

Axel Detail Report

Broadband

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>2SHB 1503</u>	Digital equity Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington state.	H Rules 3C	Gregerson	
<u>SB 5188</u>	Broadband repair loans Concerning broadband infrastructure repair loans. From PWB: add new element as loans only, retain existing structure and eligible applicants, and retain emergency program (HB 1673/2022)	S Rules 3	Wellman	

Other

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SHB 1104 (SB 5090)</u>	Professional engineers' reg. Updating the professional engineers' registration act.	H Rules C	Waters	
<u>2SHB 1303 (SB 5380)</u>	Environmental justice Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions. Adds an "environmental justice impact statement" to the SEPA checklist and restricts the ability to make determinations based on health economic impacts.	H Rules R	Mena	
<u>SHB 1305</u>	Property owners/projects Concerning reimbursement by property owners for street, road, and water or sewer projects.	H Rules R	Donaghy	
<u>EHB 1814</u>	SEPA/trails and paths Streamlining certain decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a trail or path from the state environmental policy act. Only applies to Seattle.	H Rules 3C	Fitzgibbon	
<u>HB 2092</u>	Passenger rail adv. comm. Establishing a passenger rail advisory committee.	H Prefiled	Reed	Support
<u>HB 2134</u>	Regional transp. plans Concerning regional transportation plans, of regional transportation planning organizations containing certain counties, providing for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.	H Prefiled	Duerr	

<u>HB 2143</u>	Transp. district boards Addressing representation within transportation benefit districts.	H Prefiled	Ley
<u>HB 2172</u>	Road jurisdiction transfer Concerning route jurisdiction transfer and abandonment.	H Prefiled	Bernbaum
<u>HB 2199</u>	Derelict vessels Reducing impacts from derelict vessels.	H Prefiled	Richards
<u>HB 2201</u>	Urban growth area planning Standardizing city and county planning and development regulations with an urban growth area.	H Prefiled	Parshley
<u>HB 2226</u>	PTBA governing bodies Addressing representation within the governing body of a public transportation benefit area.	H Prefiled	Ley
<u>HB 2229</u>	Professional engineers Concerning the professional engineers' registration act.	H Prefiled	Zahn
<u>SB 5090</u> (SHB 1104)	Professional engineers' reg. Updating the professional engineers' registration act.	S Rules X	Liias
<u>SSB 5374</u>	Transportation/tribal rep. Including tribal representation in certain transportation activities. Intergovernmental coordination efforts within the transportation element of comp plan updates must include coordination with affected tribal governments to assess impacts of 6-year transportation programs. Also creates tribal traffic safety coordinator program within Traffic Safety Commission.	S Rules 3	Kauffman
<u>SB 5820</u>	Freight rail dependent use Concerning the responsibility of certain counties to include freight rail dependent use overlay as part of the transportation element of their comprehensive plan.	S Prefiled	Cortes
<u>SB 5832</u>	Motor vehicle arb. fee Updating the arbitration fee collected for the new motor vehicle arbitration account.	S Prefiled	Riccelli
<u>SB 5839</u>	County ferry districts Concerning county ferry district authority.	S Prefiled	Shewmake

Public Works Contracting & Procurement

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SHB 1529</u>	Cities/county road resources Increasing opportunities for cities to utilize county resources for road construction and maintenance.	H Rules C	Griffey	
<u>SHB 1922</u>	Hydraulic project mitigation Concerning hydraulic project approval mitigation after natural events.	H Rules R	Hunt	
<u>HB 2191</u>	Construction worker wages Concerning workers' wages and benefits in the construction industry.	H Prefiled	Cortes	
<u>E2SSB 5061</u>	Public works wages Requiring certain wages in public works contracts to be at least the prevailing wage in effect when the work is performed. Requires payment of the prevailing wage at the time work is performed (adjusted every 6 months).	S Rules 3	Conway	Concerns
<u>SSB 5773</u>	Transportation procurement Concerning alternative procurement and delivery models for transportation projects.	S Rules 3	Liias	

Safety

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1898</u>	Truck and trailer length Concerning truck and trailer length limitations.	H Rules C	Klicker	
<u>HB 2095</u>	Public way vulnerable users Protecting vulnerable users of public ways.	H Prefiled	Reed	
<u>HB 2109</u>	Vehicle loads Addressing vehicle loads on public highways.	H Prefiled	Dent	Neutral
<u>HB 2174</u>	Accident risk zones Establishing accident risk zones.	H Prefiled	Klicker	
<u>SSB 5067</u>	Impaired driving Concerning impaired driving.	S Rules X	Lovick	

<u>SSB 5215</u>	Vehicle debris escape	S Rules 3	Shewmake
	Concerning debris escaping from vehicles on public highways.		

<u>SB 5581</u> (HB 1992)	Safe system approach strat.	S Rules 3	Shewmake
	Implementing safe system approach strategies for active transportation infrastructure.		

<u>SB 5824</u>	Fifth-wheel travel trailers	S Prefiled	King
	Concerning fifth-wheel travel trailers.		

<u>SB 5890</u>	Reckless driving, speed	S Prefiled	Muzzall
	Addressing reckless driving in cases involving excessive speed.		

