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House Bills

Bill	Title	Brief Description	Bill Status	Position	NCQAC Actions
2SHB 1009	Concerning military spouse employment.	<p>This bill requires any agency, board, commission, or other authority for issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of a license to military spouses upon relocation. Each authority also must have a contact or coordinator to assist with the issuance of these licenses.</p> <p>The substitute bill creates requirements for state agencies and licensing authorities that are specific to licensing and employment of military spouses. It also military spouses to terminate employment contracts without penalty when their active-duty spouse receives orders for a permanent change of station.</p> <p>The second substitute makes minor language changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exempts DFI (with respect to licensing of escrow agents) from the requirement to expedite the professional licensing of qualified military spouses • clarifies the definition of a completed application • the TPP must be issued for no less than 180 days 	<p>02/02/23 Executive action taken, 4 p.m. 02/06/23 Rules 02/08/23 2nd Reading 02/15/23 2nd Substitute substituted, 3rd Reading, passed</p> <p>In the Senate 02/17/23 1st reading, referred to Labor & Commerce 03/13/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 03/16/23 Executive Session, 10:30 a.m. 03/20/23 Executive Action, 10:30 a.m. 03/21/23 Referred to Ways & Means 3/28/23 Public Hearing, 4 p.m. 04/03/23 Executive action taken, 10 a.m. 04/04/23 passed to Rules 04/05/23 2nd Reading 04/10/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/13/23 House concurred; passed 04/14/23 Speaker signed</p>	Support Concept	<p>Letter of support concept, 1/18/23 Letter of support concept with suggested amendment language re. fingerprints, 2/10/23 Letter to Senate Labor and Commerce, support concept, 02/24/23</p>

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2SHB 1013	Establishing regional apprenticeship programs.	<p>This bill would establish a pilot program to regional apprenticeship programs through educational service districts with two locations, one for east of the Cascade mountains, and one to the west.</p> <p>The substitute increases the number of sites on each side of the mountains, directs OSPI to ensure geographic dispersion of sites, specifies one site must be in a school district with a pathways program and high percentage of small rural schools and removes a provision that Eastern WA site must be implemented by the applicable ESD.</p> <p>The second substitute reduces the number of sites for the program from six to three, clarifies one site in Western WA and two in Eastern WA, establishes criteria for establishing the program sites and changes date of OSPI report due to 06/30/27. A null and void clause is added, making the bill null and void unless funded in the budget.</p>	<p>1/30/23 Appropriations 02/08/23 Hearing, 4 pm 02/23/23 Executive action, 2nd Substitute passed 02/24/23 Rules 02/28/23 2nd Reading 03/02/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/06/23 1st Reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education 03/15 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/23/23 Executive Action taken, passed 03/24/23 Referred to Ways & Means 03/31/23 Public Hearing, 12:30 p.m. 04/04/23 Executive action taken, 10 a.m., passed to Rules 04/05/23 2nd Reading 04/10/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/11/23 Speaker signed</p>	Monitor	

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HB 1020	Designating the Sucasaurus rex as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.	This bill designates the Sucasaurus rex, the only dinosaur ever found in Washington state, as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.	01/10/23 Hearing, 1:30 pm 01/17/23 Executive action, passed 01/19/23 Rules 02/03/23 2 nd reading, passed In the Senate 02/21/23 1 st Reading, referred to State Government and Elections 03/17/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/24/23 Executive Action taken, 8 a.m. 03/27/23 Rules 04/10/23 2 nd Reading 04/12/23 3 rd Reading, passed 04/17/23 House concurred in Senate amendments, passed 04/18/23 Speaker signed 04/19/23 President signed	Monitor	

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SHB 1255</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reducing stigma and incentivizing health care professionals to participate in a substance use disorder monitoring and treatment program</p>	<p>This bill relates to reducing stigma and incentivizing health care professionals licensed by the Washington state Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to participate in a substance use disorder monitoring and treatment program.</p> <p>The substitute amends eligibility so that a person is only eligible for the stipend program once. It allows the commission to defray up to 80% of each out-of-pocket expense deemed eligible. It also requires the commission to post specific information about the stipend program on its website.</p>	<p>02/03/23 Executive action taken, 8 a.m.; 02/07/23 Appropriations; 02/10/23 Rules 03/03/23 2nd Reading 03/06/23 1st substitute passed, 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care 03/23/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 03/28/23 Executive action taken, passed 03/29/23 Passed to Rules 03/30/23 2nd Reading 04/06/23 3rd Reading 04/07/23 Speaker signed 04/08/23 President signed 04/14/23 Delivered to Governor 04/20/23 Governor signed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Support Concept</p>	<p>Panel testimony: Grant Hulteen, Dawn Morrell and Alicia Payne; Paula to meet with Rep. Simmons; Letter of support concept 02/10/23 <i>*Letter and testimony when hearing is scheduled</i> Letter of support concept to Senate Health & Long Term Care, 03/21/23 Grant Hulteen, Alicia Payne, Helen Myrick and Jean Sullivan to provide testimony 3/23/23 04/13/23 Signing memo sent to Governor</p>
