

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

BOG Legislative Committee

February 14th, 2025 – 2:00 PM

Attendance

Governors: Tom Ahearne, Dan Clark, Matthew Dresden (until 3:00), Kevin Fay, Nam Nguyen (until 3:00), Kari Petrasek, Parvin Price, Alain Villeneuve

Staff: Camden Fobert, Terra Nevitt, Sara Niegowski, Laurie Powers, Sanjay Walvekar

Guests: Michael Shaw (session lobbyist)

Meeting Minutes

Governor Dresden moved to approve the Committee's February 7th meeting minutes (seconded by Governor Fay). The motion passed unanimously. Materials available [here](#) at page 1.

Michael Shaw and Sanjay Walvekar provided an update on recent developments with [SB 5404](#)/[HB 1592](#) and [HB 1207](#).

The Committee discussed [HB 1207](#) and strategy for a February 18th meeting with Representative Thai, Chair Taylor, and other stakeholders to share access to justice concerns with the bill and to consider a potential amendment to lower any fee surcharge contained in the bill.

Governor Fay moved to allow Sanjay Walvekar to state WSBA's position: WSBA has serious concerns with the access to justice implications of this bill. Any fee increase should be in line with the needs of the Association of County Clerks and in line with historical increases to the standard civil filing fee (seconded by Immediate Past President Clark). Motion passed 5-0 (Governor Ahearne abstained).

The Committee considered a request from the Office of Public Defense for WSBA to sign on to a letter of support for [SB 5027](#). Governor Fay moved to allow WSBA to sign on to the letter (seconded by Immediate Past President Clark). Motion passed 6-0.

Sanjay Walvekar provided an update on a number of bills, including [HB 1909](#), [SB 5006](#), [SB 5027](#), and [JSM 8006](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.



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February 18, 2025

To: The Legislative Committee of the Board of Governors

Re: Support of SJM 8006 resolving to request the Supreme Court to reinstate the LLLT license

Dear Legislative Committee:

Attached please find a letter that the Low Bono Section Executive Committee would like to send to the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee in support of this Senate Joint Memorial 8006.

The included link shows the latest progress of this Memorial. As of this writing, the Memorial has gone through all the steps to be presented to the full Senate and was voted out of the Senate into the House with a vote of 49-0!

[Washington State Legislature](#)

The House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee has control over the progress of this Memorial. At the moment, no further activity is scheduled.

The Low Bono Executive Committee believes this bill reflects Low Bono interests and further that it meets the standards of GR 12.2. Indeed, we believe it meets the purposes enumerated in a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

We hope you will allow us to send the letter included. We hope we are in time to present our support to the Legislature for this effort.

With respect,

Low Bono Section Executive Committee



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The Members of the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee

Re: Support of Senate Joint Memorial 8006 to ask the Supreme Court to reinstate the LLLT program

Dear House Committee Members:

We, the Executive Committee of the Low Bono Section of the Washington State Bar Association, are pleased to write in support of the recently presented SJM 8006 which passed the Senate in a vote of 49-0.

We include here some background information you may find useful in your consideration of this Memorial.

Procedural History of LLLT Program

In 2003, The Washington Civil Legal Needs Study disclosed the gross underperformance of our state legal system to provide access to justice. The Study reported that 85 percent (85%) of low-income people in Washington were not able to access or afford legal services for their ongoing legal issues.¹ In 2012, after nine long years of discussing how to solve this problem, the Supreme Court approved APR 28 allowing for the licensing of "Limited License Legal Technicians" (LTs).

The license was based on first acquiring a paralegal degree with specific credits, and subsequently, specific additional classes developed for the area of law that LTs were limited to. Then a "bar exam" was developed specific to an area of law. Family Law was the area first chosen to be LTs area of legal services, with other areas planned to be included in the future.

The effort, in coordination with state community colleges, who expanded their paralegal programs in order to meet educational requirements, took some time to gain momentum, as various educational and specific legal activities were put into place. The first legal technicians were licensed in 2015. However, by 2020, paralegal schools were full of hopeful LTs and a "pipeline" was established that assured more and more people could qualify to become a legal technician.

Even as the Supreme Court issued a call to improve racial justice on June 4, 2020, the next day, for more obscure reasons (some having to do with budget impacts to the Bar imputed inexactly on the program), on June 5, 2020, they "sunsetting" the LT program

¹ 2003 Washington Civil Legal Needs Study Update; Washington State Supreme Court, p. 8

– the only one that they’d allowed to be created to address exactly that reason. The last legal technicians were licensed in 2023.

Justice Madsen, in her dissenting letter on June 5, 2020, said:

“The creation [in 2012] of the LLLT was by no means the end of our labors. In many ways it was only the beginning. Since 2012, stakeholders have crafted and this court has approved the contours of the LLLT license: educational requirements, scope of practice, and governing ethical rules. E.g., APR 28; Order (July 12, 2013) (setting out educational requirements and scope of practice for LLLT, among other things); Order (Aug. 8, 2013) (establishing the admission and licensing requirements for LLLT applicants); Order (March 23, 2015) (adopting changes to Rules of Professional Conduct for Lawyers to coordinate those rules with the LLLT Rules of Professional Conduct); WASHINGTON LLLT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM APPROVAL STANDARDS, WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASS’N (June 10, 2019).”²

She also wrote, regarding the methods used to make this significant decision, “What took over a decade of toil to create, this court erased in an afternoon. I passionately disagree with the court’s vote as well as the way in which it was carried out.”³

The Civil Legal Needs Study was updated in 2015 and found legal issues per household had nearly tripled from 3.3 in 2003 to 9.3 in 2014.⁴ The report otherwise showed little change in the ability of low-income individuals to access legal services. As attorneys spent nearly a decade deciding on new avenues to create access to legal services, hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians continued to face their legal issues alone.

Low Bono Section Perspective

The Low Bono Section (LBS) is the only Washington State Bar Association section that focuses on moderate income clients. As a section, we are committed to serving this group of clients, many of whom would not otherwise receive any assistance for their legal issues. Because of our Section Members’ commitment to serving this underserved population, the LBS has embraced legal technicians. Many LBS members have worked closely with LTs. Several LTs belong to our Section and serve on the LBS Executive Committee. (In fact, 4 of the 5 names listed in our current Exec. Comm. are LTs.)

The Low Bono Section is committed to the principal of justice for all and to the pursuit of a law practice model that allows our members to charge rates moderate income families can afford. It is primarily for this reason we believe the LT program should be reinstated. We cannot count on pro bono legal professionals to provide these services (at no cost to the client), and there are few other programs focused on moderate income individuals. Even the Moderate Means Program, the only program specifically focused on people who qualify by income in the 200-400% of the Federal Poverty Standards, is currently under “reconstruction.”

At a time when the demand for legal services will surely increase, we believe every avenue to provide services to this population should be explored and utilized. Attorneys who have worked with LTs understand the vital role LTs can play in decreasing the access to justice gap for these families.

² Washington State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Madsen, Dissent to Sunset of LLLT; June 5, 2020, p. 2

³ Washington State Supreme Court Justice Barbara Madsen, Dissent to Sunset of LLLT; June 5, 2020, p. 1

⁴ 2015 Washington Civil Legal Needs Study Update; Washington State Supreme Court, p. 5

Legal technicians have proven to judges, as well, that helping their clients become better prepared for court hearings saves judges time, saves the courthouse staff time, enhances the efficiency of the court process, and ultimately leads to better, faster outcomes.

