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**House Bills**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>NCQAC Actions</b>
<a href="#">HB 1124</a>	Concerning nurse delegation of glucose monitoring, glucose testing, and insulin injections.	Allows nurses to delegate glucometer testing in all settings; insulin injections allowed in community-based care settings	Support	Monitor, Testimony 2/16 Senate Health & Long Term Care
<a href="#">HB 1622</a>	Increasing the availability of sexual assault nurse examiner education in rural and underserved areas.	To establish a program to ensure the availability of sexual assault examiners in rural and underserved communities in eastern Washington with WSU college of nursing.	Support Concept	Letter supporting concept 1/13/22, Letter supporting concept to Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development 2/5/22, Letter supporting concept to Higher Education & Workforce Development 2/21/22
<a href="#">HB 1761</a>	Allowing nurses to dispense opioid overdose reversal medication in the emergency department.	Adds LPNs to the practitioners required to dispense/distribute opioid overdose reversal medications to patients being discharged from emergency departments when access to community or outpatient hospital pharmacy services are not available.	Support	Letter of support 1/13/22; Letter of support forwarded to Rep. Jinkins 1/27/22, Letter of support to Senate Health & Long Term Care 2/4/22, Testimony 2/15 Behavioral Health Subcommittee of Senate Health & Long Term Care

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<p><a href="#">HB 1851</a> (Companion SB 5766)</p>	<p>Preserving a pregnant individual's ability to access abortion care.</p>	<p>This bill amends chapter 9.02 RCW (crimes and punishment/abortion statute) to clarify that pregnancy termination services (prior to viability) are within the scope of practice for advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) and provides that other health care providers can assist physicians, ARNPs and PAs in terminating a pregnancy. Note that the scope of practice of a physician assistant is still limited by the delegation agreement with their supervising physician. “Woman” is replaced with “pregnant individual” throughout chapter 9.02 RCW and provides that the state shall not penalize or take action against a person based on the outcome of actual, perceived, alleged or potential pregnancy outcomes.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2007</a></p>	<p>Establishing a nurse educator loan repayment program under the Washington health corps.</p>	<p>This bill establishes a loan repayment program for nurse educators under the Washington health corps.</p>	<p>Support concept</p>	<p>Letter supporting concept 1/27/22, Letter supporting concept to Senate Higher Ed. &amp; Workforce Development 2/21/22</p>
<b>Dead House Bills</b>				
<p><a href="#">HB 1067</a></p>	<p>Designating the <i>Suciasaurus rex</i> as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.</p>	<p><b>This bill designates the <i>Suciasaurus Rex</i> as the official dinosaur for Washington state.</b></p>	<p>Monitor</p>	

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<p><a href="#">HB 1141</a></p>	<p>Increasing access to the death with dignity act.</p>	<p>This bill intends to increase access to the rights authorized by the Death with Dignity Act. It adds physician assistant osteopathic, physician assistant and ARNP to the list of qualified medical providers and adds independent clinical social worker, advanced social worker, mental health counselor or psychiatric ARNP to the definition of “counseling.”</p>		
<p><a href="#">HB 1592</a></p>	<p>Concerning military spouse employment.</p>	<p><b>To expedite issuance of licenses for military spouses when they relocate.</b></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Letter of support 1/13/22</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1621</a></p>	<p>Creating programs to encourage sexual assault nurse examiner training.</p>	<p><b>To establish a stipend program to defray out-of-pocket training expenses by nurses to become certified sexual assault examiners.</b></p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>Letter supporting concept 1/13/22, Letter supporting concept to House Appropriations 2/5/22</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1654</a> (Companion <a href="#">SB 5496</a>)</p>	<p>Concerning health professional monitoring programs.</p>	<p>Relating to health professional monitoring programs by clarifying the application of the programs and confidentiality protections for program participants, and updating terminology, definitions, and references.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Monitor, Letter of support 1/13/22</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1720</a></p>	<p>Protecting the right of every Washington resident to decline an immunization or vaccination for COVID-19.</p>	<p>Relating to protecting the right of every Washington resident to decline an immunization or vaccination for COVID-19.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>

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<p><a href="#">HB 1773</a> (Companion <a href="#">SB 5645</a>)</p>	<p>Concerning assisted outpatient treatment for persons with behavioral health disorders.</p>	<p>This bill amends the criteria and process for less restrictive alternative-assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) for adults and adolescents.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1868</a> now <a href="#">SHB 1868</a></p>	<p>Improving worker safety and patient care in health care facilities by addressing staffing needs, overtime, meal and rest breaks, and enforcement.</p>	<p>This bill amends the existing hospital nurse staffing statute and expands the requirements to include “ancillary health personnel,” who are staff providing direct care or support services to patients and specifies staff to patient ratios in different units of the hospital. It also transfers the enforcement of the proposed hospital staffing law from DOH to L&amp;I.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1877</a> now <a href="#">SHB 1877</a></p>	<p>Addressing expired certifications for certain health professions.</p>	<p>The goal of this bill appears to be to increase the number of available nursing assistants for long-term care and residential settings by amending requirements for reinstatement of expired certifications of over five years and for five years or less. It adds that for expired certifications of over five years, demonstrated competence as established by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and additional requirements established by the Secretary are both required.</p>	<p>Concerns</p>	<p>Letter of concern with suggested amendments 1/14/22</p>

