



**City of Seattle  
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**Number 3**

As we completed our third week of the legislative session, we saw clear momentum for committees to take executive action on many pieces of legislation. We are also seeing bills with many revisions come before committees – some of which have drastically change direction on the bill, either refine the language or make it more expansive. Next week, we will see increased executive action taken and committee agendas are full, not only with the bills being considered, but also with people wanting to testify.

**Priority Areas**

**Education**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Community &amp; technical college tuition waiver program</b> <i>Establishing the Washington promise, providing for affordable access to postsecondary education.</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1123</u></a></p> <p>Scheduled for Executive Session in both the House and the Senate this week.</p> <p>Creates the Washington promise program to make the first two years of college affordable and accessible to low-income and moderate-income residents by offering a tuition waiver for eligible students enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program offered by the community and technical colleges.</p>	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Pollet
<p><b>Child care assessment</b> <i>Requiring an assessment of Washington's child care industry.</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1142</u></a></p> <p>Requires the Department of Commerce to: (1) Enter into a contract for the development of a regional assessment of the child care industry to better understand issues affecting child care access and affordability for families; and (2) Conduct one or more competitive solicitations to select a third-party entity to conduct the industry assessment.</p>	H H Svcs & Erly	Reeves
<p><b>College promise scholarship</b> <i>Establishing a statewide free college program by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise scholarship.</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1340</u></a> <b>(SSB 5393)</b></p> <p>Creates the Washington college promise scholarship program to replace the state need grant program and provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants and greater access</p>	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Hansen

to postsecondary education for state residents. Makes the Washington College Promise Scholarship program an entitlement for all eligible students.

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**Providing increased childcare for higher education students**

S Ways & Means      Randall

Improving access and completion for students at public institutions of higher education, especially at community and technical colleges, by removing restrictions on subsidized child care.

[SSB 5341](#)

Prohibits the department of children, youth, and families from requiring an applicant or consumer who is a full-time student of a community, technical, or tribal college to meet work requirements as a condition of receiving working connections child care benefits. Requires the department to offer working connections child care benefits to otherwise qualified students of community, technical, and tribal colleges who are pursuing all associate degree programs.

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**Opportunity scholarship program**

S Higher Ed & Wo      Palumbo

Expansion of the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Program

[SB 5705](#)

Upcoming Events: Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) Public Hearing 2/7 @ 1:30 pm

Allows for a municipal and private dollars to match the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship funds. WSOS and the City have been collaborating on identifying panelists to speak in support of the bill at the hearing next week.

## Environment

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

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**Greenhouse gas emissions of transportation fuels**

H Trans

Fitzgibbon

[SHB 1110](#)  
[\(SB 5412\)](#)

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.

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**Greenhouse emission limits in line with 2015 Paris Climate Agreement**

Slatter

[SHB 1113](#)

Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United States' commitment under the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

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**Distributed energy resource planning**

H ENVIDP

Morris

[HB 1126](#)

Requires electric utilities to start including a distributed energy resource planning as part of its integrated resource plan.

**Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act**

H Env &amp; Energy

Tarleton

Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future by 2030.

[HB 1211](#)  
(SSB 5116)

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am

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**Carbon Free Washington Act**

H Env &amp; Energy

DeBolt

Encouraging investment in and reducing the costs of transitioning to the clean energy future.

[HB 1226](#)

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am

Establishes the carbon free Washington act. Reduces the cost of transitioning to electric generation sources that have very low or zero carbon dioxide emissions. Provides sales and use tax preferences to reduce the cost to ratepayers of constructing and operating new renewable energy generation capacity equal to or greater than necessary to serve projected electricity load growth.

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H Env &amp; Energy

Griffey

**Recognizing hydroelectricity as an eligible renewable resource in the energy independence act.**

[HB 1232](#)

Revises the definition of "eligible renewable resource," for purposes of the energy independence act, to include electricity from a generation facility powered by water that commenced operation before March 31, 1999, where the facility is located in the Pacific Northwest.

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**Energy efficiency**

H Env &amp; Energy

Doglio

Concerning energy efficiency.