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<p>ESHB 1340 (Companion SB 5400)</p>	<p>Concerning actions by health professions disciplining authorities against license applicants and license holders</p>	<p>This bill amends the UDA license restriction or denial statute to exclude from grounds for restriction or denial any disciplinary action based on any of the actions in the bill. It outlines what isn't deemed unprofessional conduct under the UDA, and also provides that the same conduct is not basis for denial of a license, with an exception to the extent required by the interstate medical compact.</p> <p>Substitute changes: a conviction or disciplinary action based on violation of another state's laws prohibiting participation in reproductive health care services or gender affirming treatment does not constitute unprofessional conduct and may not serve as disciplinary action if it would have been lawful in WA.</p> <p>The engrossed substitute removes the limitation that a conviction or disciplinary action has to be based only on a license holder's violation of another state's laws prohibiting participation in any reproductive health services or gender affirming treatment in order to not constitute unprofessional conduct or not serve as the basis for discipline in Washington. It doesn't prohibit disciplining authorities from taking disciplinary action on unrelated charges.</p>	<p>01/31/23 Rules 02/22/23 2nd reading 02/28/23 Substitute, Rules, 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/02/23 1st Reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care 03/09/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 03/16/23 Rules 03/30/23 2nd Reading 04/06/23 Floor amendments adopted, 3rd Reading, passed 04/14/23 House concurred in Senate amendments 04/17/23 Speaker signed 04/18/23 President signed 04/19/23 Delivered to Governor</p>	<p>Support Concept 02/22/23 Concerns</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, 1/27/23 Letter of support concept, 03/10/23 Letter supporting concept to Rules, 03/31/23</p>
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<p>2SHB 1452</p>	<p>Establishing a state medical reserve corps</p>	<p>This bill directs the Secretary of Health that establish a medical reserve corps of health care professional volunteers that can be used for declared emergencies. Volunteers are subject to their WA scope of practice.</p> <p>The substitute changes the name to State Emergency Medical Reserve Corps. It removes the provision stating that except as otherwise provided in the chapter that creates the Corps, a health practitioner is not authorized to provide services outside of their scope of practice.</p> <p>The second substitute requires DOH to track medical corps deployment costs. It would allow charging of deployment costs to a requesting healthcare entity in certain circumstances, and for DOH to otherwise absorb the costs. It specifies DOH can seek private or federal funding for deployment costs.</p>	<p>01/27/23 Referred to Appropriations 02/06/23 Hearing, 4 p.m. 02/23/23 Executive session 9 a.m. 02/25/23 Rules 02/28/23 2nd Reading 03/01/23 2nd Substitute passed, 3rd Reading</p> <p><i>In the Senate</i> 03/03/23 1st Reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care 03/14/23 Hearing, 8:00 a.m. 03/16/23 Executive Action - passed, 8 a.m. 03/17/23 Referred to Ways & Means 03/23/23 Public Hearing, 4 p.m. 04/03/23 Executive action taken, 10 a.m. 04/04/23 Passed to Rules 04/11/23 2nd Reading 04/12/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/14/23 Speaker signed 04/17/23 President signed 04/18/23 Delivered to Governor</p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, 02/02/23 Letter of support concept, 03/13/23</p>
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<p>ESHB 1503</p>	<p>Collecting health care professionals' information at the time of license application and license renewal</p>	<p>Amends 18.130 (UDA) to require collection of data on all applications (race, ethnicity, gender, languages spoken, provider specialty, primary and secondary practice location) and update with renewal; medical providers under 18.71 are exempt.</p> <p>The substitute requires the form used for collecting information from licensees includes the same race/ethnicity categories and subgroups required for the collection of student-level data by school districts.</p> <p>The engrossed substitute changes the date applicants and licensees need to start submitting demographic information from July 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025.</p>	<p>01/31/23 Hearing 1:30 p.m. 02/03/23 Executive Session 8:00 a.m. 02/06/23 Rules 02/23/23 Executive action, 2nd substitute passed 02/25/23 Rules 02/28/23 2nd Reading 03/01/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/03/23 1st Reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care 03/14/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/16/23 Executive Action, 10:30 a.m. – pass with amendments 03/17/23 Rules 03/24/23 2nd Reading 04/06/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/13/23 House concurred in Senate amendments, passed 04/14/23 Speaker signed 04/18/23 President signed 04/19/23 Delivered to Governor</p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, 02/03/23 Letter of support concept, 03/13/23</p>
