1465](#)

Removes a provision allowing a dealer to deliver a pistol to a purchaser who produces a valid concealed pistol license prior to the completion of a state background check. Expires the provisions of the bill six months after the date on which the Washington State Patrol determines that a single point of contact firearm background check system is operational in the state. The Senate bill was heard in Civil Rights & Judiciary. The Washington State Patrol was the only testifier. 4 people were signed in-in support. There was no opposition. Executive action was taken March 28 and the bill was passed to Rules.

<a href="#">ESHB 1504</a>	<b>Impaired driving</b>	S Transportation	Klippert
The bill seeks to enhance responses to impaired driving. It provides a definition of "safely off the roadway" for purposes of an affirmative defense, and community awareness. This bill passed out of the House on March 13th with a vote of 96-0 (2 excused). It was voted out of Senate Law and Justice on March 28th and is scheduled for public hearing in Ways and Means April 4th.			
<a href="#">E2SHB 1517 (SB 5681)</a>	<b>Domestic violence</b>	S Ways & Means	Goodman
Modifies definitions to distinguish domestic violence (DV) between family and household members from intimate partner DV to allow for enhanced data collection. Requires development of a new DV risk assessment module for the Washington ONE risk assessment tool. Adds requirements for DV offenders participating in the Special Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative. Establishes requirements for a DV offender participating in deferred prosecution. Modifies community custody conditions for DV offenders and the length of time a DV no-contact order remains in effect when it is a sentencing condition. Authorizes enforcement of Canadian civil DV protection orders. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 97-0 (1 excused).			
<a href="#">2SHB 1713</a>	<b>Native American women</b>	S Rules 2	Mosbrucker
Establishes two liaison positions within the Washington State Patrol (WSP) for the purpose of building relationships between government and native communities. Requires the WSP to develop a best practices protocol for law enforcement response to missing persons reports for indigenous women and other indigenous people. Requires the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs to provide the WSP with government-to-government training. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 98-0.			
<a href="#">SHB 1739</a>	<b>Firearms/undetectable, etc.</b>	S Rules 2	Valdez
Establishes criminal penalties applicable to undetectable firearms and untraceable firearms. This bill passed out of the House on March 4th with a vote of 55-41 (2 excused). It was voted out of Senate Law and Justice on a party line vote.			
<a href="#">2SHB 1767</a>	<b>Arrest &amp; jail alternatives</b>	S Ways & Means	Lovick
Creates a grant program administered through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to support local initiatives to properly identify criminal justice system involved persons with substance use disorders and other behavioral health needs and engage those persons with therapeutic interventions and other services. This bill passed out of the House on March 6th with a vote of 89-8 (1 excused).			
<a href="#">SHB 1786</a>	<b>Protection, etc. orders</b>	S Rules 2	Jenkins
This bill aligns our standards and procedures for firearm surrender for all protection orders, including domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and anti-harassment. The standards reflected in this policy are based on best practices to ensure that guns are removed from dangerous, volatile situations. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a cote of 56-42.			
<a href="#">HB 1792</a>	<b>Marijuana retailer penalties</b>	S Rules 2	Pettigrew

Creates a gross misdemeanor crime applicable when an employee of a marijuana retail outlet sells marijuana products to a person under age 21 in the course of their employment. Provides that an employee of a marijuana retailer may still be prosecuted under applicable felony provisions of the Controlled Substances Act in certain circumstances, including when the employee makes the sale to the underage person outside the course of the person's employment. Creates a misdemeanor crime applicable when a marijuana retailer or employee of the retailer allows a person under the age of 21 to enter or remain on the premises of the retail outlet (unless otherwise authorized in law). This bill passed out of the House on March 7th with a vote of 89-8. It passed out of Senate Law and Justice on April 2nd and is in Rules.

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**Firearm background checks**

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[SHB 1949](#)

Conducting a feasibility study to examine and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a single point of contact firearm background check system. This bill is the first step towards centralizing our firearms background check system which is important for uniform checks and background check enforcement. The bill was heard on March 18 in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice. It was voted off the Senate floor unanimously April 3 and is headed to the Governor's desk.

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**Harassment**

S Law & Justice Stokesbary

[HB 2129](#)

Changes the name of the crime of "Cyberstalking" to "Cyber Harassment" and narrows the type of conduct that is criminalized under the offense; makes changes to the elements of the crime of Stalking to include placing another person under electronic surveillance and intending to unlawfully surveil another person; and modifies the circumstances in which Cyber Harassment and Stalking offenses elevate from a gross misdemeanor to a felony. This bill passed out of the House on March 5th with a vote of 98-0. It was heard in Law and Justice on March 26.