[HB 1257](#)  
(SB 5293)

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am

Increases energy efficiency and the use of renewable fuels that reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the state and provides a public utility tax credit against the taxes owing by utilities for the incentives provided for the implementation by eligible building owners of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. Permits a city, town, or county to adopt additional residential energy code requirements as developed by the state building code council. Requires the state building code council to adopt certain optional efficiency appendices and include them in the state energy code for residential buildings.

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**Appliance efficiency**

H Env &amp; Energy

Morris

Modifies provisions regarding efficiency standards for appliances.

[HB 1444](#)  
(SSB 5115)

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am.

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**Transportation electrification**

H Env &amp; Energy

Fey

[HB 1512](#)

This bill will finally 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.

Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Public Hearing 2/4 @ 1:30 pm

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.

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**Plastic food service ware** H Env & Energy Gregerson  
[HB 1632](#) Reducing pollution from single-use plastic food service ware.  
Upcoming Events: Environment & Energy (House) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 3:30 pm

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**Prohibition of single-use plastic straws** S Environment, E Kuderer  
[SB 5077](#) Prohibits the sale and distribution of plastic beverage straws. Requires the department of health and the department of social and health services to consult with community health groups, advocates for persons with disabilities, and other stakeholders to determine how to address the need for plastic straws by health care facilities and individuals with disabilities. Requires the local health jurisdiction, a jurisdictional health department, a combined city and county health department, or a health district to enforce this act.

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**Environmental justice actions** S Environment, E Saldaña  
[SB 5489](#) Establishing a healthy environment for all by creating a definition of environmental justice, directing agencies to address environmental health disparities, and creating a task force.  
Creates a task force to recommend how best to incorporate environmental justice principles into how state agencies discharge their responsibilities. Declares that the legislature establishes that state agencies will use all practicable means and measures to promote environmental justice and fair treatment, to ensure implementation and adherence to state policies of fostering and promoting the general welfare by assuring the people of this state have a safe and healthful environment and serving as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations.

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**Supporting the habitat of orca whales, habitat & fish** S Ag/Water/Natur Rolfes  
[SB 5580](#) Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing habitat and forage fish abundance.  
Upcoming Events: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 1:30 pm

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## General Government

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">HB 1172</a> (SB 5314) <b>Creation of statewide Capital gains tax/property tax</b>	H Finance	Santos

Imposes a tax, beginning January 1, 2020, on all individuals for the privilege of selling or exchanging long-term capital assets or receiving Washington capital gains.

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**Creation of a universal worker protections act**                      H Labor & Workpl                      Stonier

Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Public Hearing 2/4 @ 1:30 pm, Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm

[HB 1601](#)

Creates the Employee Fair Classification Act, which creates new provisions prohibiting the misclassification of employees as independent contractors and creates remedies, including civil penalties and damages. Provides for the creation of workers' boards, when certain thresholds are met, to set minimum pay rates and other labor standards for workers in certain industries. Establishes procedures for creating portable benefits for workers in certain industries. Specifies certain rights for workers and prohibits retaliation.

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**Providing for prepaid postage on all election ballots**    S Ways & Means    Nguyen

[SB 5063](#)  
[\(HB 1209\)](#)

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 3:30 pm

Requires the state to reimburse counties for the cost of return postage on mail and absentee ballots for elections. Requires return envelopes for election ballots to include prepaid postage.

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**City retirement and the state investment board**                      S Ways & Means                      Carlyle

[SB 5240](#)

Authorizes the state investment board to enter into agreements with the city councils or commissions of first-class cities to assume the duties of investing the retirement funds of the first-class cities' retirement systems. Changes the composition of the state investment board.

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**Public works bid limits**    S Local Government    Wagoner

[SB 5618](#)

Revises the thresholds for small public works construction procurement delivery methods and thresholds in place for the dollar amount of public works that second class cities can perform. Also adds an automatic adjustment every five years to the thresholds.

Upcoming Events: Local Government (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 8:00 am

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## Health Care

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

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**Opioid medications/schools**    H HC/Wellness    Pollet

[HB 1039](#)

Concerning opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and higher education institutions.