These standards should be the measure of successful legal innovation. We, and those who know how helpful this program is to WA legal services, continue to encourage the Court to reinstate the LLLT program, and to expand it to other areas of law, simplify its scope, and reduce the barriers to qualify for the license. If these actions were taken, more applicants would be attracted to the program.

We would also like to point out that, as people began to choose the license, the cohort has always been the most diverse community of legal professionals of any other part of the legal community. Due to the lower cost of entry, people who were older, lower income themselves, disabled in various ways, or otherwise interested in the law but prevented from spending three years in full time school, chose to enroll into the program.

Ethnic diversity and backgrounds proliferated, as well. This helps clients “see themselves” in their providers and feel more comfortable.

Aspiring legal technicians proliferated in more remote parts of the state, helping to fill the legal deserts in counties struggling to provide legal services. More of that same opportunity would be possible if the license were reinstated and broadened.

Lastly, Washington set the standard in the entire country for establishing a real program of legal services by people educated to serve in specific areas of law, not-quite attorneys, but far, far better than “nothing.” And now Washington is being left in the dust as many other states adopt their own similar programs. We need to move forward again, and revive the promise of the LT license.

Sincerely,
Low Bono Section Executive Committee
Washington State Bar Association

2025 Bill Status Report

Administrative Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1055	Transparency ombuds study	Enhancing access to public records.	H Approps	Abbarno	
HB 1586	Rules review committee	Modifying joint administrative rules review committee provisions.	H State Govt & T	Marshall	
SHB 1620 (SB 5575)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	H Rules R	Taylor	
HB 1813	Medical assist reprocurement	Concerning the reprocurement of medical assistance services, including the realignment of behavioral health crisis services for medicaid enrollees.	H HC/Wellness	Macri	
HB 1885	Legislative privilege/PRA	Eliminating any legislative privilege exemption from the public records act.	H State Govt & T	Dufault	
HB 1934	Employment investigation/PRA	Concerning the disclosure of information pertaining to complainants, accusers, and witnesses in an employment investigation.	H State Govt & Tr	Chase	
HB 1949	Scholarly communications/PRA	Exempting certain scholarly communications from disclosure under the public records act.	H State Govt & T	Pollet	
SSB 5049	Sunshine committee	Concerning the public records exemptions accountability committee.	S Rules 2	Wilson	
SB 5102	Public risk pool records	Establishing a public records exemption for the proprietary information of public risk pools.	S Rules 2	Hasegawa	
SB 5623	Public records exemptions	Concerning recommendations of the public records exemptions accountability committee.	S State Gov/Trib	Wilson	

Animal Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1904	Declawing cats	Prohibiting the act of declawing cats.	H HC/Wellness	Peterson	

Business Law

No bills.

Civil Rights Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1090 (SB 5498)	Contraceptive coverage	Concerning contraceptive coverage.	H 2nd Reading	Alvarado	

SHB 1125 (SB 5269)	Sentence modification	Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interest of justice.	H Approps	Simmons	
SHB 1137	DOC discipline	Establishing uniform policies and procedures within department of corrections facilities relating to disciplinary proceedings and administrative segregation.	H Approps	Peterson	
SHB 1146	Voting in jails, hospitals	Improving access and removing barriers to voting in jails and state hospitals.	H Approps	Simmons	
SHB 1147	Civic engage./state custody	Supporting civic engagement for incarcerated and institutionalized individuals in state custody to promote inclusion and rehabilitation.	H Approps	Farivar	
HB 1176	Health care/minors	Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 17.	H HC/Wellness	Walsh	
SB 5077	Agency voter registration	Concerning expansion of voter registration services by government agencies.	H State Govt & Tr	Valdez	
SB 5097	Girls' athletic activities	Safeguarding competitiveness in girls' interscholastic athletic activities.	S EL/K-12	Warnick	
SB 5150	Juvenile access to attorney	Concerning juvenile access to an attorney.	S Human Services	Gildon	
SB 5269 (SHB 1125)	Sentence modification	Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interest of justice.	S Law & Justice	Frame	

Construction Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1115 (SB 5111)	Recording fees/escrow tax	Concerning the excise tax treatment of amounts received by title and escrow businesses from clients for remittance to a county filing office for the purpose of recording documents.	H Finance	Tharinger	
SHB 1160	Local gov. design review	Concerning local government design review.	H Rules R	Walen	
SHB 1183	Building codes	Concerning building code and development regulation reform.	H Approps	Duerr	
HB 1403	Condominium construction	Simplifying condominium construction statutes.	H Rules R	Taylor	
HB 1633	Public works/bidding	Concerning prime contractor bidding submission requirements on public works contracts.	H Transportation	Hill	
SB 5111 (HB 1115)	Recording fees/escrow tax	Concerning the excise tax treatment of amounts received by title and escrow businesses from clients for remittance to a county filing office for the purpose of recording documents.	S Ways & Means	Chapman	
SB 5514 (SHB 1543)	Clean buildings standard	Increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard.	S Environment, E	Shewmake	
SB 5552	Kit homes/building codes	Concerning the creation of building codes for kit homes.	S Loc Gov	Wilson	

SB 5559	UGA subdivision process	Streamlining the subdivision process inside urban growth areas.	S Rules 2	Lovelett	
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Creditor/Debtor

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1632 (SSB 5480)	Medical debt	Protecting consumers by removing barriers created by medical debt.	H Civil R & Judi	Timmons	
SB 5720	Uniform debt default act	Enacting the uniform consumer debt default judgments act.	S Law & Justice	Pedersen	

Criminal Law

No bills.

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1527	Health care claims mediation	Concerning settlement demands or offers made prior to mandatory mediation of health care claims.	H Civil R & Judi	Bergquist	
SHB 1620 (SB 5575)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	H Rules R	Taylor	
SB 5497 (SHB 1195)	Housing & shelters	Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	S Housing	Alvarado	
SB 5575 (SHB 1620)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	
SB 5686	Foreclosure mediation prg.	Expanding and funding the foreclosure mediation program.	S Housing	Orwall	

Elder Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1375	Estate tax exclusion	Adjusting the estate tax exclusion amount for inflation.	H Finance	Orcutt	
HB 1876	Death with dignity act	Concerning the requirements for accessing the Washington death with dignity act.	H EL & Human Svc	Peterson	
HB 1889 (SB 5691)	Continuing care oversight	Adopting the department of social and health services report recommendations addressing a regulatory oversight plan for continuing care retirement communities.	H HC/Wellness	Macri	
SB 5037	Uniform custodial trust act	Enacting the uniform custodial trust act.	H Civil R & Judi	Holy	
SB 5405	Estate tax exclusion amount	Updating the inflation adjustment for the estate tax exclusion amount.	S Ways & Means	Schoesler	

