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The snowy weather in Olympia and across the region made for an interesting week. Monday started off with a snow storm that hindered people getting to the capitol. Hearing rooms were a little less crowded than normal, but session carried on as normal until Friday afternoon. With the looming second round of snow, hearings scheduled for Friday afternoon were canceled and legislators, lobbyists and staff left town to get home before the storm hit. It is pretty uncommon for the legislature to cancel due to weather, but this has definitely not the typical Western Washington storms. With another round of snow expected early this coming week, we are waiting to see if there will be an impact on upcoming hearings.

The number of bills being dropped has slowed quite a bit, but there are still new ones being introduced every day. At this point over 2,000 bills have been introduced this session.

We are quickly approaching the first cutoff of the 2019 legislative session: Friday, February 22nd is the last day for bills to be passed out of their house of origin policy committees. Policy committees are things like health care, education, and environment where the focus is on the substance of a bill rather than the fiscal impact. The week leading up to policy cutoff (the week of February 18th), committee agendas will be filled with mostly executive sessions (where a bill is voted on by the committee). After the first cutoff, the focus will then shift to the fiscal committees.

**Priority Areas**

**Education**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<p><b>Community &amp; technical college tuition waiver program</b></p> <p>Upcoming Events: College &amp; Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 1:30 pm, College &amp; Workforce Development (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 8:00 am</p> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1123</u></a></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></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> <p><a href="#"><u>HB 1142</u></a></p>	H H Svcs & Erly	Reeves
<p><b>Vulnerable children/care</b></p>	H Approps	Callan

[SHB 1574](#)  
(SB 5820)

Increasing eligibility for child care and early learning programs for homeless and other vulnerable children.

**Day care professional compliance**

H H Svcs & Erly

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Concerning professional development requirements for child day care centers.

[HB 1866](#)

Upcoming Events: Human Services & Early Learning (House) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 1:30 pm, Human Services & Early Learning (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 8:00 am

**College promise scholarship**

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Upcoming Events: Ways & Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/14 @ 3:30 pm

Creates the Washington college promise scholarship program to: (1) Replace the state need grant program; and (2) Provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants and greater access to postsecondary education for state residents. Requires the office of student financial assistance to: (1) Implement and administer the program; (2) Establish rules for implementation of the program; and (3) Award Washington college promise scholarships to eligible students beginning in academic year 2021-2022. Requires the legislature to appropriate funding for the program. Requires the caseload forecast council to estimate the anticipated caseload of the program and submit the caseload forecast. Repeals certain statutes in chapter 28B.92 RCW regarding the state need grant program. Repeals chapter 28B.119 RCW (the Washington promise scholarship program).

[SSB 5393](#)  
(SHB 1340)

**Opportunity scholarship program**

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Allows for a municipal and private dollars to match the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship funds. The City led efforts to recruit panelists to testify and sign in support of the bill. Testifying in support of the bill: Bothell City Councilmember McAuliffe, Jessica Monger the External Affairs director with the Washington State Opportunity Scholarship and two WSOS Scholars.

[SB 5705](#)

## Environment

Bill Details

Status

Sponsor

**Greenhouse gas emissions of transportation fuels**

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[SHB 1110](#)  
(SB 5412)

Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/11 @ 3:30 pm, Transportation (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 3:30 pm

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.

**Greenhouse emission limits**

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[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.