Increases access to opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and institutions of higher education. Authorizes a school to obtain and maintain opioid overdose medication through a standing order.

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1054</u></a>	<b>Diaper sales and use tax exemption</b>	H Finance	Reeves
	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for diapers.		
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<a href="#"><u>HB 1074</u></a> (SSB 5057)	<b>Tobacco &amp; vapor products/age</b>	H Approps	Harris
	Protecting youth from tobacco products and vapor products by increasing the minimum legal age of sale of tobacco and vapor products.		
	Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/7 @ 3:30 pm		
	Raises the legal age to twenty-one years for the lawful sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products. Authorizes the governor, in recognition of the sovereign authority of tribal governments, to seek government-to-government consultations with Indian tribes regarding raising the minimum legal age of sale in certain compacts.		

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1186</u></a>	<b>Medicaid services access</b>	H Approps	Stonier
	Continuing access to medicaid services.		
	Requires medical assistance to be provided for pregnant women who are state residents and whose family income at the time of application is no greater than one hundred ninety-three percent of the federal poverty level as adjusted for family size and determined annually by the federal department of health and human services. Requires the state health care authority to take such actions as may be necessary to assure the receipt of federal financial participation under the medical assistance program and any other federal funding sources that are currently available or may become available in the future.		

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1331</u></a> (SB 5380)	<b>Opioid use disorder</b>	H HC/Wellness	Cody
	Concerning opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services.		
	Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 2/6 @ 1:30 pm		
	Declares that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis. Requires state agencies to: (1) Increase access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services; (2) Promote coordination of services within the substance use disorder treatment and recovery support system; (3) Strengthen partnerships between opioid use disorder treatment providers and their allied community partners; (4) Expand the use of the state prescription drug monitoring program; and (5) Support comprehensive school and community-based substance use prevention services.		

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<a href="#"><u>HB 1513</u></a> (SB 5444)	<b>Forensic mental health care</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Jinkins
	Providing timely competency evaluations and restoration services to persons suffering from behavioral health disorders within the framework of the forensic mental health care system consistent with the requirements agreed to in the Trueblood settlement agreement.		

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**Employer health care funding**

H HC/Wellness

Reeves

Requiring employer participation in funding health care for employees covered by the medical assistance program.

[HB 1518](#)

Establishes a mechanism for employers to reimburse the state for its costs of providing access to appropriate health care services to Washington workers. Under the bill, employers are required to quarterly report their employees and other requested information to HCA, who in turn determines which of the employees are under 65 and enrolled in the medical assistance program. The employer must then pay an assessment for each of those employees who are on medical assistance. The bill also puts in place protections against discrimination by the employer against the employees who are on medical assistance.

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**Individual health ins market**

H HC/Wellness

Cody

Increasing the availability of quality, affordable health coverage in the individual market.

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 2/6 @ 1:30 pm

[HB 1523](#)  
(SB 5526)

This bill 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. The bill requires the HCA, in consultation with the Exchange, to contract with at least one health carrier to offer Silver and Gold standardized plans on the Exchange for plan years beginning 2021. The bill also requires HCA to develop a plan for premium subsidies for individuals purchasing coverage on the Washington Health Benefit Exchange.

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**Health coverage/young adults**

H HC/Wellness

Macri

Concerning health coverage for young adults.

[HB 1697](#)

Requires the state health care authority to provide health coverage to individuals who: are at least nineteen years old and no older than twenty-six; Have an income that is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level; are not incarcerated; and are not eligible for categorically needy medical assistance as defined in the social security Title XIX state plan.

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**Feminine hygiene products tax**

S Ways & Means

Wilson

Providing tax relief to females by exempting feminine hygiene products from retail sales and use tax.

[SB 5147](#)

Provides a retail sales and use tax exemption on feminine hygiene products.

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**Feminine hygiene products tax**

S Ways & Means

Dhingra

Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.

[SB 5206](#)

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**Opioid overdose medication in schools**

S Health & Long

Frockt

Concerning opioid overdose medication at schools with grades seven through twelve and higher education institutions.