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**Extreme risk protect. orders**

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[ESSB 5027](#)

Authorizes the court to enter an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) against a person under the age of eighteen years and requires notice to the person's parent or guardian of the legal obligation to safely secure any firearms. Allows a restrained party under the age of eighteen to petition the court to seal from public view court records relating to an ERPO proceeding.

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**School resource officers**

H Approps Wellman

[SSB 5141](#)

Defines school resource officer (SRO). Requires school districts that choose to have a SRO program to confirm that the SRO has received training on specific topics; directs school districts with a SRO program to annually review and adopt an agreement with local law enforcement that incorporates certain elements; and creates a grant program to fund SRO training. Passed the House yeas; 48; nays, 0.

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**Trafficking victims assist.**

H Approps Saldaña

[SSB 5164](#)  
[\(HB 1971\)](#)

Expands eligibility of the state Food Assistance Program for legal immigrants, the state family assistance programs, and the Medical Care Services (MCS) program to include certain victims of human trafficking. Requires the Health Care Authority to monitor expenditures for MCS and freeze new enrollment if expenditures exceed amounts appropriated in the state's operating budget. Provides definitions for the terms "victim of human trafficking" and "qualifying family member," which limit the scope to noncitizens and their family members who have taken steps to obtain special status with the federal government. Passed Senate March 7, 48-0.

<a href="#"><u>SSB 5181</u></a>	<b>Invol. treatment procedures</b>	H Approps	Kuderer
	Prohibits a person detained for 72 hours under the involuntary treatment act from possessing a firearm for six months following detention on the basis that the person presents a likelihood of serious harm. Restores a person's firearm rights automatically six months after detention and requires returning the person's firearms and their concealed pistol license. Allows the person to petition the court for restoring of their firearm rights before the end of the six-month period.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5205</u></a>	<b>Incomp. for trial/firearms</b>	H 2nd Reading	Dhingra
	Prohibits a person from possessing a firearm if his or her charges are dismissed based on incompetency to stand trial and the court makes a finding indicating that the person has a history of one or more violent acts. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 30-17.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5339</u></a> (HB 1488)	<b>Death penalty elimination</b>	H Rules R	Carlyle
	Eliminates the death penalty and provides that all persons convicted of aggravated first degree murder must be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of release or parole. Passed Senate: 2/15/19, 28-19.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5508</u></a> (HB 1464)	<b>Concealed pistol licenses</b>	H Passed 3rd	Palumbo
	Clarifying background check requirements for an application for a concealed pistol license.		
	Clarifies the background check for an original concealed pistol license must be conducted through the Washington State Patrol Criminal Identification Section and must include a fingerprint background check through the Federal Bureau of Investigation.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5605</u></a> (SHB 1500)	<b>Marijuana misdemeanors</b>	H Approps	Nguyen
	Requires a court to vacate a misdemeanor marijuana possession conviction upon request if the applicant was age twenty-one or older at the time of the offense. It passed the Senate March 11th, 29-19.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 5649</u></a>	<b>Sexual assault/adjust SOLs</b>	H Rules R	Dhingra
	SB 5649 eliminates the statute of limitations for most sex offenses against children 16 years of age and under. It will also provide longer periods of time to prosecute most other felony sex offenses. It revises the third-degree rape statute to eliminate a requirement that survivors must clearly express their non-consent by their words or conduct. There has been talk on the House side that an amendment with a provision for sentencing adults who committed a crime as a juvenile but would be sentenced as an adult may be introduced. An amendment would not achieve the desired result and takes away from the intent of the bill which is to better meet victims needs and increase community safety. The crime victim service community, prosecutors, Legal Voice, and WAPA oppose amendments to this bill. The bill passed out of Senate Law and Justice with a 9:2 vote and is now in Rules.		
<a href="#"><u>E2SSB 5720</u></a> (HB 1814)	<b>Involuntary treatment act</b>	H Approps	Dhingra
	Increases the initial detention period under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) from 72 hours to five days, excluding weekends and holidays, beginning January 1, 2020. Modifies definitions of likelihood of serious harm, gravely disabled, and violent act under the ITA. Expands single-bed		

certifications on July 1, 2026, to include patients detained due to a substance use disorder. Applies certain ITA provisions relating to adults to minors. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 46-2.