SB 5691 (HB 1889)	Continuing care oversight	Adopting the department of social and health services report recommendations addressing a regulatory oversight plan for continuing care retirement communities.	S Health & Long-T	Cleveland	
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HB 1018 (SSB 5241)	Fusion energy facilities	Adding fusion energy to facilities that may obtain site certification for the purposes of chapter 80.50 RCW.	S Environment, En	Shavers	
HB 1107	Fashion environmental impact	Concerning environmental impacts of fashion.	H Env & Energy	Mena	
SHB 1135	Local government planning	Ensuring that local government planning complies with the growth management act.	H Rules R	Duerr	
SHB 1150 (SSB 5284)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Approps	Berry	
HB 1153	Urban forest management	Concerning urban forest management ordinances.	H Ag&Nr	Duerr	
SHB 1154	Solid waste handling	Ensuring environmental and public health protection from solid waste handling facility operations.	H Approps	Duerr	
HB 1164	Urban growth area boundaries	Expanding urban growth area boundaries for residential development.	H Local Govt	Connors	
SHB 1175	Small businesses/residential	Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.	H Approps	Klicker	
HB 1188	Wind & solar siting approval	Requiring local government and tribal approval of wind and solar siting recommendations by the energy facility site evaluation council.	H Env & Energy	Dye	
SHB 1195 (SB 5497)	Housing & shelters	Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	H Approps	Peterson	
HB 1208 (SSB 5155)	Salmon recovery projects	Extending a program to streamline the environmental permitting process for salmon recovery projects.	H Approps	Tharinger	
HB 1235 (SSB 5148)	GMA housing element	Ensuring compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act.	H Housing	Peterson	
HB 1261 (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	H Exec Action	Low	
HB 1290	Water quality trading prog.	Improving climate resiliency through the development of a	H Env & Energy	Dye	

		water quality trading program for recipients of national pollutant discharge elimination system general permits.			
SHB 1303 (SB 5380)	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.	H Approps	Mena	
HB 1304	Boundary review filings	Concerning the effective date of the filing of a notice of intention with a boundary review board.	S Loc Gov	Donaghy	
HB 1311	Gray wolves	Concerning the implementation of the recommendations of the department of fish and wildlife regarding the gray wolf.	H Ag&Nr	Engell	
SHB 1325	Fish & wildlife enforcement	Expanding enforcement options for certain fish and wildlife violations.	H 2nd Reading	Goodman	
HB 1328 (SB 5359)	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy and transmission.	H Env & Energy	Doglio	
HB 1329 (SB 5401)	Wholesale power purchases	Concerning wholesale power purchases by electric utilities under the Washington clean energy transformation act.	H Rules R	Hunt	
HB 1345	Detached ADU limits	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside of urban growth areas.	H Rules R	Low	
SHB 1353	ADU self-certification	Establishing a self-certification program for accessory dwelling unit project permit applications.	H Rules R	Ramel	
HB 1409	Clean fuels program	Concerning the clean fuels program.	H Exec Action	Fitzgibbon	
HB 1442 (SB 5354)	Gray wolf management	Providing flexibility for the department of fish and wildlife to collaborate with local governments to manage gray wolves.	H Ag&Nr	Abell	
SHB 1462 (SB 5438)	Hydrofluorocarbons	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.	H Approps	Duerr	
SHB 1539	Wildfire protection	Addressing wildfire protection and mitigation.	H Rules R	Reeves	
SHB 1543 (SB 5514)	Clean buildings standard	Increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard.	H 2nd Reading	Doglio	
HB 1607 (SSB 5502)	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.	H Env & Energy	Stonier	
HB 1615	Water system classifications	Increasing consistency in the classifications of water systems.	H Rules R	Caldier	
HB 1630	Livestock methane emissions	Concerning livestock methane emissions.	H Env & Energy	Parshley	
HB 1646 (SB 5334)	DNR civil enforcement appeal	Adding the department of natural resources' civil enforcement decisions under RCW 76.04.205 to	H Ag&Nr	Ormsby	

		appeals that may be heard by the pollution control hearings board.			
HB 1652 (SB 5519)	Ocean vessels/environment	Reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels.	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	
SHB 1670 (SB 5450)	Sewage-containing spills	Increasing transparency regarding sewage-containing spills.	H Approps	Hunt	
HB 1679	Nuclear reactor projects	Encouraging electric utility investments in advanced nuclear reactor projects for clean energy transformation act compliance.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
HB 1685	Fish and wildlife governance	Restructuring fish and wildlife governance.	H Ag&Nr	Springer	
HB 1691 (ESSB 5303)	Yakima basin water plan	Extending the water supply milestone for the Yakima river basin integrated plan to 2035.	H Ag&Nr	Dent	
HB 1695	Unincorporated villages/GMA	Concerning unincorporated villages in the growth management act.	H Local Govt	Engell	
SHB 1700	Comprehensive plan updates	Concerning the timing of updates for comprehensive plans and development regulations.	H Rules R	Volz	
HB 1707	Noxious weeds list/crops	Establishing a review process before the state noxious weed control board may list certain agricultural crops as noxious weeds.	H Exec Action	Dent	
HB 1742	Urban design/environment	Concerning environmentally sustainable urban design.	H Env & Energy	Dye	
HB 1749	SEPA considerations	Ensuring consideration of climate change, carbon sequestration, environmental health disparities, and treaty-protected and cultural resources in the state environmental policy act.	H Env & Energy	Pollet	
HB 1774	Lease of unused highway land	Modifying allowable terms for the lease of unused highway land.	H Transportation	Fey	
HB 1814	SEPA/trails and paths	Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act.	H Rules R	Fitzgibbon	
HB 1825	Grizzly bear management	Concerning grizzly bear management.	H Ag&Nr	Springer	
HB 1835	Cannabis licensing/zoning	Aligning cannabis licensing decisions by the liquor and cannabis board with local zoning ordinances.	H ConsPro&Bus	Burnett	
HB 1840 (SB 5471)	Middle housing	Authorizing middle housing in unincorporated growth areas and unincorporated urban growth areas, certain limited areas of more intensive rural development, and fully contained communities.	H Housing	Peterson	

HB 1854	Rural areas/subdivision	Authorizing subdivision of land in rural areas for families.	H Local Govt	Engell	
HB 1856 (SB 5698)	Municipal gas utilities/CCA	Concerning the compliance obligation under the climate commitment act for certain municipal gas utilities.	H Env & Energy	Hunt	
HB 1912	Agricultural fuel/CCA ex.	Concerning the exemption for fuels used for agricultural purposes in the climate commitment act.	H Env & Energy	Dent	
HB 1922	Hydraulic project mitigation	Concerning hydraulic project approval mitigation after natural events.	H Ag&Nr	Hunt	
HB 1930	Fish and wildlife commission	Reforming the fish and wildlife commission.	H Ag&Nr	Dent	
HB 1937 (SB 5712)	Industrial stormwater permit	Establishing a presumption of compliance for entities covered under the state's industrial stormwater general permit under certain circumstances.	H Env & Energy	Fey	
HB 1947	Group B public water systems	Reducing satellite management agency requirements for simple group B public water systems.	H Env & Energy	Engell	
HJM 4003	Fossil fuel treaty	Concerning the United States government joining the global community in formally developing a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.	H Env & Energy	Street	
HJM 4004	Marine mammal protection act	Requesting Congress to modify the Marine Mammal Protection Act.	H Ag&Nr	Chase	
SB 5033	Biosolids/PFAS chemicals	Concerning sampling or testing of biosolids for PFAS chemicals.	S Environment, En	Wilson	
SSB 5148 (HB 1235)	GMA housing element	Ensuring compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act.	S Ways & Means	Bateman	
SSB 5155 (HB 1208)	Salmon recovery projects	Extending a program to streamline the environmental permitting process for salmon recovery projects.	S Ways & Means	Salomon	
SSB 5165	Deer and elk damage	Concerning compensation in frontier counties for deer and elk damage.	S 2nd Reading	Short	
SSB 5170	DNR boundary line surveys	Concerning boundary line adjustments on public lands owned or managed by the department of natural resources.	H Ag&Nr	Short	
SSB 5171	Wolf predation	Concerning livestock damage due to wolf predation.	S Ways & Means	Short	
SB 5173	County comprehensive plans	Concerning county comprehensive plans and development regulations.	S Loc Gov	Short	
SSB 5197	Local government planning	Ensuring that local government planning complies with the growth management act.	S Rules 2	Salomon	