Transportation & Infrastructure Revenue

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<u>SHB 1098</u> (SB 5544)	County local roads	H Rules C	Low	High	Support
	Concerning county local roads.				

<u>HB 1334</u>	Property tax revenue growth	H Finance	Pollet
	Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit.		

<u>HB 1537</u>	Roadway safety account use	H Rules 3C	Barkis	Support
	Expanding access to funding from the multiuse roadway safety account for eligible cities and for the Washington state departments of natural resources and fish and wildlife for maintenance and guidance of motorized recreation on green dot roads.			

<u>SHB 1702</u>	Public utility tax, counties	H Rules R	Wylie
	Authorizing counties to impose a public utility tax.		

<u>HB 1823</u>	Transp. improvement board	H Rules C	Low
	Modifying transportation improvement board provisions.		

<u>HB 2126</u>	School bus fuel tax exempt.	H Prefiled	Marshall
	Providing an exemption for taxes on fuel used in school buses.		

<u>HB 2149</u> (SB 5987)	SR 165 replacements	H Prefiled	Barkis
	Addressing the emergency replacement of failed infrastructure on state route number 165.		

<u>HB 2186</u>	Federal funds	H Prefiled	Barnard
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Supporting the acquisition of federal funds to promote economic development.

<u>HB 2215</u>	Fuels/climate commitment act Concerning climate commitment act compliance obligations for fuels supplied or otherwise sold into Washington.	H Prefiled	Fitzgibbon	
<u>HB 2251</u>	Climate commit. act accounts Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	H Prefiled	Fitzgibbon	
<u>SSB 5160</u> (HB 1226)	Additive transp. funding Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Rules 2	Lias	High
<u>SB 5898</u>	Aircraft fuel tax proceeds Directing the deposit of the proceeds from taxes on aircraft fuel to the aeronautics account.	S Prefiled	Boehnke	
<u>SB 5922</u>	Transportation vehicle fund Authorizing transportation vehicle fund transfers.	S Prefiled	Wellman	

Utilities

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SSB 5690</u>	Utility relocation Concerning utility relocation.	S Rules 3	MacEwen	

Brad Detail Report

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>2SHB 1125</u> (SB 5269)	Sentence modification Providing judicial discretion to modify sentences in the interest of justice.	H Rules C	Simmons	Concerns
<u>HB 1400</u> (SB 5224)	Officer certification Concerning officer certification definitions, processes, and commissioning.	H Rules C	Goodman	Monitoring
<u>HB 1743</u>	Health providers/carceral Enhancing opportunities for community-based providers to provide health care services in carceral settings.	H Approps	Simmons	High
<u>HB 1805</u>	Children services/local tax Creating a local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families that enhance well-being, promote mental health, and provide early interventions.	H Rules R	Tharinger	Medium
<u>2SHB 1917</u>	Juvenile rehabilitation Concerning management of individuals who are placed in juvenile rehabilitation institutions.	H Rules R	Callan	Medium
<u>E2SSB 5278</u>	Juvenile rehabilitation Concerning the management of individuals who are placed in juvenile rehabilitation institutions.	S Rules 3	Braun	Monitoring
<u>E2SSB 5296</u> (2SHB 1322)	Juvenile offenses Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements.	S Rules 3	Wilson	Medium

Curtis Detail Report

Building and Permitting

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SHB 1015</u>	Energy labeling/residential Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.	H Rules C	Duerr	
<u>SHB 1160</u>	Local gov. design review Concerning local government design review. Restricts the ability of local government to conduct design review on housing developments. Under this bill, counties may only require the submission of one architectural drawing as a prerequisite to reviewing a housing development permit.	H Rules C	Walen	Low Neutral
<u>2SHB 1195</u> (SB 5497)	Housing & shelters Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	H Rules C	Peterson	Monitoring Neutral
<u>2SHB 1458</u>	Embodied carbon/buildings Reducing embodied carbon emissions of buildings and building materials.	H Approps	Duerr	Low Concerns
<u>HB 1818</u>	Administration of plats Concerning the administration of plats.	H Local Govt	Penner	Low Oppose
<u>HB 2141</u>	Building codes Concerning building codes.	H Prefiled	Connors	Low Support
<u>HB 2151</u>	Factory built structures Adopting national standards for factory built housing and commercial structures.	H Prefiled	Manjarrez	
<u>HB 2266</u>	Supportive & emerg. housing Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters.	H Prefiled	Peterson	Low Neutral
<u>HB 2316</u>	Concerning land use development when vegetation associated with shrubsteppe is present in the urban growth areas.	H Prefiled	Connors	
	Housing & shelters	S Housing	Alvarado	Monitoring Neutral

[SB 5497](#)
[\(2SHB](#)
[1195\)](#) Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.

[E2SSB](#)
[5613](#) **Residential development** S Rules 3 Salomon Medium Concerns
Concerning the development of clear and objective standards, conditions, and procedures for residential development.

[SSB 5614](#) **Impact fees** S Rules X Salomon Medium Oppose
Concerning impact fees.

Housing

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<u>2SHB</u> <u>1195</u> (SB 5497) Housing & shelters	H Rules C	Peterson	Monitoring	Neutral
Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.				