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SSB 5006	Clarifying waiver of firearm rights	<p>This bill states mental health professionals and substance use disorder professionals (SUDP) may discuss voluntary waiver of firearm rights with their patients if they feel it will avoid or minimize an imminent danger to the health and safety of the patient or others. It changes the process for voluntary waiver of firearms. It allows an individual waiving firearm rights to list a contact person, including a family member, mental health professional, SUDP, or alternate person. The contact person will be notified by the court when the waiver is filed, revoked, or an attempt is made to purchase a firearm and makes it a civil infraction for a person who has waived firearm rights to possess or control a firearm.</p> <p>Sub allows a person to file a revocation of a voluntary waiver of firearm rights either in writing or electronically. Requires clerk of the court to request a physical or scanned copy of photo identification to verify a person's identity before accepting a revocation of a voluntary waiver of firearm rights. It removes the requirement that the clerk of court must destroy all records of a voluntary waiver of firearm rights after it's been revoked.</p>	<p>01/12/23 Hearing, 8:00 am 01/19/23 Executive action, 8:00 am Substitute 01/20/23 Rules 02/01/23 2nd reading 02/15/23 1st substitute passed</p> <p>In the House 02/17/23 Civil Rights and Judiciary 03/14/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 03/17/23 Executive Session, 10:30 a.m. 03/21/23 Rules 03/23 2nd Reading 03/24/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/13/23 Senate concurred House amendments, passed final passage 04/18/23 Speaker signed 04/8/23 President signed 04/19/23 Delivered to Governor</p>	Monitor	

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<p>SB 5036 (Companion HB 1027)</p>	<p>Concerning telemedicine</p>	<p>This bill extends the time frame in which real-time telemedicine using both audio and video technology may be used to establish a relationship for the purpose of providing audio-only telemedicine for certain health care services.</p>	<p>02/01/23 Rules suspended, placed on 3rd Reading, passed;</p> <p>In the House 02/03/23 1st reading in House, Referred to Health Care & Wellness 02/28/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/10/23 Executive session, 8 a.m. 03/13/23 Rules 03/17/23 2nd Reading 03/20/23 3rd Reading 03/21/23 President signed 03/22/23 Speaker signed 03/24/23 Delivered to Governor 03/30/23 Governor signed, effective date 07/23/23</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">2SSB 5120</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Establishing 23-hour crisis relief centers in Washington State</p>	<p>This bill establishes 23-hour crisis relief centers as 24-hour, 7-days-a-week community-based facilities licensed or certified by the DOH that offer access to mental health and substance use care for patients for less than 24 hours at a time per patient, and must accept all walk-ins, ambulance, fire, and police drop-offs regardless of behavioral health acuity. It establishes rulemaking to be made by DOH and allows the professional staff of 23-hour crisis relief centers to detain a person who has been brought or accepted to the center and thereafter refuses to stay voluntarily for up to 12 hours. It removes references to crisis triage facilities from code and directs the Department of Health to convert the license or certification of crisis triage facilities to crisis stabilization units.</p> <p>The second substitute shortens deadline for the Department of Health to create rules for 23-hour CRCs from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2024. It allows a police officer who has reasonable cause to believe an individual has committed a crime to take the individual to a CRC, and the title is amended.</p>	<p>01/30/23 Referred to Ways & Means 02/21/23 Hearing 9 a.m. 02/23/23 Executive action, 9 a.m., 2nd substitute passed 02/24/23 Rules 02/27/23 2nd Reading 03/01/23 2nd Substitute substituted, 3rd reading</p> <p>In the House 03/03/23 1st Reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness 03/15/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/22/23 Executive Action taken, 1:30 p.m., passed 03/24/23 Referred to Appropriations 03/31/23 Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 04/03/23 Executive action taken, 9 a.m., passed 04/04/23 Referred to Rules 04/06/23 2nd Reading</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Support Concept</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Letter of support concept, 02/03/23 Letter of support concept, 03/14/23 Letter of support concept to Rules, 04/06/23</p>
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<p>ESSB 5179 (Companion SHB 1281-dead)</p>	<p>Increasing access to the provisions of the Washington death with dignity act</p>	<p>This bill outlines policies, processes, offers definitions, clarifications and procedures for competent adult terminally ill patients who meet certain criteria and reside in Washington state to request medication to self-administer to end life in a humane and dignified manner. Replaces references to physician with qualified medical provider who has primary responsibility for the care of the patient and treatment of the terminal disease. This is defined as a physician, physician assistant or ARNP.</p> <p>The substitute specifies the attending qualified medical provider and the consulting qualified medical provider selected by the qualified patient may not have a direct supervisory relationship with each other; amends the time frame for hospitals to submit forms related to</p>	<p>02/02/23 Hearing, 10:30 am; 02/09/23 Executive action; passed 02/10/23 Rules 02/15/23 2nd reading 02/27/23 1st Substitute substituted</p> <p>In the House 03/01/23 1st Reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness 03/06/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/10/23 Executive Session, 8 a.m. 03/13/23 Rules 03/17/23 2nd Reading</p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, 02/03/23 Letter of support concept to House, 03/03/23</p>

