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## 2021 Legislative Update

## March 5, 2021

#### HOUSE BILLS

- SHB 1016 Designates Juneteenth as a state legal holiday. Hearing in Senate Government & Elections committee scheduled for Wednesday, March 10
- 2SHB 1044 Creating prison to postsecondary education pathways permitting degree programs at correctional facilities. Senate hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 11
- ESHB 1054 Peace Officer Tactics & Equipment prohibits certain tactics used by peace officers such as the use of chokeholds, unleashed police dogs, and tear gas. Passed House. Senate hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 11,
- HB 1071 Bias-based Criminal Offenses. This bill amends prosecutorial responsibility and chargeable offense statutes. Needs a pull from Rules to the floor.
- ESHB 1078 Voter Eligibility / Felony. The bill restores voting rights to anyone convicted of a felony but outside of total DOC confinement. Scheduled Senate Hearing Wednesday, March 10
- E2SHB 1086 Creating the State office of Behavioral Health Consumer Advocacy. The new state office to coordinate behavioral health activities statewide. Passed House. Scheduled Senate Hearing Tuesday, March 10
- SHB 1088 Concerning Potential Impeachment Disclosures. Requires disclosure of potential impeachment disclosure of a peace officer before hire. Now in Senate Rules. Needs pull to floor.
- E2SHB 1089 Concerning Compliance Audits of Requirements Relating to Peace Officers and Law enforcement Agencies. The bill authorizes the state auditor, at the request of a commission, to review a law enforcement agency. Now in Senate Law and Justice.

Bills continue to move: a few have passed to the opposite chamber and one is awaiting the Governor's signature. House of Origin cutoff, scheduled for Tuesday, marks the midpoint of session.

Click the bill number to view the current version and status. Connect with your representatives about those of concern to you. Click here for a Roster of Members and how to contact them. Use the www.leg.wa.gov and TVW.org websites for legislative information, including live and recorded hearings and floor action.

- EHB 1090 Concerning Private, For-profit Detention Facilities prohibits private, for-profit detention facilities with certain exceptions. Passed to Senate Human Services committee. Hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 11
- 2SHB 1092 Concerning Law Enforcement Data Collection. This bill requires use of force data from law enforcement agencies be reported to WSU. Stil in House Rules
- EHB 1108 Foreclosure Assistance maintains funding and assistance for homeowners in foreclosure. Now in Senate. Hearing scheduled for March 11 in Senate Business & Financial Services committee
- ESHB 1113 School Attendance makes culturally responsive changes to support student success. Voted to Senate
- EHB 1121 Graduation Requirement / Emergency authorizes school districts to grant individual student emergency waiver criteria towards graduation requirements. Passed the Legislature awaiting the Governor's signature.
- 2SHB 1127 COVID-19 Health Data Privacy establishes safeguards of an individual's COVID-19 health information. Now in Senate Health Care committee
- ESHB 1140 Juvenile Access to Attorneys Provides an attorney to a juvenile before constitutional rights are waived. Passed House. In Senate Human Services committee
- SHB 1152 Supporting Measures to Create Public Health Districts. Now in House Rules
- SHB 1153 Language Access in Schools. Implements a Language Access Program for culturally responsive, systemic family engagement. Stalled in House Appropriations. Might be done for the session
- SHB 1162 High School Graduation This bill concerns the 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. Passed House. Moved to Senate
- SHB 1169 Concerning Sentencing Enhancements eliminates certain sentencing enhancements and provides resentencing for some persons. In House Rules
- SHB 1171 Amending Child Support Withholding Provisions requires an income withholding order for child support orders. Passed the House. Now in Senate Rules. Needs a pull to the Senate floor
- ESHB 1176 Concerning Access to Higher Education. prohibits the withholding of student transcripts. Passed House. Now in Senate
- 2SHB 1186 Concerning Juvenile Rehabilitation creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community. In House Rules committee. needs a pull to the House Floor
- 2SHB 1227 Protecting the rights of families responding to allegations of abuse or neglect of a child 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. Currently in House Rules
- 2SHB 1412 Concerning Legal Financial Obligations allows for a court to waive interest on restitution in certain circumstances. In House Rules committee
- ESHB 1443 Social Equity / Cannabis expands the task force regarding existing cannabis licenses. Passed House in Senate Labor & Commerce committee