[SB 5464](#)

Upcoming Events: Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Public Hearing 2/8 @ 8:00 am

Authorizes a school to obtain and maintain opioid overdose medication through a standing order. Requires certain school districts to obtain and maintain at least one set of the medication doses in certain schools. Requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction: (1) In consultation with the department of health, to develop opioid-related overdose policy guidelines and training requirements for public schools and school districts; and (2) To develop and administer a grant program to provide funding to certain public schools and institutions of higher education to train personnel on the administration of the medication to respond to an overdose. Requires certain institutions of higher education to develop a plan for: (1) The maintenance and administration of the medication in and around a residence hall; and (2) The training of designated personnel to administer the medication to respond to an overdose.

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**Individual health insurance market**

S Health & Long

Frockt

Increasing the availability of quality, affordable health coverage in the individual market.

[SB 5526](#)  
(HB 1523)

Requires the Washington Health Benefit Exchange to develop standardized health plans. Requires the Health Care Authority to contract with health carriers to offer standardized qualified health plans. Requires the Health Care Authority to develop a plan for premium subsidies for individuals purchasing coverage on the Washington Health Benefit Exchange.

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**Foundational public health services**

S Health & Long

Van De Wege

Concerning foundational public health services.

[SB 5732](#)  
(HB 1497)

This bill requires funding for the governmental public health system (comprised of Dept of Health, Board of Health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs) to be restructured to support foundational public health services. This must include efforts to reinforce current governmental public health system capacity and implement service delivery models allowing for system stabilization and transformation. The bill also authorizes the OFM to only allocate funding to DOH if the department, after consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes, a state association representing local health jurisdictions, and the state board of health, jointly certify to the office that they are in agreement on the distribution and uses of state foundational public health services funding across the public health system.

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## Housing & Homelessness

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

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**Lowering of the income threshold for the Senior Citizen property tax exemption**

H Finance

Santos

[HB 1044](#)

Concerning senior citizen property taxes.

Revises property tax provisions regarding senior citizens.

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[HB 1090](#)

**Senior citizens/property taxes**

H Finance

MacEwen



Providing property tax relief to senior citizens.

Provides a decreased rate for property taxes to certain senior citizens.

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**Seniors & veterans/ property tax** H Finance Lekanoff

[HB 1181](#)

Providing property tax relief for senior citizens and qualifying veterans.

Provides senior citizens and qualifying veterans with property tax relief.

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**Real estate taxes/housing** H Hous, Com Dev Walen

Providing cities and counties authority to use real estate excise taxes to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

[HB 1219](#)  
[\(SB 5195\)](#)

Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 10:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/6 @ 8:00 am

Authorizes the use of real estate excise taxes, by cities and counties, to support affordable housing and homelessness projects.

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**Homeless student support** H Education Fey

Concerning support for students experiencing homelessness.

[HB 1263](#)  
[\(SB 5324\)](#)

Upcoming Events: Education (House) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Education (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am

Addresses homeless students; a competitive grant process to evaluate and award state-funded grants; geographic diversity across the state; local housing and community-based organizations; development of sustainable strategies to improve academic outcomes for homeless students; and collaborative strategies between housing and education partners.

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**TANF & WorkFirst programs** H H Svcs & Erly Senn

Updating standards of need, revising outcome measures and data collected, reducing sanctions, and expanding reasons for time limit extensions in the temporary assistance for needy families and WorkFirst programs.

[HB 1268](#)

Revises provisions relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program; the pregnant women assistance program; and state family assistance.

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**Affordable housing/sales tax** H Hous, Com Dev Robinson

Authorize cities and counties to impose a local sales tax, credited against the state sales tax, for affordable housing and requiring a local match.

[HB 1406](#)  
[\(SB 5646\)](#)

Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 10:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/6 @ 8:00 am

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**Local housing trust funds** H Hous, Com Dev Fey

[HB 1581](#)

Funding local housing trust fund programs in larger cities and counties.

Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 10:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/6 @ 8:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/8 @ 10:00 am

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<a href="#"><b>HB 1694</b></a>	<b>Tenants/installment payments</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Morgan
	Allows tenants to pay various rental expenses, other than most rent, in installments.		
	Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 10:00 am		

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<a href="#"><b>SB 5219</b></a>	<b>Concerning condominium construction warranties for buildings less than seven units</b>	S LAWDP	Padden
	States that condominium construction warranties, under the state uniform common interest ownership act, do not apply to condominiums with less than seven units.		

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<a href="#"><b>SB 5353</b></a>	<b>Redevelopment in transit-rich areas</b>	S Local Governme	Zeiger
	Promoting redevelopment of certain areas to encourage transit supportive densities and efficient land use.		
	Upcoming Events: Local Government (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 8:00 am		

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<a href="#"><b>SB 5769</b></a>	<b>Establishing minimum density requirements based in growth management act for cities and counties.</b>	S Local Governmen	Palumbo
	Concerning minimum urban density requirements in growth management act cities and counties.		

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## Public Safety

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#"><b>HB 1016</b></a>	<b>Sexual assault kit notice</b>	H HC/Wellness
	Concerning hospital notification of availability of sexual assault evidence kit collection.	
	Requires a hospital that does not provide sexual assault evidence kit collection, or have appropriate providers available to provide the collection at all times, to develop a plan by July 1, 2020, to assist individuals with obtaining the collection. Requires a hospital that does not perform the collection or have appropriate providers available to, beginning July 1, 2020: (1) Provide notice, within two hours of a request, to an individual who presents in the emergency department and requests a collection that the hospital does not perform the collection or does not have appropriate providers available; and (2) Coordinate care with the local community sexual assault agency and assist the patient in finding a facility with an appropriate provider available.	

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<b>Law enforcement</b>	Delivered to Governor	Goodman
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[\*\*SHB 1064\*\*](#)  
**(SB 5029)**

Concerning law enforcement.

Requires the criminal justice training commission, when developing curricula, to consider inclusion of alternatives to the use of physical or deadly force so that de-escalation tactics and less lethal alternatives are part of the decision-making process leading up to the consideration of deadly force. The bill passed the House 98-0 and the Senate 47-0 and was delivered to the Governor's desk on January 30.

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**High capacity magazines**

H Civil R & Judi

Valdez

Concerning high capacity magazines.

[\*\*HB 1068\*\*](#)  
**(SSB 5062)**

Prohibits a person from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering to sell, or purchasing a large capacity magazine. Defines "large capacity magazine" as an ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition.

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**Undetectable firearms**

H Civil R & Judi

Valdez

Addressing undetectable and untraceable firearms.

[\*\*HB 1073\*\*](#)  
**(SSB 5061)**

Prohibits a person from knowingly or recklessly allowing, facilitating, aiding, or abetting the manufacture or assembly of an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Prohibits a person from discharging, or menacing or threatening another person, in the commission or furtherance of a felony, with an undetectable firearm or untraceable firearm. Declares undetectable firearms and untraceable firearms as contraband and subjects them to seizure.

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**Lost or stolen firearms**

H Civil R & Judi

Doglio

Reporting lost or stolen firearms.

[\*\*HB 1203\*\*](#)

Requires an owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm that has been lost or stolen to report the loss or theft to the local law enforcement agency within five days after the loss or theft. Requires a law enforcement agency that receives a report of a lost or stolen firearm to enter certain information about the firearm into the national crime information center database.

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**Domestic violence/law enforcement**

H Civil R & Judi

Jenkins

Establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents to enhance the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers.

[\*\*HB 1225\*\*](#)

Enhances the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers by establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents.

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**Sex offenses/modify statute of limitations**

H PSDPS

Griffey

Modifying the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses.

[\*\*SHB 1231\*\*](#)

Addresses the statute of limitations for certain offenses. Authorizes the following offenses to be prosecuted at any time after their commission: Rape of a child in the first degree; and child molestation in the first degree.

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**Assault weapons ban**

H Civil R & Judi

Peterson

[HB 1286](#)  
[\(SB 5340\)](#)

Banning the sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

Prohibits a person, unless certain conditions are met, from manufacturing, possessing, distributing, importing, transferring, selling, offering for sale, or purchasing an assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

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**Concealed pistol training**

H Civil R & Judi

Lovick

Concerning concealed pistol license training requirements.