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		<p>end-of-life care policies and the Death with Dignity Act to DOH within 60 days of forms being provided; and clarifies submission of end-of-life care policies and the Death with Dignity Act policies applies to the agencies and facilities providing hospice services.</p> <p>The engrossed substitute removes the definition for “intractable suffering.” It also removes the conditions that would allow qualified patients to receive the prescription sooner than the seven-day waiting period.</p>	<p>03/24/23 3rd Reading, passed 03/29/23 Senate President signed 03/29/23 House Speaker signed 03/31/23 Delivered to Governor 04/06/23 Governor signed, effective date 07/23/23</p>		
<p>SSB 5189 (Companion HB 1348)</p>	<p>Establishing behavioral support specialists</p>	<p>This bill establishes the Behavioral Health Support Specialist credential, a new bachelor’s level provider that acts in a support role capacity to provide low intensity behavioral health intervention for clients with mild to moderate behavioral health conditions. They cannot diagnose, must be supervised w/ the partnership of a licensed healthcare provider, including at a licensed community behavioral health agency.</p> <p>Substitute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows applicants for a behavioral health support specialist credential to complete a registered apprenticeship approved by the WA State Apprenticeship and Training Council in combination with an approved bachelors degree or postbaccalaureate certificate. 	<p>01/31/23 Executive action taken, 1st substitute bill passed 02/01/23 Referred to Ways & Means 02/16/23 Hearing, 4 p.m. 02/23/23 Executive session 9 a.m. 02/27/23 2nd Reading 03/01/23 1st substitute passed, 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/03/23 1st Reading, referred to Health Care and Wellness 03/10/23 Hearing, 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies DOH must approve (instead of accredit) ed programs for behavioral health support specialists. • Directs DOH collaborate w/the UW Department of Psych and Behavioral Sciences and consult w/others in developing rules for behavioral health support specialists, instead of partnering w/UW. • Removes language directing Insurance Commissioner to integrate behavioral health support specialists into network access standards; directs carriers provide access to support specialists in a manner sufficient to meet standards by July 1, 2025. 	<p>03/15/23 Executive Session, 1:30 p.m. 03/17/23 Referred to Appropriations 03/22/23 Public Hearing, 4 p.m. 03/30/23 Executive action taken, 1:30 p.m. 04/04/23 Referred to Rules 04/06/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/14/23 Senate concurred in House amendments, Passed final passage 04/18/23 President signed 04/20/23 Speaker signed</p>		
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<p>E2SSB 5236</p>	<p>Concerning hospital staffing standards</p>	<p>This bill seeks to improve nurse and health care worker safety and patient care by establishing minimum staffing standards in hospitals, requiring hospital staffing committees to develop staffing plans, addressing mandatory overtime and meal and rest breaks, and providing for enforcement.</p> <p>Engrossed sub modifies title, makes multiple changes to advisory committee. 90-day limitation for reasonable efforts and unforeseen emergent circumstance exceptions removed. Definition of “unforeseen emergent circumstances” to include when a hospital is diverting patients to another. Proposed staffing plan process delivery is modified, provisions added. Plan submission date changed. Reporting requirements added. Charter due by July 1, 2024.</p> <p>DOH/L&I responsibilities clarified. Requirements established for corrective plans of action when multiple violations exist. DOH and L&I establish formal agreement by July 1, 2024. Quarterly reporting to L&I w/total meal and rest periods missed required. L&I to enforce meal and rest break requirements and the required reports. L&I will impose penalties effective 7/1/26. Established based on number of beds in hospital (\$5k to \$20k). Violations doubled for penalties incurred in three consecutive quarters. Retaliation against employees</p>	<p>01/17/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 02/07/23 Executive action, 1st Substitute passed 02/08/23 Referred to Ways & Means 02/16/23 Hearing, 4 p.m. 02/24/23 Executive action 9 a.m., 2nd Substitute passed, Rules</p> <p>In the House 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Labor & Workplace Standards 03/15/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/21/23 Executive Action taken, 10:30 a.m., passed 03/23/23 Referred to Appropriations 03/30/23 Public Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/31/23 Executive action taken, 1:30 p.m., passed 04/04/23 Referred to Rules 04/06/23 3rd Reading, passed</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	
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		<p>for exercising rights granted by the meal and rest break requirements is prohibited; imposes penalties for retaliation. Employers must provide valid data. Changes to the definitions removed. L&I must investigate complaints of retaliation in relation to staffing committee activities and establish procedures for citations, notices of assessment and penalties for retaliation, as well as procedures for appealing citations.</p> <p>L&I prohibited from assessing civil penalty if the employer reasonably relied on a rule, written order, or interpretive or administrative policy issued by L&I.</p>	<p>04/07/23 President signed 04/07/23 Speaker signed 04/14/23 Delivered to Governor 04/20/23 Governor signed</p>		