SSB 5203	Wildlife safe passages	Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages.	S Ways & Means	Salomon	
SSB 5212	Water adjudication in WRIA 1	Concerning filing of adjudication claims for precode uses of groundwater and surface water in the water resource inventory area 1 water rights adjudication.	H Ag&Nr	Shewmake	
SSB 5241 (HB 1018)	Fusion energy facilities	Adding fusion energy to facilities that may obtain site certification for the purposes of chapter 80.50 RCW.	S Rules 2	Liias	
SB 5261	Nonconsumptive hydropower	Issuing water right permits for nonconsumptive hydropower use in water resource inventory areas in which minimum instream flows are not being met.	S Ag & Natural R	Shewmake	
SB 5283	Energy storage siting/EFSEC	Prohibiting the energy facility site evaluation council from preempting local laws that forbid the siting of certain storage facilities in critical areas.	S Environment, E	Wagoner	
SSB 5284 (SHB 1150)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	S Ways & Means	Lovelett	
ESSB 5303 (HB 1691)	Yakima basin water plan	Extending the water supply milestone for the Yakima river basin integrated plan to 2035.	H Ag&Nr	Warnick	
SB 5305	Salmon recovery accelerator	Concerning the new environmental accelerator for salmon recovery and ecological resiliency projects.	S Ag & Natural R	Muzzall	
SB 5317	EFSEC/services by local gov.	Exempting local governments providing certain services for projects under the jurisdiction of the energy facility siting evaluation council from certain appeals.	S Rules 2	Goehner	
SB 5334 (HB 1646)	DNR civil enforcement appeal	Adding the department of natural resources' civil enforcement decisions under RCW 76.04.205 to appeals that may be heard by the pollution control hearings board.	S Ways & Means	Short	
SB 5343	NE WA wolf-livestock account	Concerning the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account.	H Approps	Short	
SB 5354 (HB 1442)	Gray wolf management	Providing flexibility for the department of fish and wildlife to collaborate with local governments to manage gray wolves.	S Ag & Natural R	Short	
SB 5359 (HB 1328)	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy and transmission.	S Environment, E	Shewmake	
SSB 5360	Environmental crimes	Concerning environmental crimes.	S 2nd Reading	Trudeau	

SB 5380 (SHB 1303)	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.	S Environment, E	Lovelett	
SB 5384	Riparian programs review	Conducting a review of Washington's riparian programs.	S Ag & Natural R	Dozier	
SB 5401 (HB 1329)	Wholesale power purchases	Concerning wholesale power purchases by electric utilities under the Washington clean energy transformation act.	S Environment, E	Slatter	
SB 5413	Detached ADUs	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.	S Housing	Lovelett	
SB 5421	Small businesses/residential	Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.	S Loc Gov	Shewmake	
SB 5425	Energy independence act	Modernizing the energy independence act to avoid regulatory duplication and overlap with other laws.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	
SB 5429	State building code council	Concerning membership in the state building code council.	S Loc Gov	Short	
SB 5438 (SHB 1462)	Hydrofluorocarbons	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.	S Environment, E	Lovelett	
SB 5450 (SHB 1670)	Sewage-containing spills	Increasing transparency regarding sewage-containing spills.	S Environment, E	Slatter	
SB 5461	Intensive rural dev. areas	Concerning residential development in limited areas of more intensive rural development.	S Rules 2	Lovelett	
SSB 5470	Detached ADUs	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.	S Ways & Means	Goehner	
SB 5471 (HB 1840)	Middle housing	Authorizing middle housing in unincorporated growth areas and unincorporated urban growth areas, certain limited areas of more intensive rural development, and fully contained communities.	S 2nd Reading	Goehner	
SB 5472	Farm holdings	Concerning farm holdings.	S Law & Justice	Wagoner	
SB 5475	Salmon recovery maintenance	Concerning maintenance for salmon recovery projects.	S Loc Gov	Dozier	
SB 5497 (SHB 1195)	Housing & shelters	Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	S Housing	Alvarado	
SSB 5502 (HB 1607)	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	
SB 5514 (SHB 1543)	Clean buildings standard	Increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard.	S Environment, E	Shewmake	

SB 5519 (HB 1652)	Ocean vessels/environment	Reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels.	S Environment, E	Lovelett	
SB 5554	Historic landmark desig.	Concerning historic landmark designations.	S 2nd Reading	Salomon	
SB 5555	Zoning regulations	Concerning zoning regulations in commercial, retail, and mixed-use areas in cities and code cities.	S Housing	Salomon	
SSB 5558	Growth management comp plans	Concerning growth management comprehensive plans.	S Rules 2	Goehner	
SB 5590	Livestock wolf predation	Protecting livestock from wolf predation.	S Ag & Natural Re	Wagoner	
SB 5609	Cultural resources/land use	Regarding cultural resource protection for certain land use activities that are categorically exempt from the state environmental policy act.	S Environment, E	Kauffman	
SB 5611	Land use permitting workload	Streamlining and clarifying local governments' land use permitting workloads.	S Loc Gov	Salomon	
SB 5612	Multiunit housing/SEPA	Creating a categorical exemption for multiunit housing development within the incorporated areas in an urban growth area under the state environmental policy act.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5633	Subdivision of land	Concerning the subdivision of land.	S Loc Gov	Lovelett	
SB 5698 (HB 1856)	Municipal gas utilities/CCA	Concerning the compliance obligation under the climate commitment act for certain municipal gas utilities.	S Environment, En	Ramos	
SB 5699	Intensive rural development	Concerning limited areas of more intensive rural development.	S Loc Gov	Goehner	
SB 5712 (HB 1937)	Industrial stormwater permit	Establishing a presumption of compliance for entities covered under the state's industrial stormwater general permit under certain circumstances.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	
SB 5719	Local gov. hearing examiners	Concerning local government hearing examiners.	S Loc Gov	Salomon	
SB 5728	Fish and wildlife commission	Concerning fish and wildlife commission members.	S Ag & Natural Re	Wagoner	
SB 5732	Housing supply/GMA	Creating greater accountability for increasing the supply of housing consistent with growth management.	S Housing	Braun	
SB 5733	Updating comprehensive plans	Concerning updating comprehensive plans.	S Housing	Braun	
SJM 8010	NW energy security act	Requesting enactment of the Northwest Energy Security Act.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	

Family Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1014	Child support schedule	Implementing recommendations of the 2023 child support schedule work group.	H Rules R	Schmidt	
HB 1426	Impaired driving civil order	Creating a civil protection order to prevent impaired driving.	H Civil R & Judi	Davis	
SHB 1620 (SB 5575)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	H Rules R	Taylor	

