2026 Legislative Session Updates

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Theme: Smoothing credentialing/renewal

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Theme: Alternative pathways/opportunities

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+ HB 2286 Alternative routes to social worker licensure (which did not pass)

Theme:
Behavioral Health Infrastructure

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Budget items: Workforce Board

- Proviso for Health Workforce Council continues
- Proviso for Long Term Care Collaborative work continues
- 1.5% reduction to GF-S portion of the agency budget
- Removal of funding for Clean Energy Technology Workforce Advisory Committee

Budget items of note

- DOH is directed to submit a report to policymakers by Sept. 30, 2026, outlining an equitable alternative fee structure for the health professional licensing program
- Washington Health Corps is level funded
- Funding for CTC Centers of Excellence removed
- Funding to support high demand educator salaries (such as nurse educators) continues

Thank you!

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