### House Bills

**HB 1316-S** by House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Cody, Jinkins, Wylie, Bergquist, Harris, Clibborn, Rodne, Griffey, and Appleton)

Addressing fair dental insurance practices.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Requires a health carrier that offers a dental plan to maintain a documented utilization review program description and written utilization criteria based on prevention of dental disease and chronic disease implications.

Prohibits a health carrier that offers a dental plan from subjecting a provider to an additional level of oversight under the health carrier's provider agreement solely because the provider, on behalf of a patient, files an appeal or grievance.

Requires the office of the insurance commissioner to convene a work group of interested stakeholders, including carriers that offer stand-alone dental plans, to examine current health carrier practices related to the contents of stand-alone dental plans' explanations of benefits sent to covered persons.

Provides a January 1, 2018, expiration date for the work group.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 27 Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

Feb 17 HCW - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 10:00 AM.

Feb 28 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted.

**HB 1375-S2** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Werven, Tarleton, Orwall, Griffey, Haler, Holy, McCabe, Young, Dent, Riccelli, Bergquist, Buys, Kraft, Kagi, Ryu, Muri, Goodman, Lovick, Frame, and Hargrove)

Providing students at community and technical colleges with the costs of required course materials.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Requires community and technical colleges to: (1) No later than the first full quarter after a college has implemented the ctcLink system, and to the maximum extent practicable, provide the following information to students during registration: The cost of required textbooks or other course materials and whether a course uses open educational resources; and

(2) Report to the state board for community and technical colleges which courses provided costs to students during registration and what percent of total classes this equaled.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 31 Public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 14 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM.

Feb 24 APP - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority: without recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Public hearing and executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

Mar 3 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
HB 1476 by Representatives Peterson, Buys, Van Werven, and Short

Ensuring the ongoing viability of safe, reliable, on-site sewage systems in marine counties by identifying best management practices with accountability in on-site program management plans without creating or newly authorizing a fee or other program funding source.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Identifies best management practices to be used by septic owners, operators, and installers for ensuring the safe operation and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal systems, including the design and maintenance of on-site sewage disposal system risers and lids.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 20 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Jan 30 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 1:30 PM.

Feb 13 ENVI - Majority; do pass.

Feb 14 Minority; do not pass.

Feb 15 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Environment at 3:00 PM.

Feb 16 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Feb 27 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 8 2nd substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 79; nays, 18; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 1495-S2 by House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Fey, Muri, Sawyer, Sells, Jinkins, and Doglio)

Incentivizing the development of commercial office space in cities with a population of greater than fifty thousand and located in a county with a population of less than one million five hundred thousand.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Authorizes the governing authority of a city with a population of greater than fifty thousand that is located in a county with a population of less than one million five hundred thousand to adopt a local sales and use tax exemption program to incentivize the development of commercial office space in urban centers with access to transit, high capacity transportation systems, and other amenities.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to study the effectiveness of the local sales and use tax exemption program.

Provides a December 31, 2025, expiration date for the study.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 25 Public hearing in the House Committee on Local Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 9 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Local Government at 1:30 PM.

Feb 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

Feb 23 FIN - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Feb 24 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Finance at 8:00 AM.

Mar 3 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 8 1st substitute bill not substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 61; nays, 36; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 1506-S** by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Senn, Pellicciotti, Slatter, Macri, Peterson, Chapman, Ortiz-Self, Bergquist, Sawyer, Frame, Gregerson, Farrell, Kilduff, Kagi, Dolan, Clibborn, Pollet, McBride, Stanford, Doglio, Appleton, Robinson, Fitzgibbon, Sells, Goodman, Tharinger, Hudgins, Ormsby, Riccelli, Fey, and Pettigrew)

Addressing workplace practices to achieve gender pay equity.

*(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)*

Updates the existing state equal pay act to address income disparities, employer discrimination, and retaliation practices, and to reflect the equal status of workers in this state.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Jan 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

Jan 30 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards at 1:30 PM.