<u>HB 1206</u> (SB 5679) Multifamily tax exemption	H Finance	Low	High	Support
Expanding eligibility to utilize the multifamily tax exemption program to all counties required or choosing to plan under RCW 36.70A.040.				
Priority Bill				

<u>SHB 1254</u> Wildland urban interface	H Rules R	Duerr	Medium	Neutral
Implementing the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.				
Adopts the entire International Wildlife Urban Interface Code into Washington Building Code. Map identifying impacted areas not yet available.				

<u>SHB 1263</u> (ESSB 5232) Essential needs program uses	H Approps	Cortes	Low	Support
Updating eligible uses for the essential needs and housing support program.				

<u>SHB 1700</u> Comprehensive plan updates	H Rules C	Volz		
Concerning the timing of updates for comprehensive plans and development regulations.				

<u>HB 1818</u> Administration of plats	H Local Govt	Penner	Low	Oppose
Concerning the administration of plats.				

Housing dev./religious orgs.	H Finance	Salahuddin	Monitoring	Concerns
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[SHB 1859](#) Expanding opportunities for affordable housing developments on properties owned by religious
(SB 5885) organizations.

[SHB 1867](#) **Affordable housing REET** H Rules R Ramel Medium Support
Allowing counties or cities to impose a real estate excise tax for the purpose of developing affordable housing, subject to the will of the voters.

[HB 2236](#) **Housing finance commission** H Prefiled Zahn
(SB 6018) Concerning the housing finance commission.

[HB 2266](#) **Supportive & emerg. housing** H Prefiled Peterson Low Neutral
Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters.

[HB 2269](#) **Middle housing/uninc. areas** H Prefiled Bernbaum Medium Concerns
Concerning middle housing in unincorporated areas.

[SSB 5249](#) **Kit home siting** S Ways & Means Wilson Low Support
Concerning siting kit homes.

[SB 5461](#) **Intensive rural dev. areas** S Rules X Lovelett Low Support
Concerning residential development in limited areas of more intensive rural development.

[SB 5497](#) **Housing & shelters** S Housing Alvarado Monitoring Neutral
(2SHB Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements
1195) for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.

[ESSB 5576](#) **Affordable housing funding** S Rules 3 Lovelett Low Support
(HB 1763) Providing state funding for essential affordable housing programs.

[SB 5591](#) **Affordable housing/sales tax** S Housing Bateman Medium Support
(HB 1717) Creating a sales and use tax remittance program for affordable housing.

[E2SSB](#) **Residential development** S Rules 3 Salomon Medium Concerns
[5613](#) Concerning the development of clear and objective standards, conditions, and procedures for residential development.

Jaime Detail Report

Public Health for LSC WSAC

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Priority	Position
HB 2127 Physician assistants/title Changing the legal title for physician assistants to physician associates.	H Prefiled	Marshall	Monitoring	Neutral
HB 2152 Cannabis/health facilities Permitting the medical use of cannabis by qualifying patients in specified health care facilities. (SB 5900) Would direct healthcare clinics such as hospitals, as well as nursing home and hospice care facilities to establish a policy allowing for the medical use of cannabis in these facilities. Policies must be compliant with state and federal laws.	H Prefiled	Kloba	Low	
HB 2155 Use of nursing titles Concerning the use of nursing titles. (SB 5904) AI scope and protection bill. Clarifies that "person" who holds nursing titles must be a human person and non-human entities (ex. AI bots) cannot use these titles.	H Prefiled	Obras	Low	Support
HB 2177 Definition of fetal death Modifying the vital statistics definition of fetal death. modifies the definition of fetal death based on clinical gestational age. does not change or impact LHJ duties and responsibilities as deputy registrars.	H Prefiled	Thai	Monitoring	Neutral
HB 2181 Atmospheric river response Paying for response activities for the December 2025 significant atmospheric river and winter event. Authorizes the Legislature to dedicate up to \$690,000,000 of CCA dollars to the multimodal transportation account for response, recovery, and cleanup efforts related to the transportation system's impacts from the December 2025 flooding and atmospheric river events. Would likely mean other CCA funded initiatives and programs would be reduced and unfunded with this transfer.	H Prefiled	Barkis	Low	
HB 2183 Heat response plans Requiring counties to develop and implement heat response plans. Supportive of concept but several issues with proposal; duplicative authority structure, tying to GMA vs. emergency plan, redundancy in current and already completed work, plan content not flexible or appropriate everywhere, and no funding source. Have been and will continue to work with bill sponsor on bill.	H Prefiled	Parshley	Medium	Concerns
HB 2201 Urban growth area planning	H Prefiled	Parshley	Medium	

Standardizing city and county planning and development regulations with an urban growth area.

requires counties that have UGAs that contain a city to ensure that UGA meets that city's plan, regulations, and requirements. * Need to follow up with WSAC, but likely means more costs to counties who might need to adjust multiple UGA areas to match multiple cities. Could impact zoning for water, OSS.

Statewide food security

H Prefiled

Reeves

Low

Support

Concerning statewide food security.

