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House Bills

COVID-19 Grants / B&O Tax Effect of this bill: Establishes a tax exemption for pandemic relief

B&O Tax Credit / COVID-19.

Effect of this bill: Provides a tax credit to business due to the pandemic

Juneteenth Effect of this bill: designates Juneteenth as a state legal holiday

Creating prison to postsecondary education pathways Effect of this bill: Permits certificates and degree programs at correctional facilities

Peace Officer Tactics & Equipment Effect of this bill: Prohibits certain tactics used by peace officers such as the use of chokeholds, unleashed police dogs, tear gas

Bias-based Criminal Offenses Effect of this bill: Amends prosecutorial responsibility and chargeable offense statutes

48 4078 Voter Eligibility / Felony
Effect of this bill: Restores voting rights to anyone convicted of a felony but outside of total DOC confinement.

Creating the State office of Behavioral Health Consumer Advocacy Effect of this bill: Creates a new state office to coordinate behavioral health activities

Concerning Potential Impeachment Disclosures

Effect of this bill: Requires disclosure of potential impeachment disclosure of a peace officer before hire

Concerning Compliance Audits of Requirements Relating to Peace Officers and Law

Enforcement Agencies.

Effect of this bill: Authorizes the state auditor, at the request of a commission, to review a law enforcement agency

Concerning Private, For-profit Detention Facilities Effect of this bill: Prohibits private, for-profit detention facilities with certain

Concerning Law Enforcement Data Collection Effect of this bill: Requires use of force data from law enforcement agencies be reported to WSU

Foreclosure Assistance Effect of this bill: Maintains funding and assistance for homeowners in foreclosure

School Attendance Effect of this bill: makes culturally responsive changes to support student success

Notifying Students of Courses with Low-cost Instructional Materials and Open Educational Resources at the Four-year Institutions of Higher Education Effect of this bill: Requires four year institutions designate the use of low-cost or free materials in their online courses

Graduation Requirement / Emergency Effect of this bill: authorizes school districts to grant individual student emergency waiver criteria towards graduation requirements Effect of this bill: permits waiver of graduation required courses by private and public schools during an emergency

COVID-19 Health Data Privacy Effect of this bill: Establishes safeguards of an individual's COVID-19 health information

Juvenile Access to Attorneys Effect of this bill: Provides an attorney to a juvenile before constitutional rights are waived

Supporting Measures to Create Public Health Districts Effect of this bill: Requires counties to create public health districts

Language Access in Schools Effect of this bill: Implements a Language Access Program for Culturally Responsive, Systemic Family Engagement

High School Graduation Effect of this bill: Inclusion of the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state in high school graduation requirements

New bills continue to be introduced thus our tracker continues to grow. Use this list to share your support or opposition on a measure with your representatives.

Legislative hearings are being conducted remotely through Zoom and public testimony is encouraged. Anyone can arrange to testify on a bill - please find instructions here or on the legislature's website. www.leg.wa.gov. Connect with your representative via email, by calling their office or leave a voice message on the toll-free Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The bills listed are just a few of many being proposed. Click on the bill number to see the status and other information - it changes quickly so be sure to check frequently.



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HB 1164	Firearm Safety.Effect of this bill: Makes changes to the possession or transfer of large-capacity firearm magazines Effect of this bill: Creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community
HB 1169	Concerning Sentencing Enhancements. Effect of this bill: Eliminates certain sentencing enhancements and provides resentencing for some persons
HB 1171	Amending Child Support Withholding Provisions. Effect of this bill: Requires an income withholding order for child support
HB 1176	Concerning Access to Higher Education. Effect of this bill: Prohibits the withholding of student transcripts.
HB 1182	Enhancing / Expanding Mental Health Crisis Response Services. Effect of this bill: Expand crisis response to alleviate impact on emergency rooms.
HB 1186	Concerning Juvenile Rehabilitation. Effect of this bill: Creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community
HB 1191	Ensuring Equity in Health Coverage. Effect of this bill: Expands health coverage for uninsured groups
HB 1227	Protecting the rights of families responding to allegations of abuse or neglect of a child. Effect of this bill: Requires the placement of a child with a parent and the release of a child to a parent by a court when evidenced as safe
	Senate Bills
SB 5010	Credit Score/Insurance Rates. Effect of this bill: Prohibits the use of credit scores when determining insurance rates
SB 5012	Affordable Housing Funding. Effect of this bill: Permits local jurisdictions to implement a special excise tax to fund affordable housing programs.
SB 5044	Schools/Equity Training. Effect of this bill: Adds equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism to existing cultural competency training for school board directors, district, and school staff
SB 5047	Death Penalty Elimination. Effect of this bill: Eliminates the death penalty
SB 5051	Concerning state oversight and accountability of peace officers and corrections officers. Effect of this bill: Modifies the Criminal Justice Training Commission and requires background checks for potential peace officers
SB 5052	Health Equity Zones. Effect of this bill: Creates health equity zones to address health disparities in communities of color
SB 5061	Unemployment Insurance. Effect of this bill: Provides unemployment insurance benefits to high risk individuals, or those who live with high risk individuals, who voluntarily quit their jobs during a public health emergency
SB 5064	Concerning qualifications for unemployment insurance when an individual voluntarily leaves work. Effect of this bill: Expands good cause quit for unemployment insurance.
SB 5066	Concerning a peace officer's duty to intervene. Effect of this bill: Requires a peace officer to intervene when a fellow officer engages in excessive force
SB 5068	Improving Maternal Health Outcomes by extending Coverage During the Postpartum Period. Effect of this bill: Creates one year of post partum care through Apple Health
SB 5086	Voter Eligibility/Felony. Effect of this bill: Restores voter eligibility when a felon is out of DOC custody. Companion to House Bill 1078
SB 5089	Concerning peace officer hiring and certification. Effect of this bill: Requires police applicants be at least 23 years of age, have or working towards an Associates degree and establishes a 24 month probationary period
SB 5094	Vascular Neck Restraints. Effect of this bill: Requires state and local law enforcement officers develop a written model policy on the use of vascular neck restraints.

