



Washington State Board of Nursing
Legislative Panel
Bill Report: January 15, 2025

Possible Panel Positions:

Support	Support Concept	Neutral	Concerns	Oppose
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2025 Legislative Session Cutoff Calendar:

House of Origin	
January 13	First day of regular session
February 21	Must pass Policy Committee
February 28	Must pass Fiscal Committee
March 12	Must pass house of origin
Opposite House	
April 2	Must pass Policy Committee
April 8	Must pass Fiscal Committee
April 16	Must pass opposite house
End of Session	
April 27	Concurrence, Dispute, Conference Committee
April 27	Sine die (last day of regular session)

WABON Request Legislation

Bill	Prime Sponsor(s)	Title	Brief Description	Status	WABON Action
SB 5051	Sen. Bateman Sen. Riccelli	Consolidating regulatory authority for nursing assistants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers discipline and credentialing regulatory authority for nursing assistants from DOH to WABON • Adds two new CNA members to the Board of Nursing and converts one Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) member to an RN or LPN member with experience as an NA educator • Repeals RCW 18.88A.100. This outdated section applied only to individuals who filed an application for waiver by December 31, 1991. 	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Testify in Support

House Bills

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Title	Brief Description	Status	Position	WABON Action
HB 1022 *F	Rep. Connors Reps. McClintock, Low, Barkis, Schmidt, Marshall, & Taylor	Creating a homes for heroes program	Creates a pilot program to provide assistance to targeted occupations to encourage relocation to and homeownership in Washington state (includes nurses licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW).	Pre-filed— not yet referred to committee	Neutral	
HB 1038	Rep. Jacobsen	Prohibiting puberty blocking medications, cross-sex hormones, and gender transition surgeries for minors	Restricts healthcare providers from performing certain gender-related medical procedures on minors, such as prescribing puberty blockers, hormones, or performing surgeries for gender transition. Exceptions are allowed for minors with medically verified sex development disorders or for treatments related to physical health issues, like infections or injuries. The bill defines "gender" as psychological, behavioral, and social traits, while "sex" is defined biologically. It aims to limit gender-affirming procedures for minors unless specific medical conditions are present.	Pre-filed— not yet referred to committee	Oppose	
HB 1049 *F	Rep. Shavers Rep. Leavitt	Increasing the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners	Creates a stipend program in DOH to defray the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by RNs completing the training necessary to become adult/adolescent or pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners. The total amount of the stipend for any individual nurse may not exceed \$2,500.	Pre-filed— not yet referred to committee	Support Concept	
HB 1077	Rep. Walen Reps. Ryu, Leavitt, Ramel, & Berry	Raising awareness of pain control options for intrauterine device placement and removal	Amends chapter 18.130 RCW to require health care providers to notify all patients seeking IUD placement or removal of the types of pain control options available prior to or at the time of scheduling the appointment for IUD intrauterine device placement or removal.	Pre-filed— not yet referred to committee	Neutral	
HB 1121	Rep. McClintock Rep. Schmidt	Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds	Directs the Department of Labor and Industries to revise the current rules outlining the hours sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds may work during school weeks to allow them to work the same number of hours during school weeks as permitted during non-school weeks.	Pre-filed— not yet referred to committee	Neutral	