Feb 16 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.

Feb 24 APP - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass. Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:00 AM.

Mar 3 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 8 1st substitute bill not substituted.

**HB 1656** by Representatives Dent, Gregerson, Hargrove, Tarleton, Klippert, and Clibborn

Establishing a community aviation revitalization loan program.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)*

Creates the community aviation revitalization loan account.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Jan 26 First reading, referred to Transportation
(Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM.

Feb 20 TR - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Mar 1 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Mar 8 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 95; nays, 2; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**HB 1851-S** by House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Dolan, Harris, Hudgins, MacEwen, Kilduff, Haler, Robinson, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Doglio, Pollet, Ormsby, and Stanford)

Protecting taxpayers by providing for accountability and transparency in government contracting.

*(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)*

Establishes the taxpayer protection act.

Requires an agency to meet the criteria in RCW 41.06.142 (section 6 of this act) and conduct a comprehensive impact assessment if the estimated cost of contract performance is greater than twenty thousand dollars before issuing a request for a proposal under chapter 39.26 RCW, to contract out to purchase from a private sector entity or nonprofit organization, goods and services that have been customarily and historically provided by public employees.

Expands the duties of the department of enterprise services, the office of financial management, the joint legislative audit and review committee, and the state auditor with regard to accountability and transparency in government contracting.

--- 2017 REGULAR SESSION ---

Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17 Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government and Elections & Information Technology at 10:00 AM.

Feb 22 Public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 23 TR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Executive action taken in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM.

Feb 24 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
HB 1886-S by House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Harris, Santos, and Pollet)
Concerning the responsibilities of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education. (REvised For EnGrossed: Establishing a legislative task force to review issues relating to the responsibilities of the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)
Creates the legislative task force on K-12 governance and responsibilities to develop recommendations regarding the appropriate division of duties between the superintendent of public instruction and the state board of education.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 13 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
Feb 16 ED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. Minority; do not pass. Majority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM.
Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 1 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 8 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2008 by Representatives Kagi, Jinkins, and Senn
Addressing the budgeting process for core state services for children.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/08/17)
Requires the state institute for public policy, in consultation with the department of social and health services, to develop a single validated tool to assess the care needs of foster children.

Requires the department of social and health services to: (1) Once the validated tool is available for use on a statewide basis, use the tool for assessing the care needs of foster children, including whether the department should provide foster children with behavioral rehabilitation services; and

(2) Notify the caseload forecast council, the office of financial management, and the appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature when it begins statewide use of the validated tool.

Requires the department of social and health services children's administration to, as part of its budget request submittal for the 2018 supplemental operating budget, conduct a review of the most recent caseload forecast of children in foster care and the availability and capacity of licensed foster homes.

Requires foster care, adoption support and related services, and child protective services to: (1) Be included in the forecast of the caseload forecast council; and

(2) Be forecasted and budgeted as maintenance level costs.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Feb 7 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM.
Feb 21 APP - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. Majority; without recommendation. Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM.
Feb 24 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
Mar 7 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Mar 8 Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 61; nays, 36; absent, 0; excused, 1.

HB 2142 by Representatives Reeves, Barkis, Kilduff, Stokesbary, Blake, Hayes, Stanford, Steele, and Muri
Concerning discover passes for state and national guard members.
Requires the department of fish and wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the parks and recreation commission, upon request to, provide one complimentary discover pass per year to a resident that is a member of the state guard or national guard as long as he or she: (1) Is an active full-time member; or (2) Is a member whose status requires him or her to participate in drill training on a part-time basis.  
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Mar 9 First reading, referred to Environment (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

HB 2143 by Representatives Haler, Hansen, Holy, Stanford, and Muri
Expanding opportunities for higher education students. 
Creates the medical student loan program to increase the rural physician workforce in the state. 
Requires the office of student financial assistance to administer the program. 
Creates the medical student loan account.  
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Mar 9 First reading, referred to Higher Education (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).
Mar 14 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Higher Education at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)

HB 2144 by Representatives Pollet, Cody, Ryu, Robinson, Jinkins, Kagi, and Peterson
Concerning the taxation of vapor products. 
Clarifies that the tax on tobacco products applies to electronic cigarettes, electronic devices, vape pens, and other vaping products.
Includes in the definition of "tobacco products" for purposes of chapter 82.26 RCW (tax on tobacco products): A product containing a solution or other consumable substance that contains tobacco or nicotine derived from tobacco that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit that can be used to produce vapor from the solution or other substance.  
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Mar 9 First reading, referred to Finance (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report).