SIB 5007 Paid Leave Coverage. Effect of this bill: Expansion of the paid family and medical leave program

SIS 5105 Office of Equity Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implementing Equity Office recommendations



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Senate Bills (continued)

SB 511	Rental Vouchers/Offenders. Effect of this bill: Authorizes temporary rental assistance re-entry support
SB 511	Reentry. Effect of this bill: Provides for actions to support offenders with re-entry
SB 511	Concerning Individuals in Custody. Effect of this bill: Requires DOC convene a review team in the event of an unexpected inmate death
SB 512	Concerning the Criminal Sentencing of Youth and Young Adults. Effect of this bill: Allows a resentencing hearin for certain individuals tried in an adult court
SB 512	Concerning the Jurisdiction of a Juvenile Court. Effect of this bill: Changes maximum age in juvenile court to 1 and maximum age of presumed inability to commit a crime to age 13
SB 512	Creating a developmentally appropriate response to youth who commit sexual offenses. Effect of this bill: Changes sex offender registration for offenses committed under age 18
SB 512	Concerning the Washington Climate Commitment Act. Effect of this bill: Creates cap and invest program for greenhouse gasses
SB 512	Concerning the Possession of Vapor, Vapor Products, Tobacco, and Tobacco Products by Minors. Effect of this bill: Removes civil infractions and detainment of those under age 18 for possession of vapor and tobacco products
SB 513	Concerning Unlawfully Summoning a Police Officer. Effect of this bill: Allows civil penalty for false summoning a police officer
SB 513	Financial Instit./B&O Tax. Effect of this bill: Eliminates the B&O tax deduction for financial institutions to fund affordable housing
SB 513	Rent increases, limiting. Effect of this bill: Limits the amount of a rent increase after expiration of the COVID rer moratorium
SB 514	Env. Justice Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implements the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force
SB 515	Concerning Foster Care and Child Care Licensing by the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Effect of this bill: Makes a certain pilot program permanent
SB 515	School Attendance. Effect of this bill: Implementing steps to reduce student absences
SB 516	Landlord-tenant Relations. Effect of this bill: Establishes eviction protections for tenants
SB 518	Providing School Districts Serving Low-income Communities With Flexibility in Financing Their Facilities. Effect of this bill: Allows for public-private partnerships to finance school facilities
SB 518	Non-fatal Strangulation. Effect of this bill: Develop best practices to medically support victims of domestic violence strangulation
SB 518	Establishes a Building Point of Contact in all K-12 Public Schools for Students in Foster Care. Effect of this bill: Places a foster care resource officer in all public schools
SB 518	Creates the Washington State Public Bank. Effect of this bill: Establishes a state bank to provide financial opportunities to residents technical colleges
SB 519	Providing Equity and Access in the Community and Technical Colleges. Effect of this bill: Requires development of a diversity and inclusion strategic plan

Requires Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism Training and Assessments in Higher Education. Effect of this bill: Establishes a diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism training for faculty and staff

SB 5228 Addressing Disproportionate Health Outcomes Through Equity in Medical Training. Effect of this bill: Requires the development of a health equity curriculum for medical students

SB 5229 Concerning Health Equity Continuing Training for Health Professionals. Effect of this bill: Requires health equity education every for years for licensees