

Early Learning Bill Tracker

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025: KEY BILLS ONLY



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Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
HB 1216 (Companion: SB 5195)	Tharinger	Concerning the capital budget.	Capital budget for the 2025-27 biennium.	Public hearing held in House Capital Budget on 1/16; Public hearing held in House Capital Budget on 4/1; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Capital Budget on 4/4 with various amendments accepted; See Start Early comparison chart
HB 1314 (Companion: SB 5297)	Callan	Concerning the early learning facilities grant and loan program.	Makes changes to the Early Learning Facilities (ELF) program, including establishment of an Emergency Fund; clarifies ECEAP conversion qualifies for ELF; makes Tribal Compact Schools eligible for the ELF Public School District program; and changes the match requirements.	Public hearing held in House Capital Budget on 1/30; Executive Action (Vote) taken on 2/6; Passed House Floor 97-0 on 3/5; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Ways & Means on 3/13; Passed Senate Floor 49-0 on 3/26; Signed by the House Speaker and President of the Senate on 3/31; Delivered to Governor on 4/2; Signed by Governor on 4/7; Effective 7/27/25

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SHB 1351	Bernbaum	ECEAP age requirements.	<p>Adjusts age requirements for accessing the early childhood education and assistance program to allow for enrollment of eligible three-year-olds who turn three at any time during the school year.</p> <p>1/31: Substitute includes technical clarifying amendments</p> <p>3/27: Striker aligns contingent effective dates to ESSB 5752.</p>	<p>Executive action (Vote) taken on 1/31; Adopted technical clarifying amendments; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 2/13; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 2/20; Passed House floor 96-0 on 3/04; Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 3/19; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 3/27 with adoption of striker amendment; Passed Senate Floor 49-0 on 4/8; To House for Concurrence in Senate Amendments</p>
ESHB 1562	Hunt	Diaper changing stations.	<p>Increases availability of baby diaper changing stations by requiring them in certain public restrooms in public buildings.</p> <p>2/7: Substitute increases the dollar threshold for a public restroom remodel or renovation in a public building to trigger the requirement to have baby diaper changing stations available within the building from \$10,000 to \$15,000.</p> <p>3/4: Floor amendment provided clarification on removal of diaper changing stations that are no longer usable according to the manufacturer's standards.</p> <p>3/27: Striker provides further clarification on removal of diaper stations that are not used consistent with manufacturer standards, rather than if it is no longer usable to the manufacturer's standards.</p>	<p>Public hearing held in House Local Government on 2/4; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute on 2/7; Passed House Floor 67-28 on 3/4; Scheduled for Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections on 3/14; Public hearing held in Senate Local Government on 3/24; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Local Government on 3/27 with adoption of striker amendment; Passed Senate Floor 40-8 on 4/15; To House for Concurrence in Senate Amendments</p>

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Child care
qualifications.

Delays the requirement for child care providers to meet certification and training qualifications until at least 8/1/35. Also adds a work equivalency option as an alternative to certification requirements for all child care positions.

2/18: Substitute amended the window in which providers can earn certification, complete community-based pathway trainings, or demonstrate experience-based competency. Establishes a minimum requirement of continuous employment in demonstrating experience-based competency and requires DCYF to adopt policies to allow for temporary breaks in employment. Further requires DCYF to convene a stakeholder group and produce a report to the legislature on strategies to improve qualification requirements by 12/1/26. Finally, removes provision requiring community-based training pathway be available in an online format, requiring the DCYF convened stakeholder group to identify online options instead.

2/26: Amendments prompt cost savings by requiring stakeholder group and report to be done within existing DCYF resources.

3/6: Floor amendment changes the deadline for child care providers to complete educational requirements, community-based pathway trainings, or demonstrate experience-based competency to 8/1/2030.

Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 2/4; Executive action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute bill on 2/18; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 2/24; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of amendments on 2/26; Passed House Floor 97-0 on 3/6; Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 3/13; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 3/27 with adoption of striker amendment; **Passed Senate Floor 48-0 on 4/8; To House for Concurrence in Senate Amendments**

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3/27: Striker amendment provides that nothing prohibits DCYF from adopting rules for timelines beyond 8/1/28 to allow providers additional time to meet qualification requirements based on date of licensure, hire, or promotion, which can be no more than five years. Additionally revises requirements for experience-based competency to include a deadline of 8/1/28 to demonstrate experience-based competency, specifies that providers must have been employed without a break in service since 8/1/21 or a cumulative five years of employment and have maintained compliance with all health and safety and child care or school-age care basics training, and provides that nothing prohibits DCYF from establishing more restrictive requirements for ECEAP providers. The striker proposed moving the deadline for child care providers to complete certification requirements or community-based training pathway from 8/1/30 to 8/1/28 but an amendment to the striker removed this proposal and maintained the 8/1/30 deadline.

HB 2041	Macri	Concerning postpartum coverage.	Amends coverage of health care for eligible postpartum individuals from 12 months postpartum to 6 months.	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/3; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/5; Passed House Floor 56-40 on 4/17; To Senate
HB 2043	Fey	Concerning transportation resources.	Transportation budget for the 2025-27 biennium.	Public hearing held in House Transportation on 3/25

HB 2050	Ormsby	Implementing K-12 savings and efficiencies.	Makes changes to the monthly apportionment schedule for allocations to public schools in the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years. Also limits the Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) enrollment used to calculate Local Effort Assistance (LEA) to 33% of a school district's total enrollment.	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/3; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/5; House Floor
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Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
SSB 5030	Wilson, C.	Improving access to educational services by reducing barriers to obtaining vital records and allowing alternative forms of documentation.	<p>Waives fees for accessing vital records like birth certificates for parents or guardians eligible for or receiving basic food benefits under the federal or state food assistance programs. Also allows for the acceptance of alternative documents to show a child's age or date of birth for enrollment in early childhood education and assistance programs and public instruction.</p> <p>1/29: Substitute provided clarifying amendments specifying what documentation is sufficient for the waiver.</p>	<p>Public hearing in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Committee on 1/14; Executive action (Vote) taken on 1/29 with adoption of substitute amendment; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/17; Executive Action (Vote) taken on 2/27 in Senate Ways & Means; Passed Senate Floor 43-4 on 3/12; Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/25; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/26; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/4; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/7; Passed House Floor 62-33 on 4/10; Signed by President of the Senate & Speaker of the House; to Governor's desk</p>

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ESSB 5167 (Companion: SHB 1198)	Robinson	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	Operating budget for the 2025-27 biennium.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 1/14; Public hearing in Senate Ways & Means on 3/25; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Ways & Means on 3/27; Passed Senate floor 28-21 on 3/29; Passed House floor 54-44 on 3/31 with various amendments accepted; Senate refuses to concur in House amendments on 4/3; to Conference Committee See Start Early comparison chart for summary
ESSB 5184 (Companion: HB 1299)	Bateman	Concerning minimum parking requirements.	Provides new parameters for municipal minimum parking requirements. Disallows cities and counties from setting minimum parking requirements for certain properties, businesses, and activities, including for child care facilities. 2/5: Substitute changes prohibition of parking requirements based on square feet rather than feet and exempts cities, code cities and counties within a one-mile radius of certain commercial airports 2/19: Adopted floor amendments clarify exemptions and limitations on the parking requirements in the underlying bill.	Public hearing held in Senate Housing on 1/24; Executive action (Vote) taken on 2/5 with adoption of substitute amendments; Passed the Senate 40-8 with adoption of engrossed substitute bill; Public hearing held in House Local Government on 3/14; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Local Government on 3/21 with adoption of amendments; Passed House Floor 64-31 on 4/11

			3/27: Striking amendment makes changes to allowed number of spaces depending on single family homes or multifamily residential units, and per 1,000 square feet of commercial space. Further provides additional discretion to jurisdictions to provide additional requirements and sets timelines for implementation based on population size of a jurisdiction. Makes changes to exemptions based on building sizes and city population sizes. Finally, allows cities to request a variance from requirements if development would be hazardous as confirmed by a building official, fire marshal, or their designees.	
SB 5195 (Companion: HB 1216)	Trudeau	Concerning the capital budget.	Capital budget for the 2025-27 biennium.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 1/13; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 4/1; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Ways & Means on 4/3; Passed Senate Floor 47-0 on 4/5; To House See Start Early comparison chart for summary