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HB 1124 *F Companion SB 5112	Rep. Simmons Reps. Macri, Senn, Stonier, Ormsby, Tharinger, Kloba, Duerr, & Ryu	Establishing a prescribing psychologist certification in Washington state	Creates a prescribing psychologist certification. A licensed psychologist may apply for certification as a prescribing psychologist if they: 1) hold a current license as a psychologist; 2) hold a doctorate degree obtained from an integrated program of graduate study in psychology; 3) have completed a master's degree program in psychopharmacology; 4) have completed at least 80 hours of supervised experience in physical assessment; 5) have completed a supervised clinical prescribing fellowship comprised of at least 500 hours and 100 individual patients; and 6) pass an examination in prescribing competence developed by a nationally recognized organization and approved by the Examining Board of Psychology.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Neutral	
	Sen. Bateman Sens. Harris, Shewmake, Trudeau, Conway, Nobles, Riccelli, Wilson, & Robinson			Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee		
HB 1162 Companion SB 5162	Rep. Leavitt Reps. Schmidt & Berry	Concerning workplace violence in health care settings	Amends RCW 49.19.020 to require that each health care setting develop and implement a workplace violence prevention plan to be reviewed annually as opposed to once every three years. New section requires every health care setting to conduct a timely investigation of every workplace violence incident and submit a quarterly report to the health care setting's respective safety committee or workplace violence committee.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Support	
	Sen. Lovick Sen. Saldaña			Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee		
HB 1176	Rep. Walsh	Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 17	Amends several statutes to increase the age of consent for minors receiving health care from 13 years or older to 17 years or older. These health care services include outpatient treatment, substance use treatment, behavioral and mental health services, reproductive services, and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Oppose	
HB 1186	Rep. Parshley Rep. Rule	Expanding the situations in which medications can be dispensed or delivered from hospitals and health care entities	Amends RCW 70.41.480 to include HIV postexposure prophylaxis drugs, anti-infectives, and drugs that come prepackaged by the manufacturer for patients being released from hospital emergency departments to maintain access to emergency medications when community or hospital pharmacy services are not available. Amends the 48-hour supply limit to except anti- infectives and drugs or therapies packaged directly by the manufacturer in quantities larger than a 48-hour supply. Amends RCW 18.64.450 to provide the same exceptions to the 72-hour limit for legend drugs and controlled substances.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Support Concept	

Senate Bills

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Title	Brief Description	Status	Position	WABON Action
SB 5005 *F	Sen. Saldaña	Concerning transparency, public safety, and independent oversight of the city, county, and regional jail system in Washington state	Creates a seven-member Jail Oversight Board that would administer a statewide uniform jail reporting system. The board would create and monitor compliance with statewide jail standards, as well as investigate and report on systemic problems affecting inmates.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Neutral	
SB 5116	Sen. Christian Sen. Riccelli	Concerning the immediate use of marriage licenses for medical necessity	Requires county auditors to issue marriage licenses at the time of application in the event that a written statement from a physician licensed to practice medicine in WA that one or both of the applicants is at risk of imminent death or incapacity is first provided to the county auditor.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Support Concept	Submit Amendment Request to Sponsor
SB 5163	Sen. Orwall Sens. Shewmake, Dhingra, Conway, Cleveland, Wellman, Hasegawa, Riccelli, & Saldaña	Modernizing the child fatality statute	Amends RCW 70.05.170(3)(b) to allow local health departments and DOH to retain identifiable information and geographic information on each case for the purposes of determining trends, performing analysis over time, and for quality improvement efforts. Also includes technical language amendments to change instances of “mortality” to “fatality.” Adds requirements for providers to provide medical records related to the child, autopsy reports, medical examiner reports, coroner reports, social services records, and other data requested for specific child fatality reviews upon request of the local health department	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee	Neutral	
SB 5201 *F	Sen. Salomon Sens. Nobles, Bateman, Trudeau, Lovelett, Frame, Chapman, Hasegawa, & Wellman	Concerning access to psychedelic substances	Establishes wellness model-based psilocybin services and establishes DOH authority to license, regulate, and enforce all provisions. Psilocybin can only be administered to a person 21 years of age or older in an approved setting, under the supervision of a licensed psilocybin facilitator or clinical facilitator. The bill designates a program development period from Sept. 1, 2025 – Sept. 1, 2027, during which DOH is to establish an 11-member Psychedelic Substances Board to advise DOH, conduct rulemaking, and establish educational trainings. Creates professional credential types for Facilitators, Associate Facilitators, Clinical Facilitators, Associate Clinical Facilitators, and Service Center Operators, and a facility credential type for Service Centers.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee		

