WSLHA Legislative Report

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# Priority Bill Updates

Work continues on our **compact legislation, HB 1043**. The Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) has raised concerns with the compact language and WSLHA is working on potential amendments to the bill. However, time is running out to secure a hearing on this bill. With legislators prioritizing COVID-related bills over other bills in the health care committees, our compact bill is not rising to a high priority among legislators.

Work also continues on **HB 1047, the children’s hearing aid mandate bill**. WSLHA, Reps. Wicks and Orwall, and other interested stakeholders met with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) this week to address the fiscal impact of the bill. OIC has attempted to gather data from insurers about how much this mandate will cost, but it will take a formal actuarial process that likely cannot be completed during the legislative session. We are working with legislators on a strategy that would allow the bill to pass, but delay implementation in order to do this actuarial study.

# This Week’s Highlights

On a strong bipartisan vote, the House passed **SB 5061, the unemployment legislation**, on Friday. This bill cuts taxes for businesses who are seeing a huge increase in their premiums due in April. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature into law. The bill contains an emergency clause so that it takes effect upon the Governor’s signature.

On Monday, the House Health Care & Wellness Committee heard **HB 1196**, the bill that creates reimbursement parity for **audio-only consultations**. WSLHA signed in support of this bill. It is scheduled for a vote out of this committee on Wednesday. Its companion bill, SB 5325, is being heard next Friday in the Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee.

The Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee heard the “**covered lives” tax bill this week, SB 5149**. Business organizations, labor organizations, and some insurers testified against this bill, expressing concern that the tax is not broadly applied across all business sectors of the state and that this is not the time to increase the cost of health care. This tax would fund foundational public health.

The Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee passed two bills on Friday regarding **PPE**. **SB 5169** provides reimbursement to medical providers for the cost of PPE when treating patients in person. It was amended in committee to clarify that providers can only bill for incurred PPE expenses and that the bill is not intended to apply to health care services not provided in person. It was also amended to remove the provision making the act retroactive to January 1, 2021. **SB 5302** establishes a **database of vendors** of state-approved PPE equipment.

The Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee also heard **SB 5229** on Friday. This is the legislation that creates a **health equity continuing education** requirement for health care providers.

HB 1406 was introduced this week. This bill creates a **“wealth tax”** of one percent for the wealthiest in the state who hold stocks and bonds valued in excess of $1B.  This bill will be heard on Tuesday.

Another tax bill was introduced**, SB 5371, taxing sweetened beverages**. Proceeds will go into the new Health Equity Fund and to pay for foundational public health.

# Next Week’s Events

Only two weeks of hearings left before the February 15th policy committee cutoff deadline. Thus, new bill introductions have slowed to a trickle, and policy committees have ramped up the pace of voting on bills.

The House will likely consider HB 1368, the “early action” bill providing economic relief in response to the pandemic on Monday. The funding is a combination of federal stimulus moneys received at the end of 2020 and state funding. In anticipation of this vote, the Senate has already scheduled this bill for a hearing next week.

# Hearing Details

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/1 @ 1:30pm**

* SB 5376 - Public Hearing - Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds. (Remote testimony.)

**Education (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 8:00am**

* HB 1363 - Public Hearing - Addressing secondary trauma in the K-12 workforce. (Remote testimony.)
* HB 1366 - Public Hearing - Requiring school districts to prioritize the resumption of in-person instruction to certain students following an emergency. (Remote testimony.)
* HB 1450 - Public Hearing - Procuring, and supporting the use of, appropriate computers and devices for public school students and instructional staff by levying a tax on wireless devices. (Remote testimony.) (If measure is referred to committee.)

**Business, Financial Services & Trade (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 8:30am**

* SB 5351 - Public Hearing - Concerning business interruption insurance claims. (Remote testimony.)

**Community & Economic Development (House) - Virtual, - 2/2 @ 10:00am**

* HB 1147 - Public Hearing - Creating the Washington state office of resiliency. (Remote testimony.)
* HB 1340 - Public Hearing - Concerning creation of the statewide pandemic preparation and response task force. (Remote testimony.)

**Health Care & Wellness (House) - Virtual, - 2/3 @ 8:00am**

* HB 1196 - Exec Session - Concerning audio-only telemedicine.

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/3 @ 10:30am**

* SB 5043 - Exec Session - Providing housing to school district employees.

**Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - Virtual, - 2/3 @ 10:30am**

* SB 5254 - Exec Session - Concerning the use of protective devices and equipment during a public health emergency.

**Health Care & Wellness (House) - Virtual, - 2/4 @ 10:00am**

* HB 1272 - Public Hearing - Concerning health system transparency. (Remote testimony.)

**Education (House) - Virtual, - 2/4 @ 1:30pm**

* HB 1363 - Exec Session - Addressing secondary trauma in the K-12 workforce.
* HB 1366 - Exec Session - Requiring school districts to prioritize the resumption of in-person instruction to certain students following an emergency.

## High Priority Bills

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| **Bill Details** | | **Status** | **Sponsor** | **Position** |
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| [**HB 1043**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1043) | **Audiology & speech compact** | H HC/Wellness | Leavitt | Support |
| Concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact. | | | |
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| [**HB 1047**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1047) | **Hearing instruments/children** | H HC/Wellness | Wicks | Support |
| Requiring coverage for hearing instruments for children and adolescents. | | | |
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## Monitoring Bills

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| [**HB 1002**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1002) | **COVID-19 grants/B&O tax** | H Finance | Walen |  |
| Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for qualifying grants related to COVID-19 relief. | | | |
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| [**HB 1004**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1004) | **Emergency health orders/leg.** | H State Govt & Tr | Klippert |  |
| Concerning legislative oversight of emergency health orders. | | | |
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| [**HB 1012**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1012) | **B&O tax credit/COVID-19** | H Finance | MacEwen |  |
| Providing a business and occupation tax credit to address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses in the state. | | | |
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| [**HB 1013**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1013) | **Emergency rule duration** | H State Govt & Tr | Klippert |  |
| Limiting the duration of emergency rules. | | | |
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| [**HB 1017**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1017) | **Emergency order oversight** | H State Govt & Tr | Klippert |  |
| Concerning legislative oversight of emergency orders. | | | |
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| [**HB 1020**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1020) | **Governor's emergency powers** | H State Govt & Tr | Klippert |  |
| Concerning the emergency powers of the governor. | | | |
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| [**HB 1029**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1029) | **Emergency orders and rules** | H State Govt & Tr | Walsh |  |
| Concerning orders and rules during a state of emergency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1032**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1032) | **TRS & SERS early retirement** | H Approps | Harris |  |
| Concerning early retirement options for members of the teachers' retirement system and school employees' retirement system plans 2 and 3. | | | |
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| [**HB 1040**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1040) | **Retired school empl. health** | H Approps | Dolan |  |
| Concerning health care coverage for retired or disabled school employees. | | | |
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| [**HB 1060**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1060) | **Emergency proclamations** | H State Govt & Tr | Dent |  |
| Requiring legislative approval to extend a gubernatorial proclamation of a state of emergency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1065**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1065) | **Epidemic, pandemic vaccines** | H HC/Wellness | Eslick |  |
| Concerning epidemic or pandemic vaccines. | | | |
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| [**HB 1073**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1073) | **Paid leave coverage** | H Labor & Workpl | Berry |  |
| Expanding coverage of the paid family and medical leave program. | | | |
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| [**HB 1087**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1087) | **Family/med leave continuity** | H Rules R | Berry |  |
| Clarifying the continuity of employee family and medical leave rights. | | | |
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| [**HB 1093**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1093) **(SB 5091)** | **Operating budget, 2nd supp.** | H Approps | Ormsby |  |
| Making 2019-2021 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations. | | | |
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| [**HB 1094**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1094) **(SB 5092)** | **Operating budget 2021-2023** | H Approps | Ormsby |  |
| Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium operating appropriations. | | | |
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| [**SHB 1095**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1095) | **Emergency assistance/tax** | S Ways & Means | Walen |  |
| Concerning the taxation of governmental financial assistance programs addressing the impacts of conditions giving rise to a gubernatorial or presidential emergency proclamation by creating state business and occupation tax and state public utility tax exemptions, a sales and use tax exemption for the receipt of such financial assistance, and clarifying the sales and use tax obligations for goods and services purchased by recipients of such financial assistance. | | | |
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| [**HB 1127**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1127) | **COVID-19 health data privacy** | H HC/Wellness | Slatter |  |
| Protecting the privacy and security of COVID-19 health data collected by entities other than public health agencies, health care providers, and health care facilities. | | | |
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| [**HB 1147**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1147) | **Office of resiliency** | H Comm & Econ Dev | Ryu |  |