SB 5199	Wilson, C.	DCYF Oversight Board compensation.	Provides compensation to members of the Department of Children, Youth and Families oversight board with direct lived experience.	Public hearing held in Senate Human Services on 1/22; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Human Services on 1/22; Passed the Senate on 2/5 49-0; Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/18; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/26; Passed House Floor 57-38 on 4/11; Signed by the President of the Senate
ESSB 5509 (Companion: SHB 1212)	Alvarado	Concerning the siting of child care centers.	<p>Requires cities and towns to allow child care centers as an outright permitted use in all zones except industrial zones.</p> <p>2/13: Substitute adjusts implementation timeline to 2027 for cities that are required to update their comprehensive plan in 2027, and to two years after the bill's effective day for all other cities. Additionally clarifies that light industrial and open space zones are included in the exempt industrial zones.</p> <p>3/6: Floor amendment requires cities and code cities to provide for a conditional use approval of an on-site child care center in industrial or light industrial zones, except in or around high hazard facilities.</p>	Public hearing held in Senate Local Government on 2/6; Scheduled for Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute amendments on 2/13; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/20; Executive Action (Vote) taken on 2/27 in Ways & Means; Passed Senate Floor 42-7 on 3/6; Public hearing held in House Local Government on 3/18; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Local Government on 3/21; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/3; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/5; Passed House Floor 95-0 on 4/10; Signed by the President of the Senate

SSB 5545	Riccelli	Concerning family home providers overseen and certified by a federal military service.	<p>Exempts from child care licensing family home providers located off a federal military reservation that is overseen and certified by a federal military service.</p> <p>2/18: Substitute specifies that family home providers located in the surrounding metropolitan area of a federal military reservation are exempt from licensing by DCYF, while still being subject to investigation by DCYF of all referrals of alleged child abuse or neglect occurring at these family home providers in the surrounding metropolitan area.</p>	<p>Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/12; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute on 2/18; Passed Senate Floor 49-0 on 3/3; Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/26; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/28; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/5; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/8; Passed House Floor 95-0 on 4/10; Signed by the President of the Senate</p>
SSB 5655 (Companion: HB 1582)	Krishnadasan	Child care centers/buildings.	<p>Clarifies occupancy calculation standards for child care centers operated in existing buildings such as churches.</p> <p>2/18: Substitute provides clarifying amendments related to application and calculation of occupancy load.</p>	<p>Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/12; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute on 2/18; Passed the Senate Floor 49-0 on 2/25; Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/18; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/26; Passed House Floor 98-0 on 4/9; Signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House; to Governor's desk</p>

Modifying child care and early childhood development programs.

Delays implementation of income eligibility provisions from 60 to 75% of State Median Income (SMI) included in the Fair Start for Kids Act from 7/1/25 to 7/1/29 and for 75 to 85% SMI (subject to availability of funds) from 7/1/27 to 7/1/31. Additionally, removes the ability to waive work requirements for registered apprenticeship program participants, repeals expanded eligibility for applicants in registered apprenticeship programs, repeals expanded eligibility for child care employees, creates a new co-payment structure for new and re-applicants, and makes certain programs Subject to Appropriation. Also delays ECEAP entitlement from the 2026-27 school year until the 2030-31 school year and repeals the Early ECEAP program. Contains an emergency clause making the bill's provision effective 7/1/25.

2/27: Substitute bill establishes new per household copayment schedule for 10/1/25 through 9/30/26 and a new per child copayment schedule for 10/1/26 and after. The substitute specifies these schedules only apply to new applications and reapplications, and adds clarifications on the collective bargaining rights of family child care providers.

3/12: Striker reverses the repeal of Early ECEAP in underlying bill, instead makes the program subject to appropriation and enrollment dependent on space availability. Further clarifies a \$310 monthly rate for all families at or above 60% SMI

Public hearing held in Senate Ways and Means on 2/25; Executive Action (Vote) taken on 2/27 with adoption of substitute bill in Senate Ways & Means; Passed Senate Floor 32-16 on 3/12 with adoption of striker; Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/25; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Early Learning & Human Services on 3/28 with adoption of striker; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/5; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/8 with adoption of striker;
In House Rules

until co-pays are transitioned to be per child in 2026. Maintains the repeal of eligibility for applicants in apprenticeships and employees of child care businesses. Also makes the expanded definition of “eligible child” for ECEAP effective 7/1/25 instead of 7/1/26. Further removes categorical eligibility for ECEAP of children receiving basic food benefits through SNAP or the state food assistance program. Additional amendment to the striker directs DCYF to adopt a rule that requires WCCC subsidy payments to child care providers to occur when child care is expected to begin, and another rule that prohibits providers from claiming payment when a child has not attended at least one day within the authorization period in the previous month. Further removes language that sets a household’s 12-month authorization to begin on the date that child care is expected to begin. Additionally directs DCYF to publish a cost of quality child care and market rate study and submit to relevant legislative committees by 6/1 of even-numbered years.