Senate Bills

SB 5023 by Senators Wellman, Rolfes, Nelson, McCoy, Carlyle, Frockt, Palumbo, Liias, Billig, Hunt, Keiser, Pedersen, Conway, Saldaña, Darneille, Hasegawa, Chase, Mullet, and Kuderer
Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing provisions relating to school district excess levies.)
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)
Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education.
Mar 8 Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
Floor amendment(s) adopted. 
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0.  
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Mar 9 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 87; nays, 10; absent, 0; excused, 1.

SB 5145-S by Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor & Sports (originally sponsored by Senators Liias and Walsh)
Equalizing differences between the liquor industries regarding certain sales of alcohol carrying a private label.  
(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)
Authorizes beer, wine, or spirits private label items to be produced, distributed, or sold by a person to the same extent that person is otherwise properly licensed to produce, distribue, or sell beer, wine, or spirits generally.  
Authorizes a distillery, craft distillery, or licensee manufacturing spirits to produce and sell spirits carrying a private label exclusive to a restaurant or private club holding a certain license or a spirits retail licensee holding a certain license.  
Requires a licensed spirits distributor, a licensed wine distributor, and a licensed beer distributor, to the extent it is reasonably practicable for the distributor to do so, to make a product available, that the distributor acquires for resale, to a person legally entitled to purchase the product.  
-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 19 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 1:30 PM.
Feb 15 CLS - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; without recommendation.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor & Sports at 5:45 PM.

Feb 17  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8  1st substitute bill substituted.

Held on second reading.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 37; nays, 12; absent, 0; excused, 0.

**SB 5645-S** by Senate Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Senator Honeyford)

Concerning withdrawal of candidacy.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Authorizes a declaration of candidacy to be filed until seventy-two hours after the close of business on the Monday following the last day for candidates to withdraw, if an incumbent officeholder who has filed for reelection later withdraws his or her candidacy.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 15  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17  SGOV - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government at 8:00 AM.

Feb 21  On motion, referred to Rules Green Sheet for second reading.

Mar 6  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8  1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1.

**SB 5800** by Senator Baumgartner

Concerning obligations of mental health professionals.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)

Requires a mental health professional or an individual health care provider providing mental health services to a patient to warn of the patient's violent behavior only if the patient has communicated to the mental health professional or individual health care provider an actual threat of physical violence that poses a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of a reasonably identifiable person.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 10  First reading, referred to Health Care.

Feb 14  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 16  HLTH - Majority; do pass.

Minority; do not pass.

Minority; without recommendation.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health Care at 10:00 AM.

Feb 17  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 8  Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 33; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused, 0.

**SB 5808-S** by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Chase, Walsh, Brown, Becker, Short, and Bailey)

Concerning agritourism.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/08/17)
Requires an agritourism professional to post and maintain warning signs that contain a specific notice which must be placed at the entrance to an agritourism location and at the site of an agritourism activity.

Provides immunity from liability for the injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant, engaging in an agritourism activity, resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of agritourism activities.

-- 2017 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 16  AWTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
        Minority; do not pass.
        Minority; without recommendation.
        Public hearing, executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, and Trade & Economic Development at 8:00 AM.

Feb 17  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Mar 1  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Mar 6  1st substitute bill substituted.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Held on third reading.

Mar 8  Returned to second reading for amendment.
        Floor amendment(s) adopted.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Third reading, passed; yeas, 42; nays, 6; absent, 0; excused, 1.