HB 2238

Directs the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a statewide food security plan with the intent to end hunger, reduce health disparities, and increase agricultural viability and supply chain resilience. Further direction into plan strategies, council, and advisory groups are outlined.

Radiation dose standards

H Prefiled

Couture

Low

Neutral

Establishing radiation dose standards for the operation of ionizing radiation screening systems regulated by the department of health.

HB 2241

Restricts the Department of Health's ability to regulate radiation exposure levels for systems used by correctional facilities. No impact or change to LHJ duties, but likely impacts the county jail's ability to use systems. LHJs might be pulled into the conversation as county-level health expertise.

Preventive health services

H Prefiled

Bronoske

High

Support

Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.

**HB 2242
(SB 5967)**

Maintains and does not restrict SOH/DOH's ability to make immunization recommendations and guidance by requiring consideration of ACIP, CDC, and other medical association recommendations. Requires the OIC to approve coverage of and payment of services related to immunizations as was established in June, 2025. Does not establish any mandates or requirements to receive services, and preserves patient choice in accessing these services. Bill essentially preserves immunization guidance, recommendations, and health insurance coverage that is available today as "status quo" for future. Bill serves as a floor - and still provides flexibility from DOH in making guidance and recommendations updates as SOH sees fit. WSALPHO participated in zdraft feedback and interim discussions. HOC, CDLC both in support.

Agriculture/PFAS chemicals

H Prefiled

Parshley

Monitoring

Evaluating the use of PFAS chemicals in agriculture.

HB 2279

Directs the Department of Agriculture to establish a program that evaluates the use of PFAS chemicals in agricultural practices and resources such as fertilizers and pesticides. Also outlines requirements for state reporting, licensing of agricultural products, and criteria for pesticide registrations. Broader implications for PFAS discourse around safety and health.

Cannabis/health facilities

S Prefiled

Riccelli

Low

**SB 5900
(HB 2152)**

Permitting the medical use of cannabis by qualifying patients in specified health care facilities.

Would direct healthcare clinics such as hospitals, as well as nursing home and hospice care facilities to

establish a policy allowing for the medical use of cannabis in these facilities. Policies must be compliant with state and federal laws.

<u>SB 5904</u> (HB 2155)	Use of nursing titles Concerning the use of nursing titles. AI scope and protection bill. Clarifies that "person" who holds nursing titles must be a human person and non-human entities (ex. AI bots) cannot use these titles.	S Prefiled	Bateman	Low	Support
<u>SB 5933</u> (HB 2168)	Overdose mapping information Facilitating the rapid sharing of overdose mapping information for overdose prevention. Directs the department of health to create a centralized data system for overdose incidents that is more responsive to real-time emergencies. Includes parameters for data system as well as definitions. Unclear how this is different that DOH and HCA's existing data systems used for opioid surveillance.	S Prefiled	Riccelli	Low	Support
<u>SB 5946</u>	Medical assist. eligibility Expanding the income eligibility for the medical assistance program. Healthcare access proposal - impact would increase the eligibility population for Medicaid. No larger fiscal impact for the plan submission as it would still require approval from federal CMS to implement and expand the program.	S Prefiled	Hasegawa	Medium	Support
<u>SB 5951</u>	Albuterol access in schools Expanding access to albuterol in public and private schools. Directs DOH to develop standing orders on albuterol for schools to use, similarly to the recent policy on standing orders for epinephrine. Does not include LHO authority and ability to develop standing orders (proposed change should include local health officials with the same authority as SOH/designee). Some additional edits might be needed around prescription language and school policy development. Supportive of concept with changes needed.	S Prefiled	Cortes	Medium	Support
<u>SB 5967</u> (HB 2242)	Preventive health services Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.	S Prefiled	Cleveland	High	Support
<u>SB 5977</u>	Child near fatality reviews Requiring publication of child near fatality reviews. adds duties to DCYF to also complete reviews and publish reports on child "near fatalities" of children under the care and custody of the department. does not modify or add this duty to the child fatality review programs run by LHJs.	S Prefiled	Torres	Low	

Kelsey Detail Report

Cannabis

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2315</u>	Cannabis oversupply Preventing an oversupply of cannabis.	H Prefiled	Reeves	

Economic Development

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2006</u>	Industrial land banks Extending the deadline for a rural county collecting the sales and use tax for economic development purposes to designate industrial land banks under the growth management act.	H Local Govt	Ybarra	
<u>HB 2129</u>	Agritourism Fortifying agritourism.	H Prefiled	Low	
<u>HB 2186</u>	Federal funds Supporting the acquisition of federal funds to promote economic development.	H Prefiled	Barnard	

Energy

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2103</u> (SB 6004)	Electric/public contracts Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.	H Prefiled	Stearns	Monitoring Neutral

Land Use/Planning

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2140</u> (SB 5983)	Current use land/sale to gov Exempting land classified under current use that is sold or transferred to a governmental entity from additional tax in certain circumstances.	H Prefiled	Low	

Natural Resources/Salmon Recovery

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Sea lion predation donations

S Prefiled

Wilson

SB 5851

Providing for donations to the sea lion predation control account at the time of vessel registration for the purpose of salmon level preservation.