## Safety Net & Civil Rights

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Certificates of discharge</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1041</u></a> The New Hope Act promotes successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records. The bill passed both the House and Senate unanimously and is headed to the Governor's desk.</p>	S Passed 3rd	Hansen
<p><b>Health care employees</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1155</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5190)</u></a> Health care workers have pursued this bill for more than 10 years. This policy ensures front line health care workers are able to provide the best care possibly by allowing them to have uninterrupted breaks and closing the mandatory call loophole that allows employers to skirt our safety laws around mandatory overtime. Passed House: 3/6/19, 63-34.</p>	S Rules 2	Riccelli
<p><b>Paid family &amp; medical leave</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1399</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5449)</u></a> Reorganizes the Paid Family and Medical Leave statutes. Makes revisions to definitions, voluntary plans, waiting periods, and other matters. Authorizes employer to waive several statutory provisions and to offer supplemental benefits. Adds provisions concerning privacy and access to confidential records.</p>	Del to Gov	Robinson
<p><b>Noncompetition covenants</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>ESHB 1450</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(ESSB 5478)</u></a> After four years of policy development and negotiation, an agreed upon vehicle which addresses experiences of workers are required to sign noncompete agreements which restricts them from taking jobs after employment ends or taking second jobs to supplement their hours and income. The policy will prohibit the use of non-competes for low and mid-wage workers (up to \$100K/year), presumes any noncompete restricting work for longer than 18 months is unreasonable and prohibits restrictions on moonlighting for any worker earning less than twice the minimum wage. Passed House: 3/12/19, 55-41.</p>	S Rules 2	Stanford
<p><b>Working families' tax credit</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1527</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5810)</u></a> Allows low-income and middle-income workers to recover some or all of the sales tax they pay as a way to increase their economic security. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to low-income and middle-income working families. Requires the working families' tax credit to be approved and funded before a person can claim the exemption during a fiscal period, and if authorization and funding is not provided, the employment security department is under no liability for benefit payment or program operation. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Use an individuals' most recent federal tax filing to process the exemption remittance; (2) Review the application and determine eligibility for the credit based on the individuals' most recent federal tax filing; (3) Provide applicants an option for a monthly remittance; (4) Begin rule making, public outreach and education efforts, and preliminary planning in advance of the beginning of benefit payments; and (5) Administer the working families' tax credit.</p>	H Finance	Entenman

<a href="#">SHB 1587</a> (SB 5583)	<b>Fruits and vegetables access</b>	S Ways & Means	Riccelli
Creates the Fruit and Vegetable Incentives Program at the Department of Health. Passed House March 4, 82-14. Executive action was taken March 21 in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Reentry, & Rehabilitation and this bill has been referred to Senate Ways and Means.			
<a href="#">SHB 1602</a>	<b>Consumer debt</b>	S Rules 2	Reeves
Changes the post judgment interest rate for unpaid consumer debt to 9 percentage points above the prime rate, unless the judgment interest rate is specified in the contract. Increases the bank account and wage garnishment exemptions for judgments on consumer debt. Modifies the writs and forms for garnishment and continuing lien on earnings to specify whether a writ is for consumer debt, and outlines debtor exemption rights for consumer debt. Passed House: 3/01/19, 72-22.			
<a href="#">ESHB 1692</a>	<b>Agency employees/harassment</b>	S Ways & Means	Jinkins
Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 4/8 @ 1:30 pm			
This bill seeks to protect employee information that they may report regarding sexual harassment. The bill outlines that unless by court order, an agency is prohibited from disclosing records concerning an agency employee who has made a claim of workplace sexual harassment or stalking with the employing agency, if the record is requested by a person alleged in the claim to have sexually harassed or stalked the agency employee and the agency reasonably believes, after having conducted an investigation, that the alleged act occurred. It outlines a court process for civil remedy if this were violated. Passed House: 3/7/19, 98-0.			
<a href="#">ESHB 1696</a>	<b>Wage and salary information</b>	S Rules 2	Dolan
Prohibits an employer from seeking the wage or salary history of an applicant or requiring that the wage or salary history meet certain criteria, with some exceptions. Requires an employer to provide the wage scale or salary range for the job title to an employee both upon hire and annually, and upon request. Passed House: 3/9/19, 56-40.			
<a href="#">EHB 1706</a> (SB 5753)	<b>Subminimum wage/disabilities</b>	S 2nd Reading	Frame
Eliminates special certificates that allow an employer to pay below the minimum wage to workers with disabilities. Passed House: 3/11/19, 81-17.			
<a href="#">HB 1730</a>	<b>Payment/limitations period</b>	S 2nd Reading	Walen
Provides that any payment of principal or interest made after the limitations period for commencing a cause of action has expired shall not revive or extend the limitations period. Provides that an acknowledgement or promise made after the limitations period for commencing a cause of action has expired shall not revive or extend the limitations period. Passed House: 3/1/19, 94-0.			
<a href="#">HB 1906</a> (SB 5868)	<b>Dolores Huerta day</b>	Del to Gov	Ortiz-Self
Recognizes April 10 as Dolores Huerta Day.			
<b>Employment investigations</b>		S Rules 2	Dolan