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<p style="text-align: center;">2SSB 5263</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concerning access to psilocybin services by individuals 21 years of age and older</p>	<p>This bill establishes wellness model-based psilocybin services and establishes DOH authority to license, regulate, and enforce all provisions.</p> <p>The second substitute creates a Psilocybin Task Force rather than amending a 2022 Supplemental Operating Budget section and including the section in the bill. It removes the Task Force's preliminary report requirement and moves up the deadline for the final report to December 1, 2023, from December 1, 2024, which was the original deadline in the budget, and expires the Task Force on June 30, 2024. It requires the Psilocybin Advisory Board meets at least five times per calendar year until July 1, 2024 and at least once per calendar quarter after July 1, 2024. It removes a number of other sections and subsections referencing psilocybin licenses, services, and products in the original bill that are no longer contained in the substitute. It removes other provisions including, provisions relating to directing the Department of Health (DOH) to develop a psilocybin registry; granting DOH certain duties, functions, and powers relating to license fees and psilocybin product advertising, which are no longer contained in the substitute bill; and protecting medical professionals and psilocybin patients for certain actions related to psilocybin.</p>	<p>01/30/23 Hearing 10:30 a.m. 02/16/23 Executive action 8 a.m., 1st substitute passed 02/17/23 Referred to Ways and Means 02/21/23 Hearing 9 a.m. 02/24/23 Executive action 9 a.m., 2nd substitute passed, Rules 03/01/23 2nd Reading 03/07/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/09/23 1st Reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness 03/24/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 03/29/23 Executive action taken, 1:30 p.m., passed, 03/29/23 Referred to Appropriations 04/01/23 Public Hearing, 9 a.m. 04/04/23 Executive action taken, 9 a.m., passed 04/04/23 Referred to Rules</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor 02/22/23 Concerns</p>	<p>Letter of concern sent, no ARNP on the task force, 02/23/23 <i>*Send letter of concern re. no ARNP on the task force when hearing is scheduled</i> Letter of concern sent to House Health Care & Wellness, 03/21/23 Second letter supporting concept, 03/31/23</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SSB 5499</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact</p>	<p>Adopts the interstate nursing compact. Language is the same across all compact states. In addition, this bill increases the WCN surcharge to \$8, and requires NCQAC to publish a summary annually on its webpage noting the key differences in each state’s nursing practice act.</p> <p>Substitute requires employers to submit proof the nurse completed the demographic data and suicide assessment training; 30 days to submit names of those with multistate licenses;</p>	<p>02/10/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 02/16/23 Executive action, 1st substitute passed 02/17/23 2nd reading, Rules 03/06/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Postsecondary Education & Workforce 03/22/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/24/23 Executive Action taken, passed, 8 a.m. 03/28/23 Referred to Appropriations 04/01/23 Public Hearing, 9 a.m. 04/04/23 Executive action taken, 9 a.m., passed 04/04/23 Referred to Rules 04/06/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/07/23 President signed 04/07/23 Speaker signed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor 02/22/23 Support concept</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, included comparison to HB 1417 02/10/23 <i>*Letter of support concept when scheduled for hearing</i> Letter of support concept sent to Postsecondary Education & Workforce, 03/21/23 Paula Meyer testimony at hearing, 03/22/23 Letter of support concept to Rules, 04/06/23 04/13/23 Signing memo sent to Governor</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SSB 5538</p>	<p>Concerning postretirement employment in nursing positions for a state agency</p>	<p>This bill clarifies retirement allowances for nursing positions in state agencies.</p> <p>Substitute allows nurses receiving a state pension to work in a nursing position in a state agency up to 1040 while collection retirement benefit</p>	<p>1/30/23 Hearing, Senate Ways and Means, 4 p.m. 02/07/23 Executive session, 4 p.m.; 02/14/23 Executive session, 4 p.m., 1st substitute substituted 02/15/23 Rules 02/22/23 2nd reading, Rules 03/06/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Appropriations 03/16/23 Hearing, 4:00 p.m. 03/23/23 Executive Action taken, 4 p.m., passed 03/28/23 Referred to Rules 04/03/23 2nd Reading 04/05/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/06/23 President signed 04/07/23 Speaker signed 04/11/23 Delivered to Governor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monitor</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">SSB 5547</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concerning nursing pool transparency</p>	<p>Any nursing pool providing nurses, surgical technologists, diagnostic radiologic techs, or cardiovascular invasive specialist, respiratory care practitioner or nursing assistant – certified must annual register the nursing pool with the secretary of health, disclose their corporate structure and the secretary shall make publicly available. Give fee authority to cover all costs. Speaks to nursing pools located in WA but not for those who employ health care personnel in WA. Lists the requirement for health care personnel that must be met by the nursing pool, including criminal background checks, contract changes, and reports due to the secretary on an annual basis.</p> <p>Substitute changes adds clinics to list of facility types not considered a nursing pool; defines long term care personnel; replaces references of health care personnel and employees and independent workers; list of applicable minimum state credentialing standards; amends current background check requirements; corrects reference to federal Medicaid statute</p>	<p>02/10/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 02/16/23 Executive action 10:30 am 1st substitute passed 02/17/23 Rules 02/22/23 2nd reading 03/06/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness 03/21/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/24/23 Executive Action taken, 8 a.m. 03/28/23 Executive action taken, passed, 1:30 p.m. 03/28/23 Referred to Rules 04/03/23 2nd Reading 04/05/23 3rd Reading, passed 04/06/23 President signed 04/07/23 Speaker signed 04/11/23 Delivered to Governor 04/14/23 Governor signed</p>		