[HB 1315](#)  
[\(SSB 5174\)](#)

Prohibits an application for a concealed pistol license from being denied unless the person has not provided evidence of handgun proficiency, in the form and manner required by the Washington state patrol. Provides the requirements for when an applicant for a concealed pistol license must submit to a licensing authority. Requires the Washington state patrol to, by rule, establish minimum standards for handgun proficiency and develop a course to teach handgun proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. Authorizes the chief of the Washington state patrol to certify qualified handgun instructors.

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**Firearm open carry/local gov**

H Civil R & Judi

Wylie

Expanding local government authority to regulate firearms.

[HB 1319](#)

Authorizes cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that restrict the open carrying of firearms at a public meeting of the governing authority of the city, town, county, or other municipality. City Attorney Pete Holmes testified in support of this legislation on February 1.

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**Providing assistance to certain victims of human trafficking**

S Ways & Means

Saldaña

Providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking.

Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/6 @ 3:30 pm

[SB 5164](#)

Authorizes the department of social and health services to establish a food assistance program for victims of human trafficking. Provides eligibility to victims of human trafficking for state family assistance programs, as provided in rule, who otherwise meet program eligibility requirements. Requires medical care services to be provided to victims of human trafficking, who are not eligible for medicaid, who otherwise qualify for the state family assistance program.

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**Involuntary treatment procedures**

S LAWDP

Kuderer

Concerning certain procedures upon initial detention under the involuntary treatment act.

[SB 5181](#)

Revises the involuntary treatment act. Prohibits the possession or control of a firearm by a person who has been detained at a facility for seventy-two-hour evaluation and treatment on the grounds that the person presents a likelihood of serious harm, but has not been subsequently committed for involuntary treatment. On January 29, Cheif Diaz testified in support in the Senate Committee on Law and Justice.

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[SB 5205](#)

**Firearm possession by those incompetent to stand trial**

S LAWDP

Dhingra

Concerning provisions governing firearms possession by persons who have been found incompetent to stand trial and who have a history of one or more violent acts.

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.

**Death penalty elimination**

S Law & Justice

Carlyle

Reducing criminal justice expenses by eliminating the death penalty and instead requiring life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

[SB 5339](#)

**(HB 1488)**

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 2/7 @ 10:00 am

Eliminates the death penalty and requires life imprisonment without possibility of release or parole as the sentence for aggravated first degree murder.

**Safety Net & Civil Rights**

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

**Certificates of discharge - Hope Act**

H Public Safety

Hansen

Promoting successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records.

[HB 1041](#)

Establishes the new hope act. Modifies the process for obtaining certificates of discharge for an offender who has completed all conditions of his or her sentence and for vacating conviction records.

**Driver's license suspensions**

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Reeves

Concerning driver's license suspensions and revocations.

[HB 1282](#)

**(SB 5328)**

Addresses department of licensing requirements with regard to the relicensing program; the suspension and/or revocation of a driver's license; and failure to comply with the terms of a criminal complaint or criminal action. John Schochet from the City Attorney's Office testified on SB 5328 on January 31 in the Senate Committee on Law & Justice.

**Paid family & medical leave**

H Approps

Robinson

Concerning paid family and medical leave.

[SHB 1399](#)

**(SSB 5449)**

Establishes provisions regarding disclosure of private information under the paid family and medical leave program. Makes changes regarding employer waivers and supplementation of benefits, voluntary plans, waiting period, and other matters.

**Employee scheduling**

H Labor & Workpl

Macri

**[HB 1491](#)**  
**(SB 5717)**

Concerning employer and employee scheduling.

Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 3:30 pm, Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/7 @ 8:00 am

Revises labor regulations regarding employer and employee scheduling. Requires an employer to: (1) At the time of hire, provide a new covered employee a written good faith estimate of the employee's work schedule; (2) Provide a written work schedule at least fourteen calendar days before the first day of the work schedule; (3) Compensate an employee for each employer-requested change to the employee's written work schedule that occurs after the required advance notice; and (4) When additional hours of work become available, offer the additional hours to existing employees before hiring new employees.