<p><b>HB 1126</b></p>	<p><b>Distributed energy</b> Enabling electric utilities to prepare for the distributed energy future.</p>	<p>H Rules R</p>	<p>Morris</p>
<p>Requires electric utilities to start including a distributed energy resource planning as part of its integrated resource plan.</p>			
<p><b>SHB 1211</b> <b>(SSB 5116)</b></p>	<p><b>Washington Clean Energy Transformation Act</b></p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>Tarleton</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 8:00 am; Ways &amp; Means (Senate) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 3:30 pm</p>			
<p>Establishes the Washington clean energy transformation act to support the clean energy economy and to transition to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.</p>			
<p><b>SHB 1226</b></p>	<p><b>Carbon Free Washington Act</b> Encouraging investment in and reducing the costs of transitioning to the clean energy future.</p>	<p>H Finance</p>	<p>DeBolt</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 8:00 am</p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p><b>HB 1232</b></p>	<p><b>Hydroelectricity as renewable resource</b> Recognizing hydroelectricity as an eligible renewable resource in the energy independence act.</p>	<p>H Env &amp; Energy</p>	<p>Griffey</p>
<p>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.</p>			
<p><b>HB 1257</b> <b>(SSB 5293)</b></p>	<p><b>Energy efficiency</b> 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.</p>	<p>H Env &amp; Energy</p>	<p>Doglio</p>
<p>Upcoming Events: Environment &amp; Energy (House) Exec Session 2/11 @ 1:30 pm, Environment &amp; Energy (House) Exec Session 2/12 @ 3:30 pm</p>			
<p><b>HB 1512</b></p>	<p><b>Transportation electrification</b> Provides clear legislative authority for all utilities, public and private, to be able to offer incentive programs and services in electrification of transportation for its customers and rate payers. This bill will finally provide the clear authority language municipal and publicly-owned utilities have needed</p>	<p>H Env &amp; Energy</p>	<p>Fey</p>

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) Exec Session 2/12 @ 3:30 pm

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[HB 1632](#)      **Plastic food service ware**      H Env & Energy      Gregerson  
Reducing pollution from single-use plastic food service ware.

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[SB 5077](#)      **Single-use plastic straws**      S Environment, E      Kuderer  
Prohibiting single-use plastic straws.  
  
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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[SB 5580](#)      **Supporting the habitat of orca whales, habitat & fish**      S Ag/Water/Natur      Rolfes  
Implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force related to increasing habitat and forage fish abundance.  
  
Addresses the need to increase the amount of chinook salmon in the state's waters by implementing recommendations of the southern resident killer whale task force.

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[SB 5811](#)      **Clean car standards & program**      S Environment, E      Nguyen  
Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.  
  
Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 10:00 am

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## General Government

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">HB 1172 (SB 5314)</a> <b>Creation of statewide Capital gains tax/property tax</b> Assisting Washington families by improving the fairness of the state's tax system by enacting a capital gains tax and providing property tax relief. 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.	H Finance	Santos
<a href="#">HB 1679 (SSB 5676)</a> <b>Councilmanic REET/GMA</b> Authorizing cities planning under the growth management act to impose certain real estate excise taxes by councilmanic action. Upcoming Events: Finance (House) Public Hearing 2/14 @ 1:30 pm	H Finance	Frame

<a href="#"><b>SB 5240</b></a>	<b>City retirement and the state investment board</b>	S Ways & Means	Carlyle	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.
<a href="#"><b>SB 5618</b></a>	<b>Public works bid limits</b>	S Local Government	Wagoner	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.
<a href="#"><b>SB 5845</b></a>	<b>Sexual harassment in state government</b>	S State Govt/Tri	Braun	Washington made national news this week with the introduction of SB 5845. Sponsored by Senator John Braun (R-20) and with bipartisan support, the bill seeks to require all three branches of state government to track and submit on the sexual harassment of employees. The first report, due December 1, would include data from the past three years regarding the number of sexual harassment complaints made, how many of those were investigated, what kinds of actions were taken, and the number of claims filed and settled with the state. The bill has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

