

WSLHA Board Report

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The Legislature is reaching a critical deadline now, with Friday's policy committee cutoff. Bills that do not advance out of the policy committee by Friday are likely "dead" for the session. Bills with a fiscal impact on the state budget must be voted out of the fiscal committees by February 27th (except bills that are "necessary to implement the budget). Bills then must be voted out of the "house of origin" (House bills out of the House; Senate bills out of the Senate) by March 11th.

In a effort to streamline our board conversation, I have included below a list of our "high priority" bills for discussion.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p>Scope of practice/healthcare</p> <p>HB 1339 Allowing the secretary of health to intercede and stay any decision of a disciplining authority that expands scope of practice.</p> <p>Creates a process to allow the secretary of the department of health to intercede and stay a decision of a disciplining authority that expands scope of practice.</p>	S Health Care	Cody	High	
<p>Health care professionals</p> <p>SHB 1340 Establishes a health workforce innovation project approval process, within the oversight of the department of health, that: (1) Teaches new skills to existing categories of health care personnel; (2) Uses existing skills in new circumstances or settings; (3) Accelerates the training of existing categories of health care personnel; and (4) Teaches new health care roles and skills to previously trained persons whose skills or license is not recognized within the state. Provides for termination and review, under the sunset act, of the program authorizing innovative health workforce projects.</p>	H Approps	Cody	High	
<p>Autism & developmntal delays</p> <p>HB 1365 (SSB 5317) Requiring universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays for children in medicaid programs.</p> <p>Requires the state health care authority to require universal screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays as recommended by the bright futures guidelines.</p>	H Approps	Riccelli	High	
<p>Patients w/ devel disability</p> <p>HB 1367 (SB 5642) Requiring the student achievement council to develop a grant program to encourage training for students studying in the medical field to work with individuals with disabilities.</p>	H Approps	Johnson	High	Support

Requires the student achievement council to: (1) Develop a centralized program for grants for institutions for programs designed to develop training projects focused upon improvement of services to adult individuals with developmental disabilities; and (2) Administer the grant program in consultation with the department of health.

<u>HB 1403</u> (SSB 5175)	Telemedicine Regarding telemedicine.	H Rules R	Bergquist	High	
	Recognizes the application of telemedicine as a reimbursable service by which an individual receives medical services from a health care provider without in-person contact with the provider. Reduces the compliance requirements on hospitals when granting privileges or associations to telemedicine physicians.				
<u>HB 1437</u>	All payer claims database Modifying the all payer claims database to improve health care quality and cost transparency by changing provisions related to definitions regarding data, reporting and pricing of products, responsibilities of the office of financial management and the lead organization, submission to the database, and parameters for release of information.	H Approps	Cody	High	
	Improves health care quality and cost transparency with regard to the all payer claims database.				
<u>HB 1471</u> (SB 5560)	Health insurance contracting Mitigating barriers to patient access to care resulting from health insurance contracting practices.	H HC/Wellness	Cody	High	Support
	Addresses health insurance contracting practices with regard to barriers to a patient's access to care.				
<u>HB 1538</u> (SB 5469)	Education employee COLAs Restoring cost-of-living increases for educational employees.	H Approps	Sells	High	
	Requires an incremental increase to base salary allocations to be provided to school districts for school employees in addition to the required cost-of-living adjustments. Requires each college district to receive an incremental allocation to increase academic employee salaries, including mandatory salary-related benefits, in addition to the required cost-of-living adjustments. Requires each technical college board of trustees to receive an incremental allocation to increase classified employee salaries, including mandatory salary-related benefits, in addition to the required cost-of-living adjustments. Addresses bonuses for certificated instructional staff.				
<u>HB 1555</u> (SB 5488)	Applied behavior analysis Concerning applied behavior analysis.	H HC/Wellness	Robinson	High	Concerns
	Creates new credentials for behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts, and behavior technicians. Creates the Washington state applied behavior analysis advisory committee. Requires the secretary of the department of health to consult with the committee in determining the qualifications for licensure or certification.				
<u>HB 1614</u> (SB 5544)	K-12 employee wages Establishing comparable and professional wages for K-12 employees.	H Approps	Reykdal	High	

Phases in the compensation technical working group's recommendations for comparable, market-based salaries for all K-12 staff and a revised compensation system for certificated instructional staff.