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**Senate Bills**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>NCQAC Actions</b>
<a href="#">SB 5491</a>	Clarifying waiver of firearm rights.	Clarifies the waiver of firearm rights.	Neutral	Monitor
<a href="#">SB 5496</a> now <a href="#">SSB 5496</a> (Companion <a href="#">HB 1654</a> )	Concerning health professional monitoring programs.	Relating to health professional monitoring programs by clarifying the application of the programs and confidentiality protections for program participants, and updating terminology, definitions, and references.	Support	Letter of support 1/13/22, Letter of support to House Health Care & Wellness 2/15/22
<a href="#">SB 5600</a> now <a href="#">E2SSB 5600</a>	Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs.	This bill focuses on the sustainability and expansion of apprenticeship programs and reconnecting workers with innovative apprenticeships that lead to new career pathways.	Support concept	Monitor, Letter of Support concept 2/4/22, Letter of support concept to House College & Workforce Development 2/21/22

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<p><a href="#">SB 5753</a> now <a href="#">SSB 5753</a></p>	<p>Increasing board and commission capacities.</p>	<p>This bill modifies membership and quorum requirements for the Dental Quality Assurance Commission, the Veterinary Board of Governors, the Board of Physical Therapy, the Board of Massage, and the Board of Nursing Home Administrators. It authorizes the Pharmacy Commission to use the same regulatory delegation for facilities enforcement that it currently does for pharmacy professionals. It harmonizes all boards and commissions as Class 5 Groups under Chapter 43.03 RCW and removes US citizenship as a prerequisite to serve on boards, commissions, or committees.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Monitor, Letter of support to House Health Care &amp; Wellness 2/10/22</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 5764</a> now <a href="#">E2SSB 5764</a></p>	<p>Concerning apprenticeships and higher education.</p>	<p>This bill provides dedicated funding support for full time equivalent student apprenticeship enrollments at community and technical colleges. It would be phased in over five fiscal years beginning in 2023.</p>	<p>Support concept</p>	<p>Letter supporting concept to Ways &amp; Means 2/4/22, Letter supporting concept to House College &amp; Workforce Development 2/21/22</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">SB 5892</a> now <a href="#">SSB 5892</a></p>	<p>Establishing pilot projects for utilizing high school student nursing assistant-certified programs to address the nursing workforce shortage and promote nursing careers in rural hospitals.</p>	<p>This bill relates to establishing pilot projects for utilizing high school student nursing assistant-certified programs to address the nursing workforce shortage and promote nursing careers in rural hospitals; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Support concept</p>	<p>Paula Meyer testimony 1/24/22, Letter supporting concept, Letter supporting concept to Ways &amp; Means 2/4/22 and clarifying definition of “rural”, Testimony 2/16 House Health Care &amp; Wellness, letters of support to House Appropriations members 2/28/22</p>
<b>Dead Senate Bills</b>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">SB 5534</a></p>	<p>Concerning the use of verifiable credentials.</p>	<p>Relating to the use of verifiable credentials – consideration of whether decentralized management of identity data used by the state will provide greater privacy protections.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">SB 5569</a></p>	<p>Improving public safety.</p>	<p>Relating to improving public safety – peace officers may not use chokeholds except to protect life; peace officers may not use tear gas unless necessary; peace officers may not use any prohibited equipment; peace officers may not conduct vehicular pursuit unless specific criteria are met.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">SB 5577</a></p>	<p>Concerning public safety.</p>	<p>Relating to public safety – amending peace officer vehicular pursuits and use of physical force.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">SB 5605</a></p>	<p>Concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.</p>	<p>The bill creates a new regulated health profession: anesthesiologist assistant (AA).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Oppose</p>	<p>Letter of concern/opposition 1/20/22</p>

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<p><a href="#">SB 5704</a>        now  <a href="#">SSB 5704</a></p>	<p>Requiring health carriers to reimburse advanced registered nurse practitioners at the same rate as physicians for the same services.</p>	<p>This bill requires health carriers to reimburse ARNPs at the same rate as physicians for the same services.</p>	<p>Support concept</p>	<p>Monitor, Letter supporting concept of original bill language 1/20/22, Letter supporting concept to Ways &amp; Means 2/4/22</p>



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<p><a href="#">SB 5911</a>        now  <a href="#">SSB 5911</a></p>	<p>Providing hazard pay retention bonuses to certain health care employees.</p>	<p>This bill provides hazard pay retention bonuses funded through federal monies from the American Rescue Plan to certain health care employees working in emergency departments, intensive care units or urgent care facilities to retain their service during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>		