## Health Care

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	
<a href="#"><b>HB 1039</b></a>	H HC/Wellness	Pollet	<b>Opioid medications/schools</b> Concerning opioid overdose medication at kindergarten through twelfth grade schools and higher education institutions.
<a href="#"><b>HB 1054</b></a>	H Finance	Reeves	<b>Diaper sales and use tax ex.</b> Providing a sales and use tax exemption for diapers.
<a href="#"><b>HB 1074 (SSB 5057)</b></a>	H Approps	Harris	<b>Tobacco &amp; vapor products/age</b> 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) Exec Session 2/11 @ 3:30 pm
<a href="#"><b>HB 1186</b></a>	H Approps	Stonier	<b>Medicaid services access</b> 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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**Opioid use disorder**

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[SHB 1331](#)  
(SSB  
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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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**Foundational public health servs**

H HC/Wellness

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[HB 1497](#)  
(SB 5732)

Addresses the governmental public health system which is comprised of the department of health, state board of health, local health jurisdictions, sovereign tribal nations, and Indian health programs. Requires funding for the governmental public health system to be restructured to support foundational public health services, and in restructuring, there must be efforts to reinforce current governmental public health system capacity and implement service delivery models allowing for system stabilization and transformation.

Upcoming Events: Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 1:30 pm, Health Care & Wellness (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 8:00 am

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**Forensic mental health care/Trueblood settlement agreement**

H Civil R & Judi

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[HB 1513](#)  
(SB 5444)

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.

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 10:00 am; Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (Senate) Exec Session 2/12 @ 8:00 am

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**Employer health care funding**

H HC/Wellness

Reeves

[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 insurance market**

H HC/Wellness

Cody

[HB 1523](#)  
(SB 5526)

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.

**Health coverage/young adults** H HC/Wellness Macri

Concerning health coverage for young adults.

[HB 1697](#)  
[\(SB 5814\)](#)

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.

[HB 1873](#)

**Vapor product taxation** H Finance Pollet

Concerning the taxation of vapor products as tobacco products.

[SB 5147](#)

**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 5206](#)

**Feminine hygiene products tax** S Ways & Means Dhingra  
Providing a sales and use tax exemption for certain feminine hygiene products.

[SB 5841](#)

**Vaccines/personal objection** S Health & Long Cleveland  
This bill would repeal personal belief exemptions for all vaccines that are required for school entry and child care enrollment. Other exemptions (religious, religious membership, and medical) would remain in place.

[HB 1638](#)

**Vaccines/personal objection** S Health & Long Cleveland  
This bill would repeal personal belief exemption for the MMR vaccine, which is required for school entry and child care enrollment. Other non-MMR personal belief exemptions as well as other types of exemptions (religious, religious membership, and medical) would remain in place. This bill also adds into statute that proof of disease immunity through documentation of an antibody titer or a health care provider's attestation of a child's history of a disease constitutes proof of immunization for that specific disease.

## Housing & Homelessness

### Bill Details

### Status

### Sponsor

[HB 1044](#)

**Lowering of the income threshold for the Senior Citizen property tax exemption** H Finance Santos  
Revises property tax provisions regarding senior citizens.

[HB 1090](#)

**Senior citizens/prop. taxes** H Finance MacEwen  
Provides a decreased rate for property taxes to certain senior citizens.

**Real estate taxes/housing** H Rules R Walen

[HB 1219](#)  
(SB  
5195)

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

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**TANF & WorkFirst programs**

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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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[HB 1656](#)  
(SB  
5733)

**Residential tenants**

H Civil R & Judi Macri

Strengthening protections for tenants.

Upcoming Events: Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 10:00 am

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**Affordable housing options**

H Hous, Com Dev Ryu

Providing local governments with options to preserve affordable housing in their communities.

[HB 1745](#)

Upcoming Events: Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/12 @ 10:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 8:00 am, Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 10:00 am

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**Short-term rentals**

H ConsPro&Bus Ryu

Concerning short-term rentals.

[HB 1798](#)  
(SB  
5870)

Upcoming Events: Consumer Protection & Business (House) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 1:30 pm, Consumer Protection & Business (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 1:30 pm

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**Condominium warranties**

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Concerning condominium construction warranties.