Utilities

No bills.

Paul Detail Report

County Government

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2094</u> Coroner appointment Requiring coroners to be appointed rather than elected. Would make all coroner or medical examiners in counties subject to appointment by the county legislative authority.	H Prefiled	Dufault	Monitoring	Neutral
<u>HB 2216</u> Emergency response Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington. Prohibits counties from using public funds and facilities to investigate, enforce, cooperate with, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal registration or surveillance programs based on race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status. Counties are required to review all policies for compliance, including ensuring that agency employees do not condition services or request information or proof regarding a person's immigration status, citizenship status, or place of birth.	H Prefiled	Parshley	Monitoring	Neutral
<u>HB 2263</u> Public counsel Establishing a public counsel integrity act. Prohibits government agencies from being represented by a private attorney for any purpose. Imposes fines for violations.	H Prefiled	Walsh	Medium	Oppose
<u>SB 5853</u> Public official notification Protecting elected officials from political violence by creating the statewide emergency public official notification system. Creates a statewide notification system to notify public officials of political violence occurrences.	S Prefiled	Wilson	Medium	Support
<u>SB 5974</u> Local law enforcement Modernizing and strengthening laws concerning sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, law enforcement agency volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and police matrons. Implements new requirements for sheriffs, including passage of a background check, that the county must pay for.	S Prefiled	Lovick	Low	Concerns
<u>SB 6000</u> OPMA/natural disasters Concerning gatherings of a majority of members of a governing body and action taken by a governing body during a state or federally declared emergency in response to a natural disaster. Makes changes to the OPMA for actions and activities by the county legislative authority during an emergency.	S Prefiled	Wagoner	Medium	Concerns

Elections

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
Local government elections	H Prefiled	Gregerson	Monitoring	Neutral
HB 2210	Protecting local representation by strengthening and securing fair elections in local governments.			
	Authorizes the adoption of ranked choice voting by jurisdictions by 12/31/32 with specific requirements.			

Finance

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Priority	Position	
2SHB 1960	Renewable energy	H Rules C	Ramel	High	Support
Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in local communities.					
Exempts clean energy projects from personal property taxes and implements a new nameplate capacity tax to replace it. Also implements a new local improvement commitment grant program for local governments.					
HB 2097	County B&O tax	H Prefiled	Scott	Medium	Support
Authorizing counties to impose a business and occupation tax.					
Implements new authority for a county to levy a B&O tax locally. WSAC is required to develop a model ordinance.					
HB 2100	Payroll expense tax	H Prefiled	Scott	Monitoring	Neutral
Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account.					
Implements a new statewide payroll tax on large employers in the state for all employees earning above a certain amount.					
HB 2101	Live presentations/sales tax	H Prefiled	Dufault	Medium	Support
Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.					
Provides relief from the sales tax implemented last year for associations like WSAC and others from having to pay sales tax to presenters who are paid a fee for their performance.					
HB 2115 (SB 5894)	Precious metals tax exempt.	H Prefiled	Walen	Medium	Oppose
Restoring the 1985 tax exemptions for the sale of precious metals and bullion.					
Restores the tax exemptions that sunset on 1/1/2026. The exemption includes local sales and use taxes.					

<u>HB 2121</u>	Nonprofits, schools/taxes Exempting nonprofits and schools from certain sales and use taxes on services.	H Prefiled	Walsh	High	Concerns
	Adds special exemptions for nonprofits and schools from several of the sales tax changes made last session, including certain services and live presentations. Does not include local governments.				
<u>HB 2130</u>	New 2025 taxes repeal Repealing new taxes imposed by Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5814 during the 2025 regular legislative session.	H Prefiled	Orcutt	Monitoring	Neutral
	Repeals several of the new taxes imposed in 2025.				
<u>HB 2133</u>	Senior citizen centers/tax Making the property tax exemption for multipurpose senior citizen centers permanent.	H Prefiled	Barnard	Monitoring	Neutral
	Makes the property tax exemption permanent in state law.				
<u>HB 2135</u>	Adaptive housing tax pref. Modifying and extending the adaptive housing retail sales and use tax preference for disabled veterans.	H Prefiled	Barnard	Monitoring	Neutral
	Limits the current adaptive housing tax preference for veterans housing to 2038. Beginning in 2039, the tax preference threshold is to be adjust annually.				
<u>HB 2186</u>	Federal funds Supporting the acquisition of federal funds to promote economic development.	H Prefiled	Barnard	Monitoring	Neutral
	Creates a grant programs to provide matching funds for jurisdictions to utilize to apply for federal grants.				
<u>HB 2191</u>	Construction worker wages Concerning workers' wages and benefits in the construction industry.	H Prefiled	Cortes	Monitoring	Neutral
	Makes project owners, including jointly and severally liable for wages and benefits that workers don't receive during the project from the contractor and any subcontractors. Local governments are not considered "owners" under the bill.				
<u>HB 2194</u>	Cultural access sales tax Concerning sales and use tax for cultural access programs.	H Prefiled	Parshley	Medium	Support
	Allows both the county and the city to impose the tax as long as the county doesn't collect in the city limits.				
<u>HB 2227</u>	Affordable housing/REET	H Prefiled	Ramel	Monitoring	Neutral

Providing a real estate excise tax exemption for the sale of qualified affordable housing.