[EHB 2020](#)  
(SB 5929)

Protects victims and encourages people report reporting of sexual harassment and employment discrimination by exempting the names of complainants, other accusers and witnesses from public disclosure. Floor Activity: Passed House: 3/5/19, 97-1.

[ESSB 5035](#)  
(SHB 1072)

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**Prevailing wage laws**

H Approps

Salda?a

Extends the time period for filing a prevailing wage complaint from 30 days to 60 days from the acceptance date of the public works project. Modifies the penalty structure for prevailing wage violations, including increasing the minimum penalty for a violation to \$5,000 or an amount equal to 50 percent of the prevailing wage violation, whichever is greater. Requires contractors to retain payroll records for three years and to submit certified payroll records at least once per month. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 1st with a vote of 40-7 (2 excused).

[ESB 5165](#)

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**Discrimination/immigration**

H 2nd Reading

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The Washington Law Against Discrimination is expanded to prohibit discrimination based on a person's citizenship or immigration status, unless differential treatment on the basis of citizenship or immigration status is authorized by federal or state law, regulation, or government contract.

[SB 5207](#)

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**Felony voting rights notices**

H 2nd Reading

Dhingra

Requires the Department of Corrections to notify an inmate of the process for provisional and permanent restoration of voting rights before the termination of authority over the inmate. Passed Senate: 2/25/19, 37-12.

[ESSB 5258](#)  
(HB 1728)

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**Isolated worker protection**

H Rules R

Keiser

This bill seeks to protect isolated workers from sexual assault and harassment by requiring certain employers of isolated workers to adopt sexual harassment policies, provide sexual harassment training to all staff and supervisors, and provide panic buttons to staff workers who work alone or without other employees present in the area. Survivors, employees, unions, and employer spoke in support to the bill.

[E2SSB](#)  
[5356](#) (HB  
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**LGBTQ commission**

H Approps

Wilson

Establishes a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission in the Office of the Governor, subject to appropriations. Designates June of each year as LGBTQ month with the fourth week in June designated as a time to celebrate the contributions LGBTQ people have made to the state. Passed Senate: 3/06/19, 34-14.

[ESB 5429](#)  
(SHB 1246)

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**Referred and diverted youth**

H Approps

Nguyen

Requires the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) to allow proposals to receive Community Juvenile Accountability Program (CJAP) funds to be submitted to support programs for youth who are referred to the program by law enforcement rather than being formally diverted or charged within the juvenile justice system. Requires DCYF to implement a stop loss policy preventing a funding shift of more than two percent of CJAP funds away from a single county within a single year. Requires DCYF to implement a stop loss policy limiting the loss in funding for any juvenile court from one year to the next based on funding formula changes. Passed Senate: 2/20/19, 48-0.

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**Noncompetition covenants**

H 2nd Reading

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[ESSB 5478](#)  
**(ESHB 1450)** After four years of policy development and negotiation, an agreed upon vehicle which addresses experiences of workers are required to sign noncompete agreements which restricts them from taking jobs after employment ends or taking second jobs to supplement their hours and income. The policy will prohibit the use of non-competes for low and mid-wage workers (up to \$100K/year), presumes any noncompete restricting work for longer than 18 months is unreasonable and prohibits restrictions on moonlighting for any worker earning less than twice the minimum wage. Passed Senate: 3/05/19, 30-18.

**Immigrants in the workplace** H Approps Wellman  
[E2SSB 5497](#)  
**(2SHB 1815)** Keep Washington Working Act: Establishing a statewide policy supporting Washington state's economy and immigrants' role in the workplace. The bill would create model policies for limiting immigration enforcement consistent with federal and state law and would prevent state and local law enforcement from using local tax dollars to assist in performing the functions of a federal immigration officer. Passed Senate: 3/07/19, 30-16.

**Youth courts** H 2nd Reading Holy  
[SB 5640](#) Expands the jurisdiction of youth courts to include juveniles aged twelve to seventeen. Expands the jurisdiction of youth courts to include civil infractions. Passed Senate: 3/08/19, 48-0.

## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">ESHB 1160</a> <b>(SSB 5214)</b> <b>Transportation budget</b> Making transportation appropriations for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium.	S Passed 3rd	Fey
<a href="#">ESHB 1772</a> <b>(SSB 5751)</b> <b>Motorized foot scooters</b> Modifies the definition of motorized foot scooter. Prohibits persons under sixteen years of age from operating motorized foot scooters, unless permitted by a local government. Authorizes local governments to regulate motorized foot scooters, and scooter share operators, subject to certain requirements and limitations. Passed House: 3/12/19, 85-13. In the Senate, the bill awaits action from the Rules Committee.	S Rules 2	Macri
<a href="#">SHB 2042</a> <b>Green transportation</b> Makes permanent the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure grant program and expands eligibility to include hydrogen fueling station infrastructure. Reinstates the alternative fuel vehicle retail sales and use tax exemption for vehicles priced at \$45,000 or less, with the exemption applying to \$32,000 of the vehicle price in the first two years, \$24,000 in the second two years, and \$16,000 in the third two years, and expands it to include used vehicles priced at \$45,000 or less, with the exemption applying to \$16,000 of the vehicle price for the duration of the exemption qualification period. Raises the total registration renewal fee for alternative fuel vehicles from \$150 to \$200 for 10 years; uses \$200 of the fee to fund alternative fuel vehicle sales and use tax incentives and the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure grant program for five years and uses \$100 of the fee for these purposes after five years. Extends, modifies, and expands to alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure the alternative fuel commercial vehicle business and occupation and public utility tax credit program. Extends the EV battery and infrastructure sales and use tax exemption and expands it to include	H Finance	Fey

batteries sold as a component of electric buses and zero- emission buses. The bill includes major reforms to move away from the costs and pollution of fossil fuels and toward cleaner technology, including: Making electric vehicles more affordable and accessible for everyone; Increasing the network of electric car chargers across the state; Helping transit agencies transition to electric buses; Solving the last-mile problem in mass transit, to get you from a ferry terminal, bus stop or train station to your final destination; and Enhancing efforts to get cars off the road through increased carpooling, vanpooling, telecommuting, walking, biking, or taking mass transit instead of driving alone to work every day. The bill moved out the House Transportation Committee and has been referred to the Finance Committee.

<a href="#">2SSB 5336</a> (HB 1664)	<b>Electric transportation</b>	S Ways & Means	Palumbo
	Exempts up to \$1,000 of sales and use tax on certain new or used battery electric vehicle purchases or leases under \$45,000. Limits the cumulative sales and use tax exemptions to \$100 million and the exemption will expire once it hits that aggregate level. Amends tax incentives for clean alternative fuel commercial vehicles. Authorizes (1) the governing bodies of a municipal utility or a public utility district commission to adopt and (2) an electric utility regulated by the Utilities and Transportation Commission to submit an electrification of transportation plan that establishes that utility outreach and investment in the electrification of transportation infrastructure does not increase net costs to ratepayers in excess of 0.0025. Provides the incentive rate of return on investment authorized by the UTC for electric vehicle supply equipment deployed consistent with a electrification of transportation plan expires December 31, 2030.		
<a href="#">SSB 5723</a> (ESHB 1966)	<b>Pedestrian, etc. safety</b>	H Trans	Saldaña
	Establishes an additional fine equal to the base penalty (\$48) for Following Too Closely and Failure to Stop or Yield traffic infractions when a vulnerable roadway user, as defined in state law, is followed too closely or not given the right-of-way. Expands rules for motor vehicles for overtaking and passing an individual who is traveling as a pedestrian or on a bicycle, riding an animal, or using a farm tractor or implement of husbandry without an enclosed shell, and establishes an additional fine (\$48) for unlawfully passing these vulnerable roadway users, as well as individuals driving a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, and moped. Refines rules related to pedestrians and bicyclists use of roadways for travel. Directs revenue from the increased fine to a newly created Vulnerable Roadway User Account to be used to increase law enforcement officers', prosecutors', judges', and the public's knowledge of vulnerable roadway user infractions and offenses. Passed Senate: 3/05/19, 48-0.		
<a href="#">SB 5970</a>	<b>Transportation funding bonds</b>	S Rules 2	Hobbs
	Authorizing bonds for transportation funding.		
<a href="#">SSB 5971</a>	<b>Transportation funding</b>	S Ways & Means	Hobbs
	Concerning transportation funding.		
<a href="#">SSB 5972</a>	<b>Additive trans funding</b>	S Rules 2	Hobbs
	Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.		