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<p>E2SSB 5582</p>	<p>Reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of nurses in Washington</p>	<p>Expand nursing credential opportunities by requiring State Board of Community and Technical Colleges to develop a plan by 02/01/24; online curriculum and pathway for LPNs; establishes the Home Care Aide to LPN apprenticeship; guarantee HCA admission to LPN programs; workforce training board shall contract with a marketing firm to develop plan for CNAs, LPN/LVN and nursing professions and include long term care and rural; OFM to conduct salary survey on nurse educators; CNAs in DVA facilities; NCQAC able to grant nurses with graduate degrees but not doctoral degree as administrator of a bachelor program; simulation 1:2 hours and adopt rules; expand nurse preceptor funds; nursing assistant programs in high schools in rural hospitals</p> <p>The substitute requires the state board to prioritize employer/exclusive bargaining unit partnerships in plan development to train additional nurses; and it adds employer and exclusive bargaining unit partnerships. It eliminates the priority enrollment given to students in the LPN apprenticeship pathway program to nursing programs & directs the workforce board to address student barriers faced by apprenticeship pathway students. Personal care aides are added to entities included in statewide marketing plan. OFM must benchmark percentiles for nurse ed compensation in</p>	<p>02/01/23 Hearing 8:00 a.m. 02/09/23 Referred to Ways and Means 02/18/23 Hearing 9 a.m. 02/23/23 Executive action 9 a.m., 2nd Substitute passed 02/24/23 Rules 03/03/23 2nd Reading 03/06/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the House 03/08/23 1st Reading, referred to Postsecondary Education & Workforce 03/22/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/24/23 Executive Action taken, passed, 8 a.m. 03/28/23 Referred to Appropriations 04/01/23 Public Hearing, 9 a.m. 04/04/23 Executive action taken, 9 a.m., passed 04/04/23 Referred to Rules</p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>02/01/23 Paula Meyer, Sharon Fought in person testimony <i>*Letter supporting concept when hearing scheduled; Paula to have conversation with Rep. Slatter about comparison of faculty salaries with clinical nurse salaries</i> 03/20/23 Paula had discussion with Rep. Riccelli 03/21/23 Letter supporting concept with concerns 03/22/23 Paula provided testimony at hearing 03/22/23 follow up letter to Senator Holy regarding specific changes to language in Section 9 of bill 03/31/23 Letter supporting concept 04/13/23 Signing memo sent to Governor</p>
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		<p>nurse educator salary survey, WA Dept of Veterans Affairs is able to develop its own CNA program or adopt an existing model. Requirement that 1 hour of simulated learning accounts for 2 hours of clinical learning to apply to a maximum of 50% of clinical hours for nursing licensure is modified. Expansion of nurse preceptor grant program includes reducing the number of hours required to be eligible for the grant.</p> <p>2nd substitute modifies application of the simulation lab requirement to apply to nurses seeking licensure and not nurses who already hold licensure, seeking endorsement in Washington state. It requires the nursing commission to submit a report on the outcomes of the nurse preceptor grant program (instead of DOH).</p> <p>Engrossed version requires state board to consult with local workforce development councils in creation of plan to train additional nurses. It requires SBCTC conduct a salary survey on nurse educator compensation instead of OFM.</p>	<p>04/07/23 2nd Reading, 3rd Reading, passed 04/08/23 President signed 04/10/23 Speaker signed 04/14/23 Delivered to Governor 04/20/23 Governor signed</p>		
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Dead bills

Dead House Bills					
HB 1027 (Companion SB 5036)	Concerning telemedicine	This bill extends the time frame in which real-time telemedicine using both audio and video technology may be used to establish a relationship for the purpose of providing audio-only telemedicine for certain health care services.	01/11/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 01/13/23 Executive action 01/17/23 Rules 01/24/23 2 nd reading	Monitor	HB 1027 (Companion SB 5036)
HB 1038 (Companion SB 5184)	Concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants	The bill creates a new regulated health profession: anesthesiologist assistant (AA).	01/20/23 Hearing, 8:00 a.m.	Serious Concerns	01/20/23 Jonathan Alvarado in person testimony
HB 1214	Enacting the protecting children’s bodies act	This bill states a health care provider may not provide gender transition procedures to any individual who is under 18 years of age. They may not refer any individual who is under 18 years of age to any health care provider for gender transition procedures.		Monitor	
HB 1242 SHB 1242	Creating a behavioral health work group to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington communities	This bill would create a behavioral health workgroup to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington communities. The substitute directs an ad hoc technical advisory committee with 3 stakeholders, must have lived experience, receive \$200/day; OFM must staff the committee,	01/17/23 Hearing, 1:30 pm 02/17/23 Executive action 8 a.m. 1 st substitute passed 02/22/23 Appropriations hearing 1:30 p.m. 02/24/23 Executive session 9 a.m.	Monitor	