| Creating the Washington state office of resiliency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1149**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1149) | **Public health education** | H Education | Pollet |  |
| Concerning the public health knowledge of students in public school. | | | |
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| [**HB 1160**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1160) | **Health provider contracts** | H HC/Wellness | Cody |  |
| Concerning health provider contracts. | | | |
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| [**HB 1163**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1163) | **State budgeting oversight** | H Approps | Stokesbary |  |
| Concerning oversight and management of the state budgeting and expenditure process. | | | |
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| [**HB 1188**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1188) | **B&O tax payment deferral** | H Finance | MacEwen |  |
| Providing a business and occupation tax payment deferral to address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses in the state. | | | |
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| [**HB 1191**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1191) | **Health coverage** | H HC/Wellness | Thai |  |
| Ensuring equity in health coverage. | | | |
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| [**HB 1196**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1196) **(SB 5325)** | **Audio-only telemedicine** | H HC/Wellness | Riccelli |  |
| Concerning audio-only telemedicine. | | | |
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| [**HB 1201**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1201) **(SB 5149)** | **Found. public health funding** | H Finance | Riccelli |  |
| Funding foundational public health services. | | | |
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| [**HB 1209**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1209) | **Nonmedical assist. immunity** | H Civil R & Judi | Bronoske |  |
| Concerning immunity protection for nonmedical assistance. | | | |
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| [**SHB 1225**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1225) | **School-based health centers** | H Approps | Stonier |  |
| Concerning school-based health centers. | | | |
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| [**HB 1242**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1242) | **Health care workers/leave** | H Labor & Workpl | Leavitt |  |
| Providing paid administrative leave for health care workers in time of declared public health emergencies. | | | |
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| [**HB 1264**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1264) **(SB 5274)** | **Equity impact statement** | H State Govt & T | Thai |  |
| Establishing an equity impact statement for legislative proposals. | | | |
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| [**HB 1266**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1266) | **Basic education salaries** | H Approps | Sullivan |  |
| Concerning basic education salary review and rebase. | | | |
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| [**HB 1272**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1272) | **Health system transparency** | H HC/Wellness | Macri |  |
| Concerning health system transparency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1286**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1286) | **Psychology compact** | H HC/Wellness | Chambers |  |
| Adopting the psychology interjurisdictional compact. | | | |
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| [**HB 1305**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1305) | **Right to refuse vaccines** | H HC/Wellness | Kraft |  |
| Concerning the right to refuse vaccines and health-related measures. | | | |
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| [**HB 1317**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1317) | **Right to refuse/health** | H HC/Wellness | Young |  |
| Concerning an individual's right to refuse health-related measures. | | | |
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| [**HB 1318**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1318) **(SB 5194)** | **Comm. & technical colleges** | H Coll & Wkf Dev | Pollet |  |
| Providing for equity and access in the community and technical colleges. | | | |
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| [**HB 1321**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1321) **(SB 5114)** | **Reopening/public health** | H HC/Wellness | MacEwen |  |
| Concerning safely reopening Washington. | | | |
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| [**HB 1338**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1338) | **School resources/COVID-19** | H Civil R & Judi | Harris |  |
| Preserving public school resources during the COVID-19 emergency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1340**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1340) | **Pandemic task force** | H Comm & Econ De | Lovick |  |
| Concerning creation of the statewide pandemic preparation and response task force. | | | |
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| [**HB 1343**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1343) | **Unemployment ins./employers** | H Labor & Workpl | Hoff |  |
| Providing employer relief in unemployment insurance by relieving COVID-19-related benefit charges, providing contribution relief, making appropriations to rebuild the unemployment trust fund and making clarifying changes. | | | |
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| [**HB 1363**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1363) | **Secondary trauma/K-12** | H Education | Ortiz-Self |  |
| Addressing secondary trauma in the K-12 workforce. | | | |
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| [**HB 1365**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1365) | **Schools/computers & devices** | H Education | Gregerson |  |
| Procuring and supporting appropriate computers and devices for public school students and instructional staff. | | | |
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| [**HB 1366**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1366) | **In-person instruction** | H Education | Caldier |  |
| Requiring school districts to prioritize the resumption of in-person instruction to certain students following an emergency. | | | |
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| [**HB 1367**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1367) **(SB 5343)** | **Medicaid appropriations** | H 2nd Reading | Ormsby |  |