Grants an exemption from REET when an affordable homeownership of ownership housing sells to a low-income household.

<u>HB 2251</u>	Climate commit. act accounts Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	H Prefiled	Fitzgibbon	Monitoring	Neutral
	Makes several changes to CCA accounts, including creating the CC Operating and Capital accounts and the allowed uses of funds placed in those accounts.				
<u>HB 2257</u>	Tax administration Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Prefiled	Berg	Monitoring	Neutral
	Makes several changes to tax laws in WA state, including exempting certain live presentations from sales tax that were implicated last session. Several exemptions regarding digital goods are removed. Some new taxes are imposed and existing taxes are increased. The bill deals mostly with digital products. It also makes some changes to current use classifications and incidental uses but no concerns.				
<u>HB 2258</u>	Animal control excise tax Authorizing cities and counties the ability to levy a household excise tax for the operation, maintenance, and capital needs of animal control and shelter systems.	H Prefiled	Parshley	Medium	Support
	Authorizes a county excise tax in unincorporated lands of up to \$2.50 per household unit per month for the first 5 years. It can increase up to 2% per year, or the rate of inflation. Revenue must be used to operate, maintain, and construct animal control and shelter systems owned by the county or an animal service provider.				
<u>HB 2270</u>	Lodging tax revenue use Providing specified flexibility for use of lodging tax revenues for small cities.	H Prefiled	Bernbaum	Monitoring	Neutral
	Allows cities under 5,000 to utilize lodging tax revenue for infrastructure and law enforcement costs.				
<u>HB 2278</u>	Tourism promotion areas Concerning tourism promotion areas.	H Prefiled	Barnard	Medium	Support
	Extends the additional \$3 per night charge for a hotel room within a designated tourism promotion area to be permanent.				
<u>HB 2289</u> (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp. Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. Making changes to the state operating budget.	H Prefiled	Ormsby	Monitoring	Neutral
	Capital budget, supplemental	H Prefiled	Tharinger	Monitoring	Neutral

[HB 2295](#) Concerning the capital budget.
[\(SB 6003\)](#) Amending the state's capital budget.

	H Prefiled	Farivar	Medium	Concerns
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Incentivizing grocery stores located in underserved communities.

[HB 2297](#) Exempts sales of security services to grocery stores, farmers markets, or other food retailers from sales taxes. Authorizes counties to establish a property tax exemption to preserve grocery stores, incentivize rehabbing existing or vacant grocery store buildings, and incentivize new grocer store in underserved communities.

	K-12 education funding	S Ways & Means	Wellman	High	Support
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[SB 5812](#) Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.
[\(ESHB 2049\)](#) Changes the annual property tax growth limit from 1% to inflation plus population growth, not to exceed 3%. This is a WSAC priority bill.

	TRS & PERS plan 1 COLA	S Prefiled	Dozier	Medium	Oppose
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[SB 5862](#) Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for plan 1 retirees of the teachers' retirement system and public employees' retirement system.
Provides a 3% COLA for PERS 1 retirees.

	Underutilized property/tax	S Prefiled	Riccelli	Medium	Concerns
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[SB 5884](#) Expanding the limited sales and use tax incentive program to encourage redevelopment of underutilized property.
Allows cities to authorize a sales tax deferral to encourage development of under and unutilized property to promote housing access, employment, and other goals. Counties would like this tool as well in UGAs.

	Precious metals tax exempt.	S Prefiled	Riccelli	Medium	Oppose
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[SB 5894](#) Restoring the 1985 tax exemptions for the sale of precious metals and bullion.
[\(HB 2115\)](#) Restores the tax exemptions that sunset on 1/1/2026. The exemption includes local sales and use taxes.

	Senior citizen centers/tax	S Prefiled	Gildon	Monitoring	Neutral
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[SB 5970](#) Making the property tax exemption for multipurpose senior citizen centers permanent.
Makes permanent the current property tax exemption for multipurpose senior centers.

	Live presentations/sales tax	S Prefiled	Torres	Medium	Concerns
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Exempting live presentations from retail sales and use tax.

Exemption live presentations from the new sales tax requirements.

<u>SB 5986</u>	Disability/property tax ex. Providing a property tax exemption for qualifying housing used as a residency by tenants meeting certain disability criteria. Authorizes a \$50k per resident/tenant property valuation reduction for property tax purposes. At least 80% of the value of the reduction in taxes must inure to the disabled resident.	S Prefiled	Fortunato	Monitoring	Neutral
<u>SB 5998</u> (HB 2289)	Operating budget, supp. Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. Making changes to the state operating budget.	S Prefiled	Robinson	Monitoring	Neutral
Labor					
<u>Bill Details</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2105</u> (SB 5852)	Immigrant workers Concerning immigrant worker protections. Implements new notification requirements for employers regarding residency audits by the federal government on employee files. Costly fines are included for noncompliance.	H Prefiled	Ortiz-Self	High	Concerns
<u>HB 2137</u> (SB 5972)	Correctional officers/arb. Expanding the definition of law enforcement personnel regarding correctional officers for purposes of interest arbitration. Removes the population threshold (70K) for county jail corrections officers to be eligible for binding interest arbitration.	H Prefiled	Bronoske	High	Oppose
<u>HB 2144</u>	Employee monitoring notices Requiring notices to employees when electronic monitoring is used to assist employers conducting performance evaluations. Requires employers to notify employees if it intends to use electronic monitoring systems to assess performance. Fines are imposed for noncompliance.	H Prefiled	Parshley	Monitoring	Neutral
<u>SB 5852</u> (HB 2105)	Immigrant workers Concerning immigrant worker protections. Implements new notification requirements for employers regarding residency audits by the federal government on employee files. Costly fines are included for noncompliance.	S Prefiled	Saldana	High	Concerns