[SB 5219](#)

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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**Redevelopment/density**

S Local Governme Zeiger

Promoting redevelopment of certain areas to encourage transit supportive densities and efficient land use.

[SB 5353](#)

Requires the following criteria to be met before an area may be designated as a residential targeted area: The area must be in a county seeking to promote transit supportive densities and efficient land use in an area that is located within an urban growth area, a city's potential annexation area of a certain city, one-quarter of a mile of a corridor with bus service that has an acceptable schedule and is in service or is planned for service to begin within five years of designation.



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<b>Affordable housing/REET</b>	S Ways & Means	Saldaña
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Increasing funding for affordable housing.

[SB 5582](#) Increases the real estate excise taxes on property that sells for one million dollars or more to fund affordable housing. Requires money received from the excise taxes to be deposited into the public works assistance account, the education legacy trust account, the city-county assistance account, the Washington housing trust fund, and the general fund.

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<b>Residential tenants</b>	S Housing Stabil	Kuderer
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Concerning residential tenant protections.

[SB 5600](#) Modifies the residential landlord-tenant act regarding termination of a tenancy--armed forces exemption; sixty days' notice for rent increase; relief from forfeiture; forcible entry or detainer; removal or exclusion of tenant from premises; prohibited rental agreement provisions--recovery of damages by tenant; and substantiating damage charges.

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<b>Minimum urban density</b>	S Local Governmen	Palumbo
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[SB 5769](#) Concerning minimum urban density requirements in growth management act cities and counties.

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## Public Safety

### Bill Details

### Status

### Sponsor

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<b>Sexual assault kit notice</b>	H Passed 3rd	Caldier
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Concerning hospital notification of availability of sexual assault evidence kit collection.

[HB 1016](#) 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>High capacity magazines</b>	H Rules R	Valdez
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[SHB 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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<b>Undetectable firearms</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Valdez
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[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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<a href="#"><u>HB 1203</u></a>	<b>Lost or stolen firearms</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Doglio
	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.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1225</u></a>	<b>Domestic violence/law enf.</b>	H Rules R	Jinkins
	Establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents to enhance the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers. Enhances the safety of domestic violence victims, families, and officers by establishing policies and requirements regarding law enforcement response to domestic violence incidents.		
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1231</u></a>	<b>Sex offenses/modify statute of limitatoins</b>	H Approps	Griffey
	Modifying the statute of limitations for certain felony sex offenses.		
	Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/13 @ 3:30 pm, Appropriations (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 3:30 pm		
	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.		
<a href="#"><u>HB 1286</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5340)</u></a>	<b>Assault weapons ban</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Peterson
	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.		
<a href="#"><u>HB 1315</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SSB 5174)</u></a>	<b>Concealed pistol training</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Lovick
	Concerning concealed pistol license training requirements.		
	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.		
<a href="#"><u>HB 1319</u></a>	<b>Firearm open carry/local gov</b>	H Civil R & Judi	Wylie
	Expanding local government authority to regulate firearms.		
	Authorizes cities, towns, counties, and other municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that restrict		

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the open carrying of firearms at a public meeting of the governing authority of the city, town, county, or other municipality.

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**Emergency aid/prostitution**

H Public Safety

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Increasing access to emergency assistance for victims by providing immunity from prosecution for prostitution offenses in some circumstances.

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 2/14 @ 8:00 am

[HB 1382](#)

Provides immunity from prostitution charges to a victim of one of the following offenses, or a person seeking emergency assistance on behalf of the victim: (1) A violent offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030; (2) Assault in the third degree under RCW 9A.36.031; (3) Assault in the fourth degree under RCW 9A.36.041 or an equivalent municipal ordinance; or (4) Rape in the third degree under RCW 9A.44.060.

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**Patronizing a prostitute**

H Public Safety

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Modifying the crime of patronizing a prostitute.