| Revising 2019-2021 fiscal biennium appropriations of state and federal funding for previously implemented medicaid rates and other medicaid expenditures in the developmental disabilities and long-term care programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. | | | |
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| [**SHB 1368**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1368) **(SB 5344)** | **Federal funding/COVID-19** | H 2nd Reading | Ormsby |  |
| Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through state actions supported by federal funding. | | | |
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| [**HB 1381**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1381) | **Emergency powers** | H State Govt & Tr | Kraft |  |
| Limiting the governor's emergency powers, ensuring legislative balance of power, and regulating government agency emergency authority. | | | |
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| [**HB 1399**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1399) | **Prof. licensure/convictions** | H ConsPro&Bus | Vick |  |
| Reducing barriers to professional licensure for individuals with previous criminal convictions. | | | |
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| [**HB 1420**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1420) | **School empl/COVID-19 vaccine** | H HC/Wellness | MacEwen |  |
| Ensuring that critical school employees receive priority for receipt of the COVID-19 vaccine. | | | |
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| [**HB 1425**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1425) | **CTC student scholarships** | H Coll & Wkf Dev | Taylor |  |
| Expanding scholarships for community and technical college students. | | | |
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| [**HB 1450**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=1450) | **School computers/device tax** |  | Gregerson |  |
| Procuring, and supporting the use of, appropriate computers and devices for public school students and instructional staff by levying a tax on wireless devices. | | | |
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| [**SB 5021**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5021) | **Retirement benefits/furlough** | S Rules 2 | Hunt |  |
| Concerning the effect of expenditure reduction efforts on retirement benefits for public employees, including those participating in the shared work program. | | | |
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| [**SB 5037**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5037) | **School opening metrics** | S EL/K-12 | Braun |  |
| Establishing transparent school opening metrics tied to COVID-19 prevalence. | | | |
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| [**SB 5039**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5039) | **Gubernatorial emergencies** | S State Govt & E | Wilson |  |
| Subjecting all gubernatorial emergency orders to legislative approval after thirty days. | | | |
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| [**SB 5043**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5043) | **School employee housing** | S EL/K-12 | Salomon |  |
| Providing housing to school district employees. | | | |
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| [**ESSB 5044**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5044) | **Schools/equity training** | S Passed 3rd | Das |  |
| Concerning professional learning, equity, cultural competency, and dismantling institutional racism in the public school system. | | | |
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| [**SB 5046**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5046) | **Worker comp claim agreements** | S 2nd RdConsCal | Conway |  |
| Concerning workers' compensation claim resolution settlement agreements. | | | |
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| [**SSB 5052**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5052) | **Health equity zones** | S Ways & Means | Keiser |  |
| Concerning the creation of health equity zones. | | | |
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| [**SB 5091**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5091) **(HB 1093)** | **Operating budget, 2nd supp.** | S Ways & Means | Rolfes |  |
| Making 2019-2021 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations. | | | |
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| [**SB 5092**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5092) **(HB 1094)** | **Operating budget 2021-2023** | S Ways & Means | Rolfes |  |
| Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium operating appropriations. | | | |
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| [**SB 5097**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5097) | **Paid leave coverage** | S Labor, Comm & | Robinson |  |
| Expanding coverage of the paid family and medical leave program. | | | |
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| [**SB 5114**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5114) **(HB 1321)** | **Reopening/public health** | S State Govt & E | Braun |  |
| Concerning safely reopening Washington. | | | |
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| [**SB 5115**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5115) | **Health emergency/labor** | S Labor, Comm & | Keiser |  |
| Establishing health emergency labor standards. | | | |
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| [**SB 5137**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5137) | **Workers' comp COL adjustment** | S Labor, Comm & | King |  |
| Suspending workers' compensation cost-of-living adjustments for fiscal year 2022, changing the basis of certain future adjustments to the consumer price index, and capping the rate of increase for future adjustments. | | | |
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| [**SB 5149**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5149) **(HB 1201)** | **Found. public health funding** | S Health & Long | Robinson |  |
| Funding foundational public health services. | | | |
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| [**SB 5156**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5156) | **Budget stabilization approps** | S Ways & Means | Rolfes |  |
| Making expenditures from the budget stabilization account to address issues of homelessness, home security, and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on small businesses. | | | |
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| [**SSB 5169**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5169) | **Provider PPE reimbursement** | S Rules 2 | Frockt |  |
| Concerning provider reimbursement for personal protective equipment during the state of emergency related to COVID-19. | | | |
