



WASHINGTON STATE
LGBTQ
 COMMISSION

Legislative Update:

High Priority Bills							
Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Next hearing date/time	Next hearing details
EHB 1052	Hate crime offense	Clarifying a hate crime offense.	S Law & Justice	Ryu	Neutral	3/13 @ 10:30 am	Law & Justice (Senate) Public Hearing
HB 1262	Health disparities council	Updating the governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities.	H 2nd Reading	Santos	Neutral		
SHB 1296	Public education system	Promoting a safe and supportive public education system.	H 2nd Reading	Stonier	Neutral		
SHB 1604	Jail searches/gender	Providing parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a	H Rules R	Salahuddin	Neutral		

		local jail in compliance with federal law.					
ESHB 1971	Prescription hormone therapy	Increasing access to prescription hormone therapy.	S Health & Long-T	Macri	Neutral		
2SSB 5179	Education complaint process	Establishing a complaint process to address noncompliance with certain state education laws.	S Passed 3rd	Wilson	Neutral		
ESSB 5181	Parents rights in education	Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.	H Education	Wilson	Neutral		
SSB 5490	Jail searches/gender	Providing parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a local jail in compliance with federal law.	S 2nd Reading	Dhingra	Neutral		
SB 5577	HIV antiviral drugs/medicaid	Concerning medicaid coverage for HIV antiviral drugs.	H HC/Wellness	Lias	Neutral	3/14 @ 8:00 am	Health Care & Wellness (House) Public Hearing
Medium Priority Bills							
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HB 1090	Contraceptive coverage	Concerning contraceptive coverage.	H 2nd Reading	Alvarado	Neutral		

2SHB 1195	Housing & shelters	Concerning compliance with siting, development permit processes and standards, and requirements for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, or indoor emergency shelters.	H 2nd Reading	Peterson	Neutral		
SSB 5101	Worker leave/hate crimes	Expanding access to leave and safety accommodations to include workers who are victims of hate crimes or bias incidents.	H Labor & Workpla	Valdez	Neutral		
SSB 5123	Discrimination in schools	Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools.	H Education	Nobles	Neutral		
SB 5177	Professional dev. resources	Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics.	S Passed 3rd	Nobles	Neutral		
SB 5272	School safety/penalties	Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties.	S 2nd Reading	Lovick	Neutral		

ESSB 5557	Pregnancy/emerg. treatment	Codifying emergency rules to protect the right of a pregnant person to access treatment for emergency medical conditions in hospital emergency departments.	H HC/Wellness	Krishnadasan	Neutral		
SB 5632	Confidentiality/interstate	Protecting the confidentiality of records and information that may be relevant to another state's enforcement of its laws.	H Civil R & Judi	Hansen	Neutral		

2025 Session recap so far:

- Director Keating testified (OTHER) on benefits of gender inclusive school policies and shared education on outcomes for LGBTQ youth with inclusive education policies for HB 1296.
- LGBTQ Commission provided written testimony (OTHER) for HB 1971.
- Director Keating has regular meetings with our legislative advisors to stay up to date on legislation.
- Commission staff attended weekly group meetings with Representative Mena to discuss legislation.
- Sam and Lisa have bi-weekly meetings with our policy advisor for the governor's office.
- During these meetings we discuss legislation, what constituents are telling us and any other information the governor's team needs to be aware of.

What have Commissioners done in the past two months to achieve these priorities:

- Co-Chair Maroon provided testimony in support of HB 1971.
- Secretary Landers and Commissioner Thornwood created informational videos for social media about HB 1971 and EHB 1052.