Health Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1062	Biomarker testing coverage	Providing coverage for biomarker testing.	H HC/Wellness	Stonier	
HB 1072	Health care services	Preserving access to protected health care services.	H HC/Wellness	Walen	
HB 1090 (SB 5498)	Contraceptive coverage	Concerning contraceptive coverage.	H 2nd Reading	Alvarado	
SHB 1123 (SSB 5083)	Health carrier reimbursement	Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services.	H Rules R	Macri	
HB 1124 (SB 5112)	Prescribing psychologists	Establishing a prescribing psychologist certification in Washington state.	H HC/Wellness	Simmons	
SHB 1129 (SB 5121)	Fertility-related services	Concerning health plan coverage of fertility-related services.	H Approps	Stonier	
SHB 1162 (SB 5162)	Health care work violence	Concerning workplace violence in health care settings.	H Approps	Leavitt	
SHB 1186	Medication dispensing	Expanding the situations in which medications can be dispensed or delivered from hospitals and health care entities.	H 2nd Reading	Parshley	
HB 1187	Delayed ambulance bills	Protecting patients involved in motor vehicle accidents from delayed ambulance bills.	H HC/Wellness	Ryu	
HB 1224	Working families' tax credit	Modifying the working families' tax credit by enhancing collection services and increasing participation rates through data-sharing agreements.	H Finance	Thai	
HB 1287	Health info./coordination	Addressing the disclosure of health information for care coordination.	S Health & Long-T	Rule	
SHB 1291	Maternity services costs	Concerning cost sharing for maternity services.	H 2nd Reading	Rule	
HB 1306 (SB 5185)	International med. pathways	Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	H HC/Wellness	Reed	
HB 1326 (SB 5353)	Diabetes and obesity	Concerning the diabetes prevention and obesity treatment act.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	

HB 1333 (SSB 5093)	Pregnancy loss	Concerning dignity in pregnancy loss.	H Civil R & Judi	Taylor	
HB 1379 (SB 5084)	Health carrier reporting	Concerning health carrier reporting.	H Rules R	Lekanoff	
HB 1382	All payers claim database	Modernizing the all payers claim database.	H HC/Wellness	Tharinger	
HB 1392 (SB 5372)	Medicaid access program	Creating the medicaid access program.	H Approps	Macri	
SHB 1394 (SSB 5239)	Hospital medical records	Concerning the retention of hospital medical records.	H Rules R	Parshley	
HB 1422	Drug take-back program	Modifying the drug take-back program.	H HC/Wellness	Peterson	
HB 1425	Pharmacogenomic testing	Requiring coverage of pharmacogenomic testing for psychotropic medications.	H HC/Wellness	Davis	
HB 1445 (SB 5233)	Washington health trust	Developing the Washington health trust.	H HC/Wellness	Parshley	
HB 1459 (SSB 5163)	Child fatalities	Modernizing the child fatality statute.	H Approps	Bernbaum	
HB 1478	Death cert./subst. homicide	Modifying the manner of death listed in a death certificate following a conviction of controlled substance homicide.	H HC/Wellness	Lekanoff	
HB 1482	Health coverage access	Assuring equity in health coverage.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1496 (SB 5254)	Health care information	Strengthening patients' rights regarding their health care information.	H HC/Wellness	Berry	
HB 1507	Health care nondisclosure	Limiting health care nondisclosure agreements.	H Civil R & Judi	Scott	
HB 1520 (SB 5513)	Pharmacist scope of practice	Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to improve access to health care and the management of chronic diseases.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1521 (SB 5504)	Complex care serv./children	Supporting caregivers who provide complex care services to children with heightened medical needs.	H HC/Wellness	Rule	
HB 1523 (SSB 5344)	Essential worker health care	Establishing the essential worker health care program.	H HC/Wellness	Macri	
HB 1527	Health care claims mediation	Concerning settlement demands or offers made prior to mandatory mediation of health care claims.	H Civil R & Judi	Bergquist	
HB 1531	Communicable disease	Preserving the ability of public officials to address communicable diseases.	H HC/Wellness	Bronoske	
HB 1535 (SB 5351)	Dental insurance practices	Ensuring patient choice and access to care by prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1560 (SB 5638)	Hospital exec. excise tax	Funding health care access by imposing an excise tax on the annual compensation paid to	H Finance	Reed	

		certain highly compensated hospital employees.			
HB 1566 (SB 5395)	Prior authorization/health	Making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process.	H HC/Wellness	Rule	
HB 1567	Health care administrators	Concerning licensure of health care administrators.	H HC/Wellness	Stonier	
HB 1571	Occupational disease/heart	Removing qualifiers related to the presumption of occupational disease for heart problems.	H Labor & Workpl	Bronoske	
HB 1583	Traditional health/medicaid	Concerning medicaid coverage for traditional health care practices.	H HC/Wellness	Lekanoff	
HB 1589 (SB 5588)	Health carriers & providers	Concerning the relationships between health carriers and contracting providers.	H HC/Wellness	Bronoske	
HB 1603	Medicare supp. coverage	Requiring guaranteed issue of medicare supplemental coverage to an individual who voluntarily disenrolls from a medicare advantage plan and enrolls in medicare parts A and B.	H HC/Wellness	Berg	
HB 1632 (SSB 5480)	Medical debt	Protecting consumers by removing barriers created by medical debt.	H Civil R & Judi	Timmons	
HB 1638	Chronic pain/good faith	Enacting the good faith pain act.	H HC/Wellness	Caldier	
HB 1640	Med. & PA licensure compacts	Placing licenses issued in chapters 18.71B and 18.71C RCW under the authority of the uniform disciplinary act.	H HC/Wellness	Zahn	
HB 1655	Provider contract comp.	Concerning provider contract compensation.	H HC/Wellness	Stonier	
SHB 1671	Personal data privacy	Protecting personal data privacy.	H Approps	Kloba	
HB 1675 (SB 5387)	Corp. practice of medicine	Concerning the corporate practice of medicine.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1677	Postsecondary/med. abortion	Concerning access at public postsecondary educational institutions to medication abortion.	H Postsec Ed & W	Thai	
HB 1686 (SB 5561)	Health care entity registry	Creating a health care entity registry.	H HC/Wellness	Bronoske	
HB 1697 (SB 5668)	Newborn screening additions	Ensuring timely, efficient, and evidence-based additions to newborn screenings.	H HC/Wellness	Stonier	
HB 1699	Interscholastic sports	Defending equity in interscholastic sports.	H Education	Volz	
HB 1718	Health care prof. well-being	Concerning well-being programs for certain health care professionals.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1725	Biosimilar medicines	Increasing access to biosimilar medicines.	H HC/Wellness	Thai	
HB 1741	PANDAS, pediatric treatment	Expanding access to treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders	H HC/Wellness	Thai	

		associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.			
HB 1742	Urban design/environment	Concerning environmentally sustainable urban design.	H Env & Energy	Dye	
HB 1743	Health providers/carceral	Enhancing opportunities for community-based providers to provide health care services in carceral settings.	H Civil R & Judi	Simmons	
HB 1766	Health carrier practices	Prohibiting certain contracting practices by a health carrier acting as a third-party administrator for self-insured coverage offered to public employees.	H HC/Wellness	Macri	
HB 1812	Anesthesia services	Concerning patient-centered equitable access to anesthesia services and reimbursement.	H HC/Wellness	Rule	
HB 1813	Medical assist reprocurement	Concerning the reprocurement of medical assistance services, including the realignment of behavioral health crisis services for medicaid enrollees.	H HC/Wellness	Macri	
HB 1849	Rx drug donation program	Expanding the drugs eligible for the unexpired prescription drug donation program.	H HC/Wellness	Graham	
HB 1881 (SB 5704)	Health care marketplace	Concerning material changes to the operations and governance structure of participants in the health care marketplace.	H Civil R & Judi	Taylor	
HB 1946	Local board of health/tribes	Clarifying tribal membership on local boards of health.	H Local Govt	Hill	
HB 1957	Health plan rate approval	Providing consistency in the rate approval process for individual and small group market health plans.	H HC/Wellness	Schmick	
SSB 5019	Medication dispensing	Concerning prepacked medication distribution.	S Rules 2	Chapman	
SSB 5031	Confinement health coord.	Concerning health care coordination regarding confined individuals.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
SB 5051 (HB 1792)	Nursing assistant regulation	Consolidating regulatory authority for nursing assistants.	H HC/Wellness	Bateman	
SSB 5075	Prenatal and postnatal care	Concerning cost sharing for prenatal and postnatal care.	S Ways & Means	Muzzall	
SSB 5083 (SHB 1123)	Health carrier reimbursement	Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	
SB 5084 (HB 1379)	Health carrier reporting	Concerning health carrier reporting.	H HC/Wellness	Robinson	
SSB 5093 (HB 1333)	Pregnancy loss	Concerning dignity in pregnancy loss.	H Civil R & Judi	Dhingra	