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Monitor List

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Title	Brief Description	Status
HB 1023	Rep. Ryu Rep. Leavitt & Schmidt	Adopting the cosmetology licensure compact	Adopts the cosmetology licensure compact and introduces a multistate license to practice cosmetology in member states.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1072	Rep. Walen Reps. Leavitt, Reeves, Berg, & Ryu	Relating to preserving access to protected health care services by requiring department of health review of certain health care business transactions which could affect access to protected health care services while balancing access to community health services	Grants DOH the authority to approve, approve with conditions or modifications, or deny health care business transactions; gives authority to the attorney general to enjoin qualifying health care business transactions not approved or approved with conditions or modifications by DOH; and directs the collection of data and provision of information, analysis, and reporting regarding access to protected health care services.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1114	Rep. Leavitt Reps. Ybarra, Schmidt, & Ryu	Concerning the respiratory care interstate compact	Establishes a respiratory care interstate compact to facilitate the interstate practice of respiratory therapy with the goal of improving public access to respiratory therapy services by providing respiratory therapists licensed in a member state the ability to practice in other member states.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1142	Rep. Macri (DSHS ARL)	Standardizing basic training and certification requirements for long-term care workers who provide in-home care for their family members, including spouses or domestic partners	Updates language in RCW 18.88B from “individual provider” to “long-term care worker” in order to standardize basic training and certification requirements for long-term care workers who provide in-home care for family members.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
Companion SB 5100	Sen. Bateman (DSHS ARL)			Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1155	Rep. Berry Rep. Walen	Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements	Makes all noncompetition covenants void and unenforceable in Washington. Creates a violation if an employer enforces, attempts to enforce, or threatens to enforce against an employee or worker subject to any agreement under this chapter, to represent that the employee or worker is subject to an agreement prohibited under this chapter, or to enter into or attempt to enter into an agreement with an employee or worker that is prohibited by this chapter. Requires nonsolicitation agreements to be narrowly construed.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1173	Rep. Bronoske	Concerning wages for journeypersons in high-hazard facilities	Amends the criteria under the definition of a “Skilled Journeyperson” in high hazard facilities. The amended language requires that “the worker is being paid at least a rate consistent with the prevailing rate of wage for a worker in the applicable occupation and geographic area.”	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee

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HB 1190	Rep. Marshall	Allowing additional health professions to access the University of Washington health sciences library	Adds psychological associates and mental health counselor associates to the list enumerated professions under RCW 43.70.110(3)(b). This allows these professions to access to selected vital clinical resources, medical journals, decision support tools, and evidence-based reviews of procedures, drugs, and devices.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
HB 1220	Rep. Farivar Rep. Macri	Relating to appropriate response to assaults by individuals in behavioral health crisis	Provides an exception for what constitutes third degree assault against health care providers. The exception applies to individuals detained or pending an evaluation for detention under chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW; detained for behavioral health treatment under chapter 10.77 RCW; or is receiving or in the process of seeking voluntary in-patient behavioral health treatment.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
SB 5200	Sen. Wagoner	Relating to veterans' medical foster homes	Exempts medical foster homes as defined in 38 C.F.R. 17.73 from the operation of chapter 70 RCW.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee
SB 5204	Sen. Salomon Sen. Trudeau	Relating to studying outcomes of ibogaine-assisted therapy to treat adults with opioid use disorder	Directs the University of Washington to conduct a prospective, randomized cohort study over a three-year period to determine the extent to which ibogaine-assisted therapy conducted through a licensed clinic in Mexico, followed by structured therapeutic support, presents advantages over treatment as usual for adults diagnosed with opioid use disorder compared to the current standard United States interventions of medication-assisted treatment and psychotherapy.	Pre-filed—not yet referred to committee