

Select Workforce Bills of Interest

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
2SHB 1128 (SSB 5062)	Child care workforce board	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	S Labor & Comm	Fosse
E2SHB 1170	AI content notices	Informing users when content is developed or modified by artificial intelligence.	S Environment, En	Shavers
E2SHB 1903	Low-income energy assistance	Establishing a statewide low-income energy assistance program.	S Environment, En	Mena
2SHB 1923	Passenger-only ferries	Increasing the availability of passenger-only ferries by establishing the mosquito fleet act.	S Transportation	Nance
SHB 2088	Dietitian licensure compact	Concerning the dietitian licensure compact.	S Health & Long-T	Leavitt
2SHB 2105 (SSB 5852)	Immigrant workers	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	S Labor & Comm	Ortiz-Self
ESHB 2225 (ESSB 5984)	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	S Environment, En	Callan
ESHB 2238	Statewide food security	Concerning statewide food security.	S Ag & Natural Re	Reeves
SHB 2244	Public records exemptions	Adopting the recommendations of the public records exemptions accountability committee in its 2025 annual report.	S State Gov/Trib	Mena
E2SHB 2251	Climate commit. act accounts	Concerning climate commitment act accounts. CETWAC work must ensure that 35-40% of all CCA funds help people from, or living in communities overburdened by pollution impacts or experiencing barriers, language or otherwise, to participation in programs.	S Ways & Means	Fitzgibbon
HB 2264	Unemployment ins./layoffs	Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for workers separated from employment as a result of employer-initiated layoffs or workforce reductions.	S Labor & Comm	Berry
HB 2289 (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
HB 2309 (SB 6038)	Postgrad degree requirements	Reducing barriers to state employment by eliminating postgraduate degree requirements that are unnecessary.	S State Gov/Trib	Leavitt
SHB 2355 (SSB 6053)	Domestic workers	Establishing labor protections for domestic workers.	S Labor & Comm	Thomas
SHB 2410	Commercial truck council	Establishing a commercial truck safety and education council.	S Transportation	Fey

E2SHB 2418	Permit review	Concerning permit review processes.	S Loc Gov	Duerr
ESHB 2471 (SSB 6117)	Collective bargaining	Concerning collective bargaining for employees not covered by the national labor relations act.	S Labor & Comm	Scott
SHB 2492 (SSB 6282)	Apprenticeships/wellness	Requiring state registered apprenticeships in the building and construction trades to provide behavioral health and wellness training.	S Labor & Comm	Nance
SHB 2496 (SSB 6010)	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Environment, En	Stearns
E2SHB 2515 (SSB 6171)	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Environment, En	Doglio
E2SHB 2523 (SB 6275)	Community reinvestment prg.	Concerning the community reinvestment program.	S Ways & Means	Reeves
ESHB 2534 (SB 6277)	Military families/education	Promoting educational stability for children of military families.	S Rules 2	Shavers
HB 2617 (SSB 6325)	Higher education procedures	Enhancing higher education procedures.	H Postsec Ed & W	Pollet
E2SHB 2636	Public education reviews	Requiring reviews of the performance, operations, and funding of the state's public education system.	S EL/K-12	Rude
HB 2671	State financial aid	Concerning state financial aid.	H Postsec Ed & W	Timmons
HB 2689	Working connect. child care	Concerning the working connections child care program.	H Approps	Gregerson
SHB 2714	Food assistance caseload	Concerning caseload forecasting for food assistance programs.	S Ways & Means	Bergquist
SSB 5185 (HB 1306)	International med. pathways	Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	H HC/Wellness	Saldana
SSB 5338 (2ESHB 1541)	Veterans affairs adv. comm.	Concerning the veterans affairs advisory committee.	S Rules 3	Nobles
ESSB 5500 (HB 1350)	Child care rate model	Modernizing reimbursement rates for the working connections child care program. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Defining the cost of quality child care for the biennial survey.)	H Approps	Alvarado
SSB 5828 (HB 2567)	College scholarships/private	Concerning the Washington college grant and college bound scholarship program for students attending private four-year not-for-profit institutions of higher education in Washington.	H Approps	Nobles
SSB 5841	Financial aid applications	Concerning the completion of postsecondary financial aid applications.	H Education	Boehnke

ESSB 5873	DOC/escorted leave	Concerning escorted leaves of absence for incarcerated individuals.	H Community Safet	Wilson
SSB 5874	Unemployment info. reporting	Concerning employers' information reporting for purposes of unemployment compensation.	H Labor & Workpla	MacEwen
SB 5879 (HB 2120)	JLARC work plans	The bill eliminates statutorily required, recurring JLARC evaluations of ESDs Training Benefits Program, including: 1. Mandatory JLARC reviews on a fixed schedule (every five years) 2. Automatic JLARC reviews triggered by: a) Program expenditure thresholds, or b) Suspension of training benefits due to fund limitations This removes JLARC's role as a standing, automatic evaluator of the Training Benefits Program by statute.	H State Govt & Tr	Wagoner
ESSB 5906	Data and personal safety	Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.	H Civil R & Judi	Hansen
SSB 5924 (HB 2302)	Pharmacist prescriptive auth	Expanding prescriptive authority for pharmacists.	H HC/Wellness	Slatter
SSB 5931 (HB 2311)	Workforce board admin.	Concerning workforce education investment accountability and oversight board administrative changes.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	Warnick
SSB 5961 (HB 2371)	Early literacy programs	Transferring the imagination library program from the department of children, youth, and families to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.	H Education	Wilson
SB 5963 (HB 2586)	Passport to careers program	Modifying funding for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	Nobles
2SSB 5968 (HB 2198)	Permitting and licensing	Improving regulatory efficiency by integrating executive order 25-03, concerning permitting and licensing processes, into chapter 43.42A RCW.	H State Govt & Tr	Krishnadasan
2SSB 5969	IEP transition plans	Fulfilling high school and beyond plan requirements with individualized education program transition plans.	H Education	Cortes
ESSB 5984 (ESHB 2225)	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Wellman
SSB 5992 (HB 2484)	Youth development fund	Creating the youth development fund account to increase access to positive youth development programs.	H Education	Krishnadasan
SB 5998 (HB 2289)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson

SSB 6076	Utility procurement	Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects.	H Local Govt	Goehner
ESB 6106	Laid-off employees	Modifying the securing timely notification and benefits for laid-off employees act. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning the laid-off employees act.)	H Labor & Workpla	Cleveland
SSB 6222 (HB 2432)	Students/surplus technology	Supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware.	H Education	Hunt
SB 6260 (HB 2676)	Public education funding	Implementing efficiencies and programming changes in public education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman
SSB 6289	Economic dev. strategic plan	Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness strategic plan.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Kauffman
SB 6353	Working conn. child care	Modifying the working connections child care program.	S Ways & Means	Robinson
SIM 8006	Limited license legal tech.	Concerning the limited license legal technician program.	H Civil R & Judi	Torres