SB 5097	Girls' athletic activities	Safeguarding competitiveness in girls' interscholastic athletic activities.	S EL/K-12	Warnick	
SB 5112 (HB 1124)	Prescribing psychologists	Establishing a prescribing psychologist certification in Washington state.	S Health & Long-	Bateman	
SB 5121 (SHB 1129)	Fertility-related services	Concerning health plan coverage of fertility-related services.	S Health & Long-	Frame	
SB 5162 (SHB 1162)	Health care work violence	Concerning workplace violence in health care settings.	S Labor & Comm	Lovick	
SSB 5163 (HB 1459)	Child fatalities	Modernizing the child fatality statute.	S Ways & Means	Orwall	
SB 5185 (HB 1306)	International med. pathways	Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	S Health & Long-	Saldana	
SSB 5217	Pregnancy accommodations	Expanding pregnancy-related accommodations.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	
SB 5233 (HB 1445)	Washington health trust	Developing the Washington health trust.	S Health & Long-	Hasegawa	
SSB 5239 (SHB 1394)	Hospital medical records	Concerning the retention of hospital medical records.	H HC/Wellness	Slatter	
SB 5242	Behavioral health resources	Establishing an interactive screening program to improve access to behavioral health resources for health care providers.	S Health & Long-	Orwall	
SB 5243	Health premiums/lobbying	Restricting the use of health care premiums for political lobbying.	S State Gov/Trib	Hasegawa	
SB 5254 (HB 1496)	Health care information	Strengthening patients' rights regarding their health care information.	S Health & Long-	Orwall	
SB 5326	Insulin emergency supply	Accessing an emergency supply of insulin.	S Ways & Means	Cleveland	
SSB 5335	Rural nursing education	Establishing the rural nursing education program.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	
SSB 5344 (HB 1523)	Essential worker health care	Establishing the essential worker health care program.	S Ways & Means	Riccelli	
SB 5351 (HB 1535)	Dental insurance practices	Ensuring patient choice and access to care by prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices.	S Health & Long-	King	
SB 5353 (HB 1326)	Diabetes and obesity	Concerning the diabetes prevention and obesity treatment act.	S Health & Long-	Cleveland	
SB 5372 (HB 1392)	Medicaid access program	Creating the medicaid access program.	S Health & Long-	Riccelli	
SB 5387 (HB 1675)	Corp. practice of medicine	Concerning the corporate practice of medicine.	S Health & Long-	Robinson	
SB 5395 (HB 1566)	Prior authorization/health	Making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process.	S Health & Long-	Orwall	

SB 5448	Dialysis/certificate of need	Exempting certain dialysis services from certificate of need requirements.	S Health & Long-	Cleveland	
SSB 5480 (HB 1632)	Medical debt	Protecting consumers by removing barriers created by medical debt.	S Rules 2	Riccelli	
SB 5493	Hospital price transparency	Concerning hospital price transparency.	S Health & Long-T	Riccelli	
SB 5498 (HB 1090)	Contraceptive coverage	Concerning contraceptive coverage.	S Health & Long-	Alvarado	
SB 5504 (HB 1521)	Complex care serv./children	Supporting caregivers who provide complex care services to children with heightened medical needs.	S Health & Long-	Chapman	
SB 5513 (HB 1520)	Pharmacist scope of practice	Expanding pharmacists' scope of practice to improve access to health care and the management of chronic diseases.	S Health & Long-	Slatter	
SB 5557	Pregnancy/emerg. treatment	Codifying emergency rules to protect the right of a pregnant person to access treatment for emergency medical conditions in hospital emergency departments.	S Health & Long-	Krishnadasan	
SB 5561 (HB 1686)	Health care entity registry	Creating a health care entity registry.	S Health & Long-	Cleveland	
SSB 5568	State health plan	Updating and modernizing the Washington state health plan.	S Rules 2	Cleveland	
SB 5577	HIV antiviral drugs/medicaid	Concerning medicaid coverage for HIV antiviral drugs.	S Rules 2	Liias	
SB 5579	Health/contract terminations	Prohibiting health carriers, facilities, and providers from making any public statements of any potential or planned contract terminations unless it satisfies a legal obligation.	S Health & Long-T	Cleveland	
SB 5588 (HB 1589)	Health carriers & providers	Concerning the relationships between health carriers and contracting providers.	S Health & Long-T	Cleveland	
SB 5638 (HB 1560)	Hospital exec. excise tax	Funding health care access by imposing an excise tax on the annual compensation paid to certain highly compensated hospital employees.	S Ways & Means	Saldana	
SB 5704 (HB 1881)	Health care marketplace	Concerning material changes to the operations and governance structure of participants in the health care marketplace.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	

Indian Law

No bills.

International Law

No bills.

Juvenile Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1028	Child exposure to violence	Addressing child exposure to violence.	S Human Services	Goodman	
HB 1053	Juvenile access to attorney	Concerning juvenile access to an attorney.	H Civil R & Judi	Low	
SHB 1085 (SB 5272)	School safety/penalties	Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties.	H Approps	Schmidt	
HB 1087	Criminal endangerment	Expanding the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl and other high-potency synthetic opioids.	H Community Safe	Graham	
HB 1092	Children/controlled sub.	Maintaining the safety of children.	H EL & Human Svc	Couture	
HB 1169 (ESSB 5105)	Fabricated depictions/minors	Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.	H Community Safe	Leavitt	
SHB 1171	Mandated reporting/higher ed	Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect.	H Rules R	Pollet	
HB 1176	Health care/minors	Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 17.	H HC/Wellness	Walsh	
SHB 1177 (SSB 5508)	Child welfare housing assist	Concerning the child welfare housing assistance program.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	
HB 1193	Child welfare workers	Increasing protections for child welfare workers.	H Community Safe	Couture	
HB 1211 (SB 5375)	Clergy, duty to report abuse	Concerning the duty of clergy to report child abuse and neglect.	H Approps	Walen	
SB 5032	Juvenile rehab. ombuds	Expanding the duties of the office of the family and children's ombuds to include juvenile rehabilitation facilities operated by the department of children, youth, and families.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
SSB 5052	Law enf. juvenile contact	Modifying law enforcement ability to contact juvenile witnesses and victims not suspected of criminal involvement or activity.	S Rules 2	Salomon	
SSB 5082 (HB 1429)	Extended foster care/housing	Creating a housing assistance program for youth enrolled in extended foster care.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	