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| [**SB 5170**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5170) | **Employment after public serv** | S State Govt & E | Carlyle |  |
| Concerning employment after public service in state government. | | | |
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| [**SB 5178**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5178) | **Health care waivers** | S Health & Long | Cleveland |  |
| Establishing automatic waivers of select state health care laws to enable timely response by the health care system during a governor-declared statewide state of emergency. | | | |
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| [**SB 5190**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5190) | **Health care workers/benefits** | S Labor, Comm & | Holy |  |
| Providing health care workers with presumptive benefits during a public health emergency. | | | |
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| [**SB 5194**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5194) **(HB 1318)** | **Comm. & technical colleges** | S Higher Ed & Wo | Liias |  |
| Providing for equity and access in the community and technical colleges. | | | |
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| [**SB 5197**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5197) | **Unemp. contributions/wages** | S Labor, Comm & | Schoesler |  |
| Concerning wages for unemployment insurance contributions. | | | |
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| [**SB 5204**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5204) | **Whole WA health trust** | S Health & Long | Hasegawa |  |
| Creating the whole Washington health trust. | | | |
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| [**SB 5227**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5227) | **Diversity, etc./higher ed.** | S Higher Ed & Wo | Randall |  |
| Requiring diversity, equity, inclusion, and antiracism training and assessments at institutions of higher education. | | | |
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| [**SB 5228**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5228) | **Medical training/equity** | S Higher Ed & Wo | Randall |  |
| Addressing disproportionate health outcomes by building a foundation of equity in medical training. | | | |
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| [**SB 5229**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5229) | **Health equity continuing ed.** | S Health & Long | Randall |  |
| Concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals. | | | |
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| [**SB 5254**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5254) | **Protective devices/health** | S Labor, Comm & | Salomon |  |
| Concerning the use of protective devices and equipment during a public health emergency. | | | |
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| [**SB 5268**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5268) | **Dev. disability services** | S Health & Long | Keiser |  |
| Transforming services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by increasing the capabilities of community residential settings and redesigning the long-term nature of intermediate care facilities. | | | |
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| [**SB 5274**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5274) **(HB 1264)** | **Equity impact statement** | S State Govt & E | Hasegawa |  |
| Establishing an equity impact statement for legislative proposals. | | | |
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| [**SB 5288**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5288) | **Opportunity scholarship prog** | S Higher Ed & Wo | Liias |  |
| Increasing access to the Washington opportunity scholarship program. | | | |
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| [**SB 5302**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5302) | **PPE vendor database** | S Health & Long | Cleveland |  |
| Establishing a personal protective equipment vendor database. | | | |
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| [**SB 5316**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5316) | **State financial management** | S Ways & Means | Wilson |  |
| Concerning oversight of state financial management. | | | |
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| [**SB 5321**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5321) | **College bound scholarship** | S Higher Ed & Wo | Nobles |  |
| Expanding access to the college bound scholarship. | | | |
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| [**SB 5335**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5335) | **Health care facility acq.** | S Health & Long | Randall |  |
| Concerning the acquisition of health care facilities. | | | |
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| [**SB 5351**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5351) | **Business interruption claims** | S Business, Fina | Frockt |  |
| Concerning business interruption insurance claims. | | | |
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| [**SB 5352**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5352) | **Retirement system opt-out** | S Ways & Means | Braun |  |
| Allowing new government employees the option of opting out of retirement system membership if the employee is age sixty or older when first hired, or when the employee's employer opts into retirement plan participation. | | | |
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| [**SB 5371**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5371) | **Sweetened beverage tax** | S Health & Long | Robinson |  |
| Funding public health services and health equity initiatives through a statewide sweetened beverage tax. | | | |
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| [**SB 5376**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5376) | **Education ombuds awareness** | S EL/K-12 | Wilson |  |
| Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds. | | | |
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| [**SB 5399**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=5399) | **Universal health care comm'n** |  | Randall |  |
| Concerning the creation of a universal health care commission. | | | |
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| [**SCR 8402**](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2021&BillNumber=8402) | **Emergency orders extension** | H Spkr Signed | Liias |  |
| Extending certain gubernatorial orders issued in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency. | | | |
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