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**Collective bargaining/dues**

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Strengthening the rights of workers through collective bargaining by addressing authorizations and revocations, certifications, and the authority to deduct and accept union dues and fees.

**[HB 1575](#)**  
**(SB 5623)**

Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Public Hearing 2/4 @ 1:30 pm, Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/5 @ 3:30 pm

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**Prevailing wage laws**

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Enhancing the prevailing wage laws to ensure contractor and owner accountability and worker protection.

**[SB 5035](#)**  
**(HB 1072)**

Upcoming Events: Labor & Commerce (Senate) Public Hearing 2/5 @ 8:00 am

Revises prevailing wage provisions regarding usual benefits, inadvertent filing or reporting errors, unpaid wages, the curriculum of required training, investigation and recovery of unpaid wages, increasing certain monetary penalties, and a contractor's accuracy of payroll records.

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**Juvenile record sealing**

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Concerning juvenile record sealing.

**[SB 5182](#)**

Eliminates contested sealing hearings for juvenile court records, making sealing automatic if the juvenile has turned eighteen years old, completed supervision, and fully paid restitution owed to individual victims. Allows a juvenile to apply to have a court record sealed upon providing proof of payment of restitution and other requirements.

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**Isolated worker protection**

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Preventing the sexual harassment and sexual assault of certain isolated workers.

**[SSB 5258](#)**  
**(HB 1728)**

Requires every hospitality, retail, behavioral health care, or custodial employer, or labor contractor who employs a custodian, security guard, hotel or motel housekeeper, or worker who spends a majority of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home to adopt a sexual harassment policy; provide mandatory training to the managers, supervisors, and employees; provide a list of resources for the employees to use; and provide a panic button to each worker that spends most of his or her working hours alongside two or fewer coworkers at a location that is not his or her home.

**LGBTQ commission**

S State Govt/Tri

Wilson

Establishing the Washington state LGBTQ commission.

[SB 5356](#)

Creates the Washington state LGBTQ commission in the office of the governor. Requires the executive director of the commission to: (1) Monitor state legislation and advocate for legislation affecting LGBTQ people; (2) Work with state agencies to assess programs and policies; (3) Coordinate with the minority commissions, women's commission, and human rights commission to address issues of mutual concern; and (4) Work as a liaison between the public and private sector to eliminate barriers to economic and health equity. Declares that June of each year will be known as LGBTQ pride month.

**Consumer Privacy**

S Environment, E

Carlyle

Protecting consumer data.

[SB 5376](#)  
(HB 1854)

Establishes the Washington privacy act. Addresses the processing of personal data by controllers or processors; facial recognition for profiling; the state's citizens right to privacy; transparency; exemptions; liability; and enforcement. Prohibits state and local government agencies from using facial recognition technology to engage in ongoing surveillance of specified individuals in public spaces, unless it is in support of law enforcement activities. Requires the office of privacy and data protection to conduct an analysis on the public sector use of facial recognition and submit a report of its findings to the appropriate legislative committees.

**Referred and diverted youth**

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Including referred and diverted youth in establishing community juvenile accountability program guidelines.

[SB 5429](#)  
(SHB 1246)

Revises the juvenile justice act of 1977. Includes a referred youth in establishing guidelines for a community juvenile accountability program. Requires the department of children, youth, and families to: (1) Provide an annual report to the appropriate legislative committees that includes a county by county description of the youth served by the funded programs; and (2) Implement a stop loss policy when allocating funding. Requires the block grant oversight committee to establish a minimum base level of funding for juvenile courts.

**Sentencing, persons under 21**

S Human Svcs, Re

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Concerning the sentencing of persons under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the commission of a crime.

[SB 5488](#)

Upcoming Events: Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Senate) Exec Session 2/5 @ 1:30 pm

Addresses sentencing enhancements and exceptional sentences with regard to an offender being sentenced in adult court for a crime committed as a minor.

## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Driving with an electronic device</b></p> <p>Increasing monetary penalties for the unlawful use of a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle in a school, playground, or crosswalk speed zone.</p>	H Trans	Lovick
<p><a href="#">HB 1256</a></p> <p>Increases the monetary penalty to two times the penalty amount when the following occurs within a school, playground, or crosswalk speed zone: The holder of an intermediate license operates a moving motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or a person uses a personal electronic device while driving a motor vehicle on a public highway. Requires one-half of the money collected to be deposited into the school zone safety account.</p>		
<p><b>Automated traffic safety cameras</b></p> <p>Establishing additional uses for automated traffic safety cameras for traffic congestion reduction and increased safety.</p> <p>Automated enforcement/block the box. This will allow cities to use traffic safety cameras to reduce congestion and ensure the flow of traffic and safety of those using city streets.</p>	H Trans	Fitzgibbon
<p><a href="#">HB 1793</a> <a href="#">(SB 5789)</a></p>		
<p><b>RTA additional voter approval</b></p> <p>Requiring a regional transit authority to receive additional approval from voters if the cost to complete a regional transit system plan approved by voters in 2016 increases beyond fifty-four billion dollars or any additions or subtractions of projects or significant project scope when compared to the system plan are made.</p>	S Transportation	O'Ban
<p><a href="#">SB 5037</a></p> <p>Requires a regional transit authority to: (1) Once it has expended eighty percent of the funding elements identified in a regional transit system plan adopted by the authority board in June 2016, hire an independent auditor to determine if remaining unspent funding elements are sufficient to complete the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016; and (2) Propose a ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of the authority if the auditor determines remaining unspent funding elements are insufficient to complete the system plan as approved by the authority's voters in 2016.</p>		
<p><b>RTA vehicle valuation</b></p> <p>Establishing a vehicle valuation method for a regional transit authority collecting a motor vehicle excise tax that is based on Kelley blue book or national automobile dealers association values.</p>	S Transportation	O'Ban
<p><a href="#">SB 5042</a></p> <p>Requires certain regional transit authorities that impose a motor vehicle excise tax to: (1) Establish a market value adjustment program to be implemented by December 31, 2019; and (2) Under the program, provide a credit against the total motor vehicle excise tax due. Authorizes a regional transit authority to contract with the department of licensing for the collection of a motor vehicle excise tax only if the authority has implemented the program.</p>		
<p><a href="#">SB 5075</a></p> <p><b>MVET low-income adjustments</b></p>	S Transportation	Kuderer



Creating a motor vehicle excise tax low-income market value adjustment program.

Requires a contract entered into with a regional transit authority, for the collection of a motor vehicle excise tax, to provide that the department of licensing receives full reimbursement for the administration and collection of the tax. Requires a regional transit authority that imposes a motor vehicle excise tax to: (1) Establish a low-income market value adjustment program for eligible vehicles owned by low-income individuals; and (2) Allow an additional one-time low-income individual credit against the tax due with respect to certain vehicles. Authorizes the department of licensing to adopt rules to implement this act.

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**Local gov. vehicle tolls**

S Transportation

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[SB 5104](#)

Prohibiting local governments from imposing vehicle tolls.

Prohibits the imposition of vehicle tolls by local governments.

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**Passenger-only ferry study**

S Transportation

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[SB 5157](#)

Requiring the department of transportation to complete a study on passenger-only ferry services.

Requires the department of transportation to complete a consultant study on the feasibility, need, and potential governance and funding structures for passenger-only ferry service between Olympia and Seattle. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

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**Electric transportation**

S Environment, E

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[SB 5336](#)  
**(HB**  
**1664)**

Advancing electric transportation.

Provides a sales and use tax exemption on electric vehicles. Requires the department of ecology to adopt the zero emission vehicle program regulations contained in the California Code of Regulations. Declares an intent to provide clear authority for utilities to engage in and promote the build out of electric vehicle infrastructure. Requires utilities that are traditionally responsible for providing electric service to customers and for understanding and engineering the electrical grid for safety and reliability to be engaged in the electrification of the transportation system. Creates the electric vehicle account.