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#### SSB 5010 Credit Score/Insurance Rates prohibits the use of credit scores when determining insurance rates. Still in House Rules committee

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- SSB 5012 Affordable Housing Funding permits local jurisdictions to implement a special excise tax to fund affordable housing programs. Stalled in Senate Ways & Means.
- E2SSB 5051 Concerning state oversight and accountability of peace officers and corrections officers. Modifies the Criminal Justice Training Commission and requires background checks for potential peace officers. Hearing scheduled for Thursday March 11 in House Public Safety committee
- E2SSB 5052 Health Equity Zones addresses health disparities in communities of color. Passed Senate. In Health Care committee
- SSB 5064 Concerning qualifications for unemployment insurance when an individual voluntarily leaves work expands good cause quit for unemployment insurance. Still in Senate Rules committee. Needs a pull to the floor
- SSB 5066 Concerning a peace officer's duty to intervene requires a peace officer to intervene when a fellow officer engages in excessive force. Scheduled for hearing in House Public Safety committee
- SSB 5068 Improving Maternal Health Outcomes extends coverage during the Postpartum Period authorizing one year of post-partum care through Apple Health. Scheduled for hearing in House Health Care committee
- SSB 5089 Concerning peace officer hiring and certification requires police applicants be at least 23 years of age, have or working towards an Associate's degree and establishes a 24-month probationary period. Still in Senate Rules committee. Needs a pull to the floor
- SSB 5097 Paid Leave Coverage expands the paid family and medical leave program. Passed Senate. Now in House Labor committee
- SSB 5105 Office of Equity Task Force implements Equity Office recommendations. Stalled in Senate Ways & Means.
- SSB 5117 Rental Vouchers/Offenders authorizes temporary rental assistance for re-entry support. Stalled in Senate Ways & Means
- ESSB 5118 Provides for actions to support offenders with re-entry. Passed to House Children & Youth committee
- ESSB 5119 Requires DOC convene a review team in the event of an unexpected inmate death. Passed to House Public Safety committee
- SSB 5120 Concerning the Criminal Sentencing of Youth and Young Adults allows a resentencing hearing for certain individuals tried in an adult court. Still in Senate Rules; needs a pull to the floor
- ESSB 5122 Concerning the Jurisdiction of a Juvenile Court changes the maximum age in juvenile court to 19 and the maximum age of presumed inability to commit a crime to age 13. Passed Senate. Headed to House
- SSB 5123 Creates a developmentally appropriate response to youth under age 18 who commit sexual offenses. In Senate Rules; needs a pull to the floor
- SSB 5129 Removes civil infractions and detainment of those under age 18 for possession of vapor and tobacco products. In Senate Rules committee; needs a pull to the floor
- SB 5135 Allows civil penalty for false summoning of a police officer. In Senate Rules committee; needs a pull to the floor
- E2SSB 5141 Implements the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force. Passed now in House Environment committee
- SSB 5151 Concerning Foster Care and Child Care Licensing makes a certain DCYF pilot program permanent. Passed Senate; headed to House Committee on Children, Youth & Families
- E2SSB 5160 Establishes eviction protections for tenants. Passed Senate. Headed to House
- SB 5161 Teaches Washington's tribal history, culture, and government requires that all school districts incorporate curricula about the history, culture, and government of the nearest federally recognized Indian tribe or tribes into social studies curricula by September 1, 2023. Still in Senate Rules committee. Needs a pull to the floor
- SSB 5181 Providing School Districts Serving Low-income Communities With Flexibility in Financing school facilities. Hearing scheduled in House Education
- 2SSB 5183 Non-fatal Strangulation develops best practices to medically support victims of domestic violence strangulation. In Senate Rules committee. Hearing scheduled in House Public Safety committee
- E2SSB 5188 Creates the Washington State Public Bank to provide financial opportunities to residents. In Senate Rules
- 2888 5194 Providing Equity and Access in the Community and Technical Colleges requires development of a diversity and inclusion strategic plan. Bill in Senate Rules
- 2SSB 5227 Requires Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism Training and Assessments in Higher Education establishes a diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism training for faculty and staff. Passed Senate. Hearing scheduled in House College & Workforce committee
- SSB 5228 Addressing Disproportionate Health Outcomes Through Equity in Medical Training requires the development of a health equity curriculum for medical students. Passed Senate. Hearing in House College & Workforce committee