<u>SB 5889</u>	PFML/public supp. benefits	S Prefiled	Gildon	Monitoring	Neutral
	Limiting supplemental benefits for public employee leave while on paid family medical leave.				
	Allows government employees to utilize accrued paid leave benefits when on PFML.				

<u>SB 5972</u> (HB 2137)	Correctional officers/arb.	S Prefiled	Stanford	Medium	Oppose
	Expanding the definition of law enforcement personnel regarding correctional officers for purposes of interest arbitration.				
	Removes the population threshold of 70k in the county to grant interest arbitration rights to corrections officers.				

Liability/Risk Management

No bills.

Public Records

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<u>HB 2244</u>	Public records exemptions	H Prefiled	Mena	Monitoring	Neutral
	Adopting the recommendations of the public records exemptions accountability committee in its 2025 annual report.				
	Makes several changes to the PRA, including to toxicology reports, accident reports, and state agency reports. Nothing in this bill directly impacts counties negatively.				

Salmon and Riparian

No bills.

Timber

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
Board of natural resources HB 2117 (SB 5838)	H Prefiled	Stearns	Monitoring	Neutral
Adding a tribal member to the board of natural resources.				
Adds a seventh member to the BNR, representing Tribes and appointed by the Governor.				
Ecosystem services HB 2170 (SB 5999)	H Prefiled	Reeves	Medium	Concerns
Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.				
Authorizes DNR to market and sell ecosystem service contracts on all lands managed by DNR. Does not include certain safeguards for counties we'd like to see, like making sure that they still consider the				

best financial interest of the beneficiary and the these contracts be in addition to harvest where harvest can still take place.

<u>SB 5838</u> (HB 2117)	Board of natural resources	S Prefiled	Kauffman	Monitoring	Neutral
	Adding a tribal member to the board of natural resources.				
	Adds a seventh member to the BNR, representing Tribes and appointed by the Governor.				
<u>SB 5893</u>	Forest health appropriation	S Prefiled	Short	High	Support
	Addressing appropriations for long-term forest health and wildfire reduction.				
	Appropriated \$65 million in NCS funds for the wildfire suppression and response and forest health components of HB 1168 (2023).				
<u>SB 5999</u> (HB 2170)	Ecosystem services	S Prefiled	Lovelett	Medium	Concerns
	Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.				
	Companion to HB 2170 - see write up.				

Water

No bills.

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Climate & Environment

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2117</u> (SB 5838)	Board of natural resources Adding a tribal member to the board of natural resources.	H Prefiled	Stearns	
<u>HB 2150</u>	Climate policy/reporting Making the implementation of climate policy contingent on the department of ecology reporting greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that allows for measuring the effectiveness of those policies.	H Prefiled	Manjarrez	
<u>HB 2154</u>	Conservation district land Concerning land ownership by conservation districts.	H Prefiled	Schmick	
<u>HB 2170</u> (SB 5999)	Ecosystem services Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.	H Prefiled	Reeves	
<u>HB 2181</u>	Atmospheric river response Paying for response activities for the December 2025 significant atmospheric river and winter event.	H Prefiled	Barkis	
<u>HB 2183</u>	Heat response plans Requiring counties to develop and implement heat response plans.	H Prefiled	Parshley	
<u>HB 2251</u>	Climate commit. act accounts Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	H Prefiled	Fitzgibbon	
<u>HB 2265</u>	Extreme heat/tenants Protecting tenants from periods of extreme heat.	H Prefiled	Mena	
<u>HB 2273</u>	Embodied carbon/buildings Reducing embodied carbon emissions of buildings and building materials.	H Prefiled	Duerr	
<u>ESSB 5360</u>	Environmental crimes Concerning environmental crimes.	S Rules 3	Trudeau	
<u>SB 5838</u> (HB 2117)	Board of natural resources Adding a tribal member to the board of natural resources.	S Prefiled	Kauffman	

[SB 5896](#) **Water quality pollution** S Prefiled Short
Modifying the standards for determining water quality pollution.