[HB 1383](#)

Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 2/14 @ 8:00 am

Revises penalties for the crime of patronizing a prostitute, which is a misdemeanor, however, a second or subsequent conviction is a gross misdemeanor.

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**Domestic violence/firearms**

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Concerning the authorized removal, safekeeping, and return of firearms and ammunition by law enforcement during and after domestic violence incidents.

[SSB 5143](#)

Requires a peace officer, who responds to a domestic violence call and has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, to seize all firearms and ammunition that he or she believes were used or threatened to be used in the commission of the offense and may seize all firearms and ammunition in plain sight or discovered under a consensual or other lawful search.

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**Trafficking victims assist.**

S Ways & Means

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Providing public assistance to certain victims of human trafficking.

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

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**

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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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<a href="#"><b>SB 5205</b></a>	<b>Incomp. for trial/firearms</b>	S Rules 2	Dhingra
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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.

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<a href="#"><b>SB 5339</b></a> <b>(HB 1488)</b>	<b>Death penalty elimination</b>	S LAWDP	Carlyle
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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.

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

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### Safety Net & Civil Rights

#### Bill Details

#### Status

#### Sponsor

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<a href="#"><b>SHB 1041</b></a>	<b>Certificates of discharge – New Hope Act</b>	H PSDPS	Hansen
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Promoting successful reentry by modifying the process for obtaining certificates of discharge and vacating conviction records.

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.

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<a href="#"><b>HB 1282</b></a> <b>(SB 5328)</b>	<b>Driver's license suspensions</b>	H Trans	Reeves
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Concerning driver's license suspensions and revocations.

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. Authorizes the department of licensing to administratively reinstate suspended licenses except those licenses: (1) That are suspended under Article IV of the nonresident violator compact or from a jurisdiction that has entered into an agreement with the department; and (2) Suspended because the person failed to comply with the terms of criminal complaint or criminal citation.

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<a href="#"><b>SHB 1399</b></a> <b>(SSB 5449)</b>	<b>Paid family &amp; medical leave</b>	H Approps	Robinson
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Upcoming Events: Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/14 @ 3:30 pm

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.

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<a href="#"><b>HB 1491</b></a>	<b>Employee scheduling</b>	H Labor & Workpl	Macri
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**(SB 5717)** 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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**Marijuana misdemeanors** H Public Safety Fitzgibbon  
Concerning misdemeanor marijuana offense convictions.

**[HB 1500](#)**  
**(SB 5605)** Upcoming Events: Public Safety (House) Exec Session 2/14 @ 8:00 am

Allows a person convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana offense, who was at least twenty-one years old at the time of the offense, to apply to the sentencing court for a vacation of the applicant's record of conviction for the offense.

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**Working families' tax credit** H Finance Entenman

**[HB 1527](#)**  
**(SB 5810)** Allows low-income and middle-income workers to recover some or all of the sales tax they pay as a way to increase their economic security. Provides a sales and use tax exemption, in the form of a remittance, to low-income and middle-income working families.

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**Minors/serious offenses** H Public Safety Goodman  
Sentencing for certain serious offenses committed by persons under eighteen.

**[HB 1540](#)**  
Allows a person, convicted of one or more crimes committed before his or her eighteenth birthday, to petition the indeterminate sentence review board for early release from sentences for those offenses.

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**Collective bargaining/dues** H Labor & Workpl Stonier

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)** Addresses authorizations, revocations, certifications, and the authority to deduct and accept union dues and fees, in order to strengthen the rights of workers through collective bargaining. Repeals RCW 41.59.100 (union security provisions--scope--agency shop provision, collection of dues or fees).