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		responsibilities listed; must submit a sustainable 5-year plan to Governor, legislature and OFM; expires June 30, 2026			
HB 1348 (Companion SB 5189)	Establishing behavioral support specialists	This bill establishes the Behavioral Health Support Specialist credential, a new bachelor’s level provider that acts in a support role capacity to provide low intensity behavioral health intervention for clients with mild to moderate behavioral health conditions. They cannot diagnose and must be supervised by with the partnership of a licensed healthcare provider, including at a licensed community behavioral health agency (BHA).	01/27/23 Hearing, 8:00 a.m.	Monitor	
SHB 1417	Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact	Adopts the interstate nursing compact. Language is the same across all compact states. Substitute changes: Section 15 requires nurse with multistate license to submit to Nursing Commission; requires Nursing Commission to issue a WA state license	02/03/23 Hearing, 8:00 a.m. Postsecondary Education and Workforce; 02/17/23 Executive Session 8:00 a.m.; 1st substitute passed; referred to Appropriations	Support Concept 02/22/22 Concerns	Letter of support concept, included comparison to SB 5499 02/10/23 02/22/23 Section 15 language negates the compact language; 02/23/23 letter with concerns sent
HB 1495 (Companion SB 5373)	Requiring equal reimbursement for advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians	Health care insurance carrier must reimburse for ARNP and PA services at the same rate as a physician for similar services; may not reduce the reimbursement paid to physicians; report due January 1, 2024		Support	

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<p>E2SHB 1541</p>	<p>Establishing the nothing about us without us act</p>	<p>This bill implements specific membership requirements for statutory entities that directly and tangibly affect underrepresented populations. It also requires reporting by the Office of Equity on the effectiveness of the membership requirements for statutory entities.</p> <p>Engrossed version removes requirement for Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of House to include this info in legislative training material. Exempts entities administered by Legislature from reporting requirements, but requires they collect the information and provide it to Secretary and Chief Clerk. Streamlines identification of access/participation barriers in stakeholder engagement; requires providing toolkit to Legislature. Toolkit must include a list of state entities for appointing authorities to consult with when making appointments. Requires appointing authorities collaborate with state boards/commissions that support participation from underrepresented populations in policy making processes.</p>	<p>02/03/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 02/10/23 Executive action taken 02/14/23 Referred to Appropriations 02/22/23 Hearing 1:30 p.m. 02/24/23 Executive action 9 a.m., 2nd substitute passed, Rules 03/02/23 2nd Reading 03/07/23 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/09/23 1st Reading, referred to State Government & Elections 03/21/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m. 03/24/23 Executive Action taken, 8 a.m. 03/27/23 Referred to Ways & Means 03/31/23 Public Hearing, 12:30 p.m. 04/03/23 Executive session, no action taken, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Support Concept</p>	<p>Letter of support concept, 02/10/23 Letter of support concept, 03/10/23</p>
<p>HB 1546</p>	<p>Enacting the good faith pain act</p>	<p>This bill protects podiatric physicians, dentists, osteopathic physicians, allopathic physicians, physician</p>			

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		assistants, and advanced registered nurse practitioners from criminal or civil liability - or board, commission, or department action - for prescribing opioids for a legitimate medical purpose to patients with chronic pain. It also protects pharmacists from criminal or civil liability - or commission action - for dispensing opioid drugs prescribed for legitimate medical purposes.			
ESHB 1568	Concerning the credentialing of certified health care professionals providing long-term care services	<p>This bill addresses concerns with initial credentialing & renewal of long-term care workers, including home care aides and nursing assistants by making changes to reinstatements and renewals. It removes requirement for DOH to assess an applicant’s skills to practice competently skills demonstration from certification exam.</p> <p>Substitute differences in criminal background checks requirements, days to work to become certified, exemption for nursing assistant certified training, allows 100 day exemption if only reason is waiting for competency exam; testing options and requirements for options; requirements for person administering the exam</p> <p>Engrossed substitute exempts people with nursing assistant/home care aide certificates expired for more than six months but less than two years from continuing ed requirements imposed as</p>	<p>02/08/23 Hearing, 1:30 pm 02/15/23 Executive session, 1:30 pm 02/22/23 2nd Reading 03/07/23 Floor amendment, 3rd Reading</p> <p>In the Senate 03/10/23 1st Reading, referred to Health & Long Term Care 03/23/23 Public Hearing, 10:30 a.m.</p>	Support concept	<p>Letter of support concept to Rep Jinkins on 02-24-23 <i>Letter of support concept once hearing scheduled</i> 03/23/23 Letter of support concept to Health & Long Term Care 03/31/23 Second letter supporting concept</p>

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		preconditions for returning to active status. It restores the requirement that LTC workers must meet minimum training requirements within 120 days rather than 200 days.			