Juvenile Justice

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 2108</u> Juvenile justice transfer Concerning the transfer of the juvenile justice functions.	H Prefiled	Walsh		
<u>HB 2169</u> (SB 5911) DCYF/financial stability Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families.	H Prefiled	Callan		
<u>HB 2171</u> Foster youth Supporting foster youth.	H Prefiled	Steele		
<u>HB 2185</u> (SB 5957) Homeless youth committee Concerning the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs advisory committee.	H Prefiled	Fey		
<u>SB 5866</u> DCYF frontline staffing Increasing frontline staffing within the department of children, youth, and families.	S Prefiled	Torres		
<u>SB 5945</u> Persistent offenders Modifying the definition of persistent offender to exclude convictions for offenses committed by someone under the age of 18 and providing for resentencing.	S Prefiled	Hasegawa		
<u>SB 5957</u> (HB 2185) Homeless youth committee Concerning the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs advisory committee.	S Prefiled	Orwall		

Solid Waste Management

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>SHB 1653</u> (ESSB 5484) Tow truck payments/indigent Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent persons.	H Rules R	Donaghy		
<u>HB 2109</u> Vehicle loads Addressing vehicle loads on public highways.	H Prefiled	Dent		

<u>HB 2199</u>	Derelict vessels Reducing impacts from derelict vessels.	H Prefiled	Richards
<u>HB 2212</u>	Washing machine microplastic Reducing microplastic pollution from washing machines.	H Prefiled	Pollet
<u>HB 2233</u> (SB 5965)	Retail bags Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments.	H Prefiled	Parshley
<u>HB 2271</u>	Plastics/recycled content Concerning postconsumer recycled content requirements for plastic products.	H Prefiled	Berry
<u>HB 2279</u>	Agriculture/PFAS chemicals Evaluating the use of PFAS chemicals in agriculture.	H Prefiled	Parshley
<u>ESSB 5484</u> (SHB 1653)	Tow truck payments/indigent Concerning payments to tow truck operators for the release of vehicles to indigent persons.	S Rules 3	Chapman
<u>SB 5965</u> (HB 2233)	Retail bags Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments.	S Prefiled	Bateman

Veteran Services

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>HB 1016</u>	Veterans/employer incentives Providing employer tax incentives for the support of veterans and military families.	H Finance	Abbarno	
<u>SHB 1161</u>	Veteran employability Establishing the veteran employability training and career advancement for reentry program.	H Approps	Ryu	
<u>HB 1335</u>	Military spouse employment Protecting military spouses from employment discrimination.	H Approps	Richards	
<u>HB 1397</u>	Local property tax levies Imposing local property tax levies wholly credited against the state property tax to provide support and services for veterans' assistance and for persons with developmental disabilities or mental health needs.	H Finance	Orcutt	
	Veterans affairs adv. comm.	H Rules 3C	Abell	

[ESHB](#)[1541](#) (SSB 5338)

Concerning the veterans affairs advisory committee.

[SHB 1738](#)
(SB 5420)**Veteran benefits access**

H Approps

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Ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses.

[HB 2135](#)**Adaptive housing tax pref.**

H Prefiled

Barnard

Modifying and extending the adaptive housing retail sales and use tax preference for disabled veterans.

[SSB 5338](#)
(ESHB 1541)**Veterans affairs adv. comm.**

S Rules 3

Nobles

Concerning the veterans affairs advisory committee.

[SB 5398](#)**Veterans w/ disabilities/tax**

S Ways & Means

Conway

Concerning property tax exemptions for veterans with disabilities.

[SSB 5410](#)
(SHB 1371)**Veteran parking privileges**

S Rules X

Braun

Concerning parking privileges for veterans.

[SB 5420](#)
(SHB 1738)**Veteran benefits access**

S Rules 3

Lovick

Ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses.

[SB 5954](#)**Vet. survivor tuition waiver**

S Prefiled

Wagoner

Concerning veteran survivor tuition waiver eligibility.

Wildfire & Forest Health**Bill Details****Status****Sponsor****Priority****Position**[HB 2224](#)**Fire protection districts**

H Prefiled

Stuebe

Concerning fire protection districts.

[HB 2275](#)**Wildfire prevention**

H Prefiled

Reeves

Concerning wildfire prevention and creating the Washington wildfire prevention and protection council.

Wildfire risk models

H Prefiled

Hall

[HB 2277](#)
(SB 5928) Concerning wildfire risk models and score disclosure.

[SSB 5430](#)
(ESHB 1522) **Utility wildfire mitigation** S Rules X Chapman
Concerning approval of electric utility wildfire mitigation plans.

[SB 5465](#)
(SHB 1656) **Wildfire costs/securitizing** S Environment, E Shewmake
Authorizing electrical companies to securitize certain wildfire-related costs to lower costs to customers.

[SB 5893](#) **Forest health appropriation** S Prefiled Short
Addressing appropriations for long-term forest health and wildfire reduction.

[SB 5919](#) **Fire best practices** S Prefiled Schoesler
Encouraging fire districts and insurance providers to develop voluntary incentives to promote best practices.

[SB 5928](#)
(HB 2277) **Wildfire risk models** S Prefiled Warnick
Concerning wildfire risk models and score disclosure.

Wildlife Management

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<u>HB 2221</u> (SB 5960) Ungulate populations	H Prefiled	Abell		
Restoring and sustaining healthy ungulate populations.				

<u>SB 5960</u> (HB 2221) Ungulate populations	S Prefiled	Short		
Restoring and sustaining healthy ungulate populations.				