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**Isolated worker protection** H Labor & Workpl Frame

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

Upcoming Events: Labor & Workplace Standards (House) Exec Session 2/11 @ 1:30 pm

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

<a href="#">HB 1783</a> <b>(SB 5776)</b>	<b>Office of equity</b> Creating the Washington state office of equity.  Upcoming Events: State Government & Tribal Relations (House) Exec Session 2/13 @ 1:30 pm	H State Govt & T	Gregerson
<a href="#">HB 1906</a> <b>(SB 5868)</b>	<b>Dolores Huerta day</b> Recognizing the tenth day of April as Dolores Huerta day.	H State Govt & T	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#">SB 5356</a>	<b>LGBTQ commission</b> Establishing the Washington state LGBTQ commission.  Upcoming Events: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) Public Hearing 2/15 @ 1:30 pm  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.	S State Govt/Tri	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 5376</a> <b>(HB 1854)</b>	<b>Consumer data</b> Protecting consumer data.  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.	S Environment, E	Carlyle
<a href="#">SB 5429</a> <b>(SHB 1246)</b>	<b>Referred and diverted youth</b> Including referred and diverted youth in establishing community juvenile accountability program guidelines.  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.	S Rules 2	Nguyen
<a href="#">SSB 5488</a>	<b>Sentencing, persons under 21</b> Concerning the sentencing of persons under the age of twenty-one years at the time of the commission of a crime.	S Rules 2	Darneille

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<b>Child care costs</b>	S EL/K-12	Braun
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Analyzing child care costs and affordability.

[SB 5535](#) Requires the department of children, youth, and families to convene and facilitate a child care affordability and accessibility work group to examine regulatory and licensing costs and the associated effects on child care affordability and accessibility for multiple and single-parent families. Expires December 30, 2020.

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<b>Creation of a universal worker protections act</b>	H Labor & Workpl	Stonier
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[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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## Transportation

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
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<b>Driving with an electronic device</b>	H Rules R	Lovick
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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.

[HB 1256](#) 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.

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<b>Auto. traffic safety cameras</b>	H Trans	Fitzgibbon
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Establishing additional uses for automated traffic safety cameras for traffic congestion reduction and increased safety.

[HB 1793](#)  
[\(SB 5789\)](#) Upcoming Events: Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/14 @ 3:30 pm; Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 2/11 @ 3:30 pm

Allows cities to use traffic safety cameras on critical intersections and transit only lanes to reduce congestion and ensure the flow of traffic and safety of those using city streets.

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<b>RTA additional voter approval</b>	S Transportation	O'Ban
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[SB 5037](#) 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.

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**RTA vehicle valuation**

S Transportation O'Ban

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.

[SB 5042](#)

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.

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**MVET low-income adjustments**

S Transportation Kuderer

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

[SB 5075](#)

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 Rules 2 Sheldon

Prohibiting local governments from imposing vehicle tolls.

[SSB 5104](#)

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**Passenger-only ferry study**

S Transportation Hunt

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

[SB 5157](#)

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 Palumbo

Advancing electric transportation.

Upcoming Events: Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) Public Hearing 2/12 @ 10:00 am

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

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.

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**License plate recognition**

S Law & Justice Saldaña



[SB 5529](#)  
(HB 1663)

Authorizing the use of automated license plate recognition systems.

Upcoming Events: Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing 2/11 @ 10:00 am, Law & Justice (Senate) Exec Session 2/14 @ 10:00 am

Authorizes the following to use an automated license plate recognition system: A law enforcement agency or parking enforcement agency for locating vehicles on a watch list; A parking enforcement agency for enforcing time restrictions on parking spaces; A transportation agency for providing real time traffic information to the public, traffic modeling purposes, and traffic studies such as origin and destination studies, ramp meter efficiencies, and determining construction delays and route use.

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**Pedestrian, etc. safety**

S Transportation Saldaña

[SB 5723](#)  
(HB 1966)

Increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users.

Upcoming Events: Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 2/11 @ 3:30 pm

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**Motorized foot scooters**

S Transportation Lias

[SB 5751](#)  
(HB 1772)

Concerning motorized foot scooters.

Upcoming Events: Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 2/14 @ 3:30 pm

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