SB 5094	Sexually explicit depictions	Concerning sexually explicit depictions of minors.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	
ESSB 5105 (HB 1169)	Sexually explicit depictions	Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.	H Community Safet	Orwall	
SSB 5123 (HB 1855)	Discrimination in schools	Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	
SSB 5128	Juvenile detention, medical	Concerning the provision of medical assistance to individuals in juvenile detention facilities.	S 2nd Reading	Wilson	
SSB 5149 (HB 1659)	Early childhood court prg.	Expanding the early childhood court program.	S 2nd RdConsCal	Cortes	
SB 5150	Juvenile access to attorney	Concerning juvenile access to an attorney.	S Human Services	Gildon	
SSB 5169	Testimony of children	Concerning testimony of children.	S Rules 2	Nobles	
SSB 5179	Education complaint process	Establishing a complaint process to address noncompliance with certain state education laws.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
SB 5180	Schools/gender inclusive	Securing the rights of students to have a safe, civil, and respectful learning community.	S EL/K-12	Wilson	
ESSB 5181	Parents rights in education	Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.	H Education	Wilson	
SB 5213	Fentanyl possession	Penalizing the possession of fentanyl.	S Law & Justice	McCune	
SB 5272 (SHB 1085)	School safety/penalties	Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties.	S Rules 2	Lovick	

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1016	Veterans/employer incentives	Providing employer tax incentives for the support of veterans and military families.	H Finance	Abbarno	
HB 1021	Military families/education	Promoting educational stability for children of military families.	H Education	Shavers	
HB 1073	National guard retention	Keeping our Washington national guard strong act.	H Approps	Leavitt	
2SHB 1102	Veteran support and services	Increasing support and services for veterans.	H Finance	Shavers	
HB 1335	Military spouse employment	Protecting military spouses from employment discrimination.	H Approps	Richards	
SHB 1541 (SSB 5338)	Veterans affairs adv. comm.	Concerning the veterans affairs advisory committee.	H Rules R	Abell	
HB 1738 (SB 5420)	Veteran benefits access	Ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses.	H Exec Action	Shavers	

SSB 5338 (SHB 1541)	Veterans affairs adv. comm.	Concerning the veterans affairs advisory committee.	S Rules 2	Nobles	
SB 5420 (HB 1738)	Veteran benefits access	Ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses.	S Rules 2	Lovick	

LGBTQ+ Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1604 (SSB 5490)	Jail searches/gender	Providing parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a local jail in compliance with federal law.	H Community Safe	Salahuddin	
HB 1699	Interscholastic sports	Defending equity in interscholastic sports.	H Education	Volz	
SSB 5490 (HB 1604)	Jail searches/gender	Providing parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a local jail in compliance with federal law.	S Rules 2	Dhingra	

Litigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1046	Motor vehicle damage/rescue	Protecting the vulnerable by providing immunity from civil liability for damage to a motor vehicle arising from the rescue of vulnerable persons or domestic animals.	S Law & Justice	Leavitt	
HB 1361	Process service	Updating process service requirements.	H Rules R	Hill	

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
2SHB 1217 (SB 5222)	Residential tenants	Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.	H Rules R	Alvarado	
HB 1426	Impaired driving civil order	Creating a civil protection order to prevent impaired driving.	H Civil R & Judi	Davis	
HB 1499	Legal financial obligations	Concerning legal financial obligations.	H Civil R & Judi	Reed	

SHB 1620 (SB 5575)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	H Rules R	Taylor	
SB 5222 (2SHB 1217)	Residential tenants	Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.	S Housing	Trudeau	
SB 5313	Rental agreement provisions	Adding to the list of provisions prohibited from rental agreements.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	
SB 5575 (SHB 1620)	Parenting plan limitations	Concerning limitations in parenting plans.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1215 (SB 5096)	Natural death act/pregnancy	Removing references to pregnancy from the model directive form under the natural death act.	S Law & Justice	Taylor	
HB 1375	Estate tax exclusion	Adjusting the estate tax exclusion amount for inflation.	H Finance	Orcutt	
HB 1728	Estate tax/nonfamilial heir	Adding a nonfamilial heir to the estate tax deduction.	H Finance	Orcutt	
SB 5037	Uniform custodial trust act	Enacting the uniform custodial trust act.	H Civil R & Judi	Holy	
SB 5096 (HB 1215)	Natural death act/pregnancy	Removing references to pregnancy from the model directive form under the natural death act.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	
SB 5405	Estate tax exclusion amount	Updating the inflation adjustment for the estate tax exclusion amount.	S Ways & Means	Schoesler	

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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1003	Service of notice/tenants	Addressing service of notice by mail in cases involving forcible entry and forcible and unlawful detainer.	S Housing	Abbarno	
HB 1010	Rural area ADUs	Authorizing accessory dwelling units in rural areas.	H Housing	Low	
SHB 1015	Energy labeling/residential	Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.	H Rules R	Duerr	
HB 1081	Solicited real estate	Establishing consumer protections for owners of solicited real estate.	H ConsPro&Bus	Donaghy	
HB 1088 (SB 5678)	Residential landlord-tenant	Preparing for revisions to the residential landlord-tenant act by	H Housing	Barkis	

		creating a task force and establishing a moratorium on new residential landlord-tenant regulations.			
HB 1089 (SB 5740)	Eviction reform	Concerning eviction reform and tenant safety.	H Housing	Barkis	
SHB 1096	Lot splitting	Increasing housing options through lot splitting.	H Approps	Barkis	
HB 1099 (SB 5731)	Tenant assistance program	Creating a tenant assistance program.	H Housing	Low	
SHB 1160	Local gov. design review	Concerning local government design review.	H Rules R	Walen	
HB 1164	Urban growth area boundaries	Expanding urban growth area boundaries for residential development.	H Local Govt	Connors	
SHB 1175	Small businesses/residential	Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.	H Approps	Klicker	
SHB 1183	Building codes	Concerning building code and development regulation reform.	H Approps	Duerr	
2SHB 1217 (SB 5222)	Residential tenants	Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.	H Rules R	Alvarado	
HB 1261 (SB 5479)	Open space incidental use	Providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land.	H Exec Action	Low	
HB 1304	Boundary review filings	Concerning the effective date of the filing of a notice of intention with a boundary review board.	S Loc Gov	Donaghy	
HB 1342	Unlawful detainer notices	Removing the personal delivery requirement for unlawful detainer notices.	H Housing	Connors	
HB 1345	Detached ADU limits	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside of urban growth areas.	H Rules R	Low	
SHB 1353	ADU self-certification	Establishing a self-certification program for accessory dwelling unit project permit applications.	H Rules R	Ramel	
HB 1358 (SSB 5298)	Mobile home community sale	Concerning the notice of sale or lease of manufactured/mobile home communities.	H Housing	Gregerson	