HB 1643 (Companion to SB 5498)	Creating the hospital-based nurse student loan repayment assistance program under the Washington health corps	This bill creates a hospital-based nurse student loan repayment assistance program under the Washington health corps.	02/07/23 Hearing, 1:30 p.m.	Support Concept	Letter of support concept, 02/02/23
Dead Senate Bills					
SB 5184 (Companion HB 1038)	Concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants	The bill creates a new regulated health profession: anesthesiologist assistant (AA).	01/31/23 Hearing, 8:00 a.m.	Serious concerns	01/31/23 Jonathan remote testimony
SB 5185	Addressing abortion	The bill deems the state may not deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose an abortion prior to 24 weeks of gestational age, or in case of a medical emergency or severe fetal abnormality. It clarifies that except in medical emergencies or cases of abnormalities, practitioners may NOT terminate if the probable gestational age is determined as greater than 24 weeks and will be found guilty of a class C Felony, including suspension of license.		Monitor	
SSB 5503	Establishing requirements for uniform clinical placement hours for nursing	This bill establishes the number of clinical experience hours for Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). The bill also will limit the number of direct patient care or	02/10/23 Hearing, 8 a.m. 02/16/23 Executive action 10:30 am, 1 st substitute passed	Monitor	

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	education programs	clinical experience hours required to 300 hours for LPN programs, 500 hours for associate degree nursing programs, and 600 hours for Bachelor of Science in nursing programs. The Nursing Commission will review the number of hours annually and adjust as necessary based on national licensing or accreditation standards. Substitute changes allows nursing education programs to use simulation consistent with WACs	02/17/23 2 nd reading, Rules		
SB 5227	Concerning sex-selection abortions	This bill states that abortions may not be performed with the knowledge that the pregnant individual is seeking the abortion solely on account of the sex of the unborn child.		Monitor	
SSB 5327	Concerning paying interns.	This bill establishes pay requirements for interns.	01/23/23 Hearing, 10:30 am		
SB 5373 (Companion HB 1495)	Requiring equal reimbursement for advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians	Health care insurance carrier must reimburse for ARNP and PA services at the same rate as a physician for similar services; may not reduce the reimbursement paid to physicians; report due January 1, 2024	01/31/23 Hearing, 8:00 am 02/14/23 Executive action, passed to Ways and Means 02/21/23 Hearing 9 am 02/24/23 Executive session 9 am	Support	Letter of support 02/03/23
SB 5400 (Companion HB 1340)	Concerning actions by health professions disciplining authorities against license	This bill amends the UDA license restriction or denial statute to exclude from grounds for restriction or denial any disciplinary action based on any of the actions in the bill. It outlines what isn't deemed unprofessional conduct		Monitor	

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	applicants and license holders	under the UDA, and also provides that the same conduct is not basis for denial of a license, with an exception to the extent required by the interstate medical compact.			
SSB 5481	Concerning the uniform telemedicine act	<p>Adds new chapter to Title 18 RCW; Patient is located in WA state, professional practice standards of WA state and provider located out of state; has an out of state or compact license, registers with the WA discipline authority; discipline authority may take disciplinary action; rule making authority.</p> <p>Substitute changes removes registration option for out -of-state providers and directs telemedicine collaborative to review the ULC to allow out of state providers to provide telemedicine services in WA; extends expiration date from to December 2025; definition for store and forward; title changes</p>	02/02/23 Hearing, 10:30 am 02/17/23 Executive action 1 st substitute passed, Rules		
SSB 5498 (Companion HB 1643)	Creating the hospital-based nurse student loan repayment assistance program under the Washington health corps	<p>This bill creates a hospital-based nurse student loan repayment assistance program under the Washington health corps.</p> <p>The substitute makes minor language changes, clarifies definition of participating employer, establishes quarterly participation, establishes annual award amount, clarifies funds usage, and adds expiration of 01/01/26. Adds additional employers to apply for the program</p>	02/01/23 Hearing 8:00 am; 02/10/23 Executive action 02/14/23 Referred to Ways and Means 02/18/23Hearing 9 am 02/23/23 Executive session 9 am	Support Concept	Letter of support concept 02/02/23 Letter of support concept to Ways and Means 02/17/23

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<p>SSB 5588</p>	<p>Concerning the mental health sentencing alternative.</p>	<p>This bill clarifies the mental health sentencing alternative in relation to defendants undergoing treatment and supervision in another state. Substitute changes removes provision authorizing courts to allow a person sentenced under the Mental Health Sentencing Alternative to undergo treatment and supervision in another state.</p>	<p>02/14/23 Hearing, 10:30 a.m. 02/16/23 Executive session, 8 a.m., 1st substitute passed 02/17/23 Rules</p>		
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