<u>HB 1615</u> <u>(SB 5545)</u>	Postretirement employment Concerning postretirement employment. Removes postretirement employment language in the teachers' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system laws.	H Approps	Appleton	High
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<u>HB 1712</u>	Audit protocols for medicaid Concerning audit procedures to assist medicaid providers. Requires the director of the state health care authority to establish and publish, on the authority's web site, audit protocols to assist medicaid providers in developing programs to improve compliance with medicaid requirements under state and federal laws.	H HC/Wellness	Harris	High
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<u>HB 1854</u>	Certif'd instructional staff Creating a new salary model for certificated instructional staff. Creates a new statewide salary schedule for certificated instructional staff.	H Education	Magendanz	High
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<u>SSB 5175</u> <u>(HB 1403)</u>	Telemedicine Regarding telemedicine. Recognizes the application of telemedicine as a reimbursable service by which an individual receives medical services from a health care provider without in-person contact with the provider. Reduces the compliance requirements on hospitals when granting privileges or associations to telemedicine physicians.	H HC/Wellness	Becker	High
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<u>SB 5469</u> <u>(HB 1538)</u>	Education employee COLAs Restoring cost-of-living increases for educational employees. Requires an incremental increase to base salary allocations to be provided to school districts for school employees in addition to the required cost-of-living adjustments. Requires each college district to receive an incremental allocation to increase academic employee salaries, including mandatory salary-related benefits, in addition to the required cost-of-living adjustments. Requires each technical college board of trustees to receive an incremental allocation to increase classified employee salaries, including	S Ways & Means	Hasegawa	High
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Applied behavior analysis	S Health Care	Keiser	High	Concerns
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Concerning applied behavior analysis.

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K-12 employee wages	S EL/K-12	McAuliffe	High	
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Establishing comparable and professional wages for K-12 employees.

[SB 5544](#)
(HB 1614) Phases in the compensation technical working group's recommendations for comparable, market-based salaries for all K-12 staff and a revised compensation system for certificated instructional staff.

Health insurance contracting	S Health Care	Dammeier	High	Support
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Mitigating barriers to patient access to care resulting from health insurance contracting practices.

[SB 5560](#)
(HB 1471) Addresses health insurance contracting practices with regard to barriers to a patient's access to care.

Patients w/ devel disability	S Higher Ed	Chase	High	
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Requiring the student achievement council to develop a grant program to encourage training for students studying in the medical field to work with individuals with disabilities.

[SB 5642](#)
(HB 1367) Requires the student achievement council to: (1) Develop a centralized program for grants for institutions for programs designed to develop training projects focused upon improvement of services to adult individuals with developmental disabilities; and (2) Administer the grant program in consultation with the department of health.

Health profession rem. plans	S Health Care	Keiser	High	
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Concerning remediation plans for licensed health and health-related professions to resolve eligible complaints of unprofessional conduct.

[SB 5754](#)
(SHB 1135) Authorizes a disciplining authority to, after investigation, offer a remediation plan to licensed health and health-related professions to resolve eligible complaints of unprofessional conduct.

Education employee salaries	S EL/K-12	Rolfes	High	
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Concerning an educational employee salary allocation schedule.

[SB 5890](#) Phases in a revised statewide salary allocation schedule for certificated instructional staff. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to conduct or contract for a comparative labor market analysis of salaries and other compensation for school district employees. Authorizes school districts to use local funds for salaries of certificated instructional staff. Addresses eligibility for certificated instructional staff to receive cost-of-living increases.