HB 1365	Mobile home rental assist.	Providing rental assistance to manufactured/mobile home park tenants.	H Housing	Orcutt	
HB 1380	Public property regulations	Allowing objectively reasonable regulation of the utilization of public property.	H Approps	Gregerson	
HB 1403	Condominium construction	Simplifying condominium construction statutes.	H Rules R	Taylor	
HB 1438	Housing permit approval	Ensuring efficient approval of certain housing permit applications.	H Local Govt	Connors	
HB 1440	Civil forfeiture proceedings	Concerning seizure and forfeiture procedures and reporting.	H Exec Action	Goodman	
SHB 1443 (SSB 5332)	Mobile dwellings	Concerning mobile dwellings.	H Approps	Gregerson	
HB 1464	Home equity sharing	Concerning home equity sharing agreements.	H ConsPro&Bus	Hackney	
HB 1480	Affordable housing REET	Allowing all counties to impose a real estate excise tax for the purpose of developing affordable housing, subject to the will of the voters.	H Finance	Ramel	
SHB 1491	Transit-oriented housing dev	Promoting transit-oriented housing development.	H Approps	Reed	
SHB 1500	CIC resale certificates	Concerning resale certificates for units in common interest communities.	H Rules R	Reed	
HB 1501	CIC unit owner inquiries	Concerning inquiries into association governance or operations by unit owners in common interest communities.	H Rules R	Reed	
SHB 1621	Housing court commissioners	Authorizing superior courts to appoint housing court commissioners.	H Rules R	Macri	
HB 1641 (SB 5385)	Definition of timberland	Amending the definition of timberland for purposes of determining the real property excise tax for a governmental entity.	H Finance	Tharinger	
HB 1696	Covenant homeownership prg.	Modifying the covenant homeownership program.	H Housing	Taylor	
SHB 1700	Comprehensive plan updates	Concerning the timing of updates for comprehensive plans and development regulations.	H Rules R	Volz	
HB 1732 (SSB 5496)	Home buying by entities	Preserving homeownership options by limiting excessive home buying by certain entities.	H Housing	Thomas	
HB 1757	Residential use/existing	Modifying regulations for existing buildings used for residential purposes.	H Rules R	Walen	
SHB 1758	Aquatic land lease inflation	Calculating the inflation rate for aquatic land leases.	H Rules R	Parshley	

HB 1768	Manuf. housing purchases	Preserving manufactured housing communities by limiting purchases by certain entities.	H Housing	Lekanoff	
HB 1774	Lease of unused highway land	Modifying allowable terms for the lease of unused highway land.	H Transportation	Fey	
HB 1915	Tenant protections	Strengthening tenant protections.	H Housing	Richards	
HB 1927	Rent payment reporting	Facilitating positive rent payment information to consumer reporting agencies at tenant request.	H Housing	Hill	
SB 5057	Agricultural real estate	Concerning ownership of agricultural real estate.	S Law & Justice	Wagoner	
SB 5078	Agricultural real estate	Concerning ownership of agricultural real estate.	S Law & Justice	Boehnke	
SB 5111 (HB 1115)	Recording fees/escrow tax	Concerning the excise tax treatment of amounts received by title and escrow businesses from clients for remittance to a county filing office for the purpose of recording documents.	S Ways & Means	Chapman	
ESSB 5129	Common interest communities	Concerning common interest communities.	H Civil R & Judi	Pedersen	
SSB 5142	Eminent domain purchase back	Providing owners of real estate taken through eminent domain by school districts, or sold under threat of eminent domain, the opportunity to purchase the real estate back when it is not put to intended public use.	S 2nd Reading	Hasegawa	
SSB 5148 (HB 1235)	GMA housing element	Ensuring compliance with the housing element requirements of the growth management act.	S Ways & Means	Bateman	
SSB 5212	Water adjudication in WRIA 1	Concerning filing of adjudication claims for precode uses of groundwater and surface water in the water resource inventory area 1 water rights adjudication.	H Ag&Nr	Shewmake	
SB 5249	Kit home siting	Concerning siting kit homes.	S Housing	Wilson	
SB 5250	Squatters	Improving legal processes to deter squatters.	S Law & Justice	Wilson	
SSB 5298 (HB 1358)	Mobile home community sale	Concerning the notice of sale or lease of manufactured/mobile home communities.	S Ways & Means	Frame	
SB 5313	Rental agreement provisions	Adding to the list of provisions prohibited from rental agreements.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	
SB 5329	Smoke detector installation	Concerning enforcement of laws regulating the installation of smoke detection devices.	S Housing	Liias	
SSB 5332 (SHB 1443)	Mobile dwellings	Concerning mobile dwellings.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	
SB 5385 (HB 1641)	Definition of timberland	Amending the definition of timberland for purposes of	S Ag & Natural R	Chapman	

		determining the real property excise tax for a governmental entity.			
SB 5413	Detached ADUs	Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.	S Housing	Lovelett	
SB 5421	Small businesses/residential	Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.	S Loc Gov	Shewmake	
SSB 5496 (HB 1732)	Home buying by entities	Preserving homeownership options by limiting excessive home buying by certain entities.	S Ways & Means	Alvarado	
SB 5497 (SHB 1195)	Housing & shelters	Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	S Housing	Alvarado	
SB 5529	ADU tax exemptions	Amending the county population threshold for counties that may exempt from taxation the value of accessory dwelling units to incentivize rental to low-income households.	S Rules 2	Gildon	
SB 5554	Historic landmark desig.	Concerning historic landmark designations.	S 2nd Reading	Salomon	
SB 5555	Zoning regulations	Concerning zoning regulations in commercial, retail, and mixed-use areas in cities and code cities.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5559	UGA subdivision process	Streamlining the subdivision process inside urban growth areas.	S Rules 2	Lovelett	
SB 5580	Corp. homeowner registration	Concerning the registration of certain corporations and trusts that own single-family homes and condominium units.	S Ways & Means	Orwall	
SB 5612	Multiunit housing/SEPA	Creating a categorical exemption for multiunit housing development within the incorporated areas in an urban growth area under the state environmental policy act.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5613	Residential development	Concerning the development of clear and objective standards, conditions, and procedures for residential development.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5614	Impact fees	Concerning impact fees.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5615	Residential housing permits	Concerning project permit applications for residential housing units.	S Housing	Salomon	
SB 5633	Subdivision of land	Concerning the subdivision of land.	S Loc Gov	Lovelett	
SB 5647	Affordable housing/REET	Providing a real estate excise tax exemption for the sale of qualified affordable housing.	S Ways & Means	Alvarado	

SB 5719	Local gov. hearing examiners	Concerning local government hearing examiners.	S Loc Gov	Salomon	
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Solo and Small Practice

No bills.

Tax Law

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HB 1126 (SB 5315)	Local tax rate changes	Standardizing notification provisions relating to local tax rate changes and shared taxes administered by the department.	S Loc Gov	Walen	

WSBA Interest

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SHB 1171	Mandated reporting/higher ed	Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect.	H Rules R	Pollet	
HB 1207	Superior court clerk fees	Concerning superior court clerk fees.	H Civil R & Judi	Thai	
HB 1592 (SB 5404)	Public defense services	Concerning public defense services.	H Civil R & Judi	Peterson	
HB 1909	Court unification task force	Establishing the court unification task force.	H Exec Action	Taylor	
HB 1918	Supreme court districts	Creating supreme court judicial districts.	H Civil R & Judi	Dufault	
HB 1928	Supreme court vacancies	Requiring senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointments to vacancies on the supreme court.	H Civil R & Judi	Abell	
HJR 4203	Supreme court vacancies	Amending the Constitution to provide for senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointments to vacancies on the supreme court.	H Civil R & Judi	Abell	
SSB 5027	Law school loan repayment	Establishing a loan repayment program for public defense attorneys and prosecutors.	S Ways & Means	Torres	
SB 5087	CTC legal education programs	Establishing legal education programs at community and technical colleges.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Torres	
SB 5150	Juvenile access to attorney	Concerning juvenile access to an attorney.	S Human Services	Gildon	
SB 5404 (HB 1592)	Public defense services	Concerning public defense services.	S Law & Justice	Trudeau	
SB 5453 (HB 1956)	Public defense recruitment	Concerning public defense recruitment and retention.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	
SJM 8006	Limited license legal tech.	Concerning the limited license legal technician program.	H Civil R & Judi	Torres	

Uncategorized Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Priority
HJR 4202	Supreme court districts	Amending the Constitution to elect state supreme court justices by judicial districts.	H Civil R & Judi	Dufault	