3/28: Striker reinstates current law for eligibility of apprentices and apprenticeship applicants for WCCC, removes provisions adopting new copay schedules and reinstates current law copay schedule, and modifies an effective date to align with other effective dates that are modified in the underlying bill. Further requires DCYF to partner with a school district and a metropolitan park

			<p>district in a specified city that meets certain eligibility criteria to conduct a pilot to increase access to school-age-only child care programs.</p> <p>4/8: Striker further aligns bill with House budget proposal. Reinstates current law requiring a household's 12-month WCCC authorization begin on the date care is expected to start, removes provisions directing DCYF to adopt rules requiring prospective payments, and prohibits prospective payments for a child who has not attended within the previous month. Additionally modifies school-age pilot project.</p>	
SB 5769	Wellman	Addressing transition to kindergarten programs.	<p>Limits Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) Program enrollment to statewide annual average 2024-25 school year enrollment, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. Additionally, removes TTK from the Caseload Forecast Council's forecasts.</p> <p>3/26: Floor amendment limits funding for TTK to the amount included in the state budget. Amendments also reestablish TTH as a forecasted program and directs OSPI and DCYF to develop a recommending plan for phasing in expansion. The plan must include a phased-in approach that does not exceed 5% growth in statewide annual average fulltime enrolled students each year. Further, requires OSPI to submit a report by 12/1/27 outlining the plan and recommendations for phasing in future TTK programs beginning with communities with the highest need.</p>	<p>Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/26; Executive Action (Vote) taken on 2/28; Passed Senate Floor 45-4 on 3/26; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 4/2; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 4/8 with adoption of amendment; In House Rules</p>

			4/8: Amendment directs OSPI to prioritize funding TTK programs that operated during the 2024-45 school year for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years and changes the due date for OSPI/DCYF recommendations from 12/1/27 to 12/1/26.	
SB 5792	Robinson	Concerning compensation reductions for state government employees.	Reduces base salaries for all state employees of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches by 4.98% from 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. Also directs positions included in collective bargaining agreements to achieve salary reductions through furloughs, temporary layoffs, reduced working hours, and other actions consistent with collective bargaining agreements. Further allows any state elected official of the executive branch to reduce their salary by 4.98% from 7/1/25 to 6/30/26. Additionally requires institutions of higher education to achieve compensation reductions as specified in the 2025-27 biennial budget. Provides defined exemptions to these reductions.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means
SB 5793	Robinson	Concerning employer contributions and incentives for public and school employee health benefit plans.	Eliminates the SmartHealth program beginning 1/1/28 and sets employer contribution rates for employee health care benefits for the 2027-29 biennium for public and school district employees.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means

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Revenue Bills

Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
HB 2049	Bergquist	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	Modifies the state and local property tax authority and adjusts the school funding formula to allow for property tax growth increases beyond the 1% cap, based on inflation and population changes, not to exceed 3%.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 4/3; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in House Finance on 4/18
HB 2081 (Companion: SB 5815)	Fitzgibbon	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges and rates.	Increases tax rate for several Business & Occupation (B&O) Tax Surcharges, including an increase for child care businesses from .484% to .5% effective 1/1/2035. Additionally raises surcharges on financial institutions, high grossing businesses, and advanced computer services. Further adds a new .5% tax on businesses earning more than \$250 million annually, taking effect Jan. 2026 and expiring on 12/31/2030.	Scheduled for public hearing in House Finance on 4/18; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in House Finance on 4/19
HB 2082 (Companion: SB 5813)	Street	Increasing funding to the Education Legacy Trust Account.	Adds an additional 2.9% excise tax on capital gains in excess of \$1M. Also increases the top tier rates on estate tax by 35% and excludes estates up to \$3M in value. Revenue would continue to fund the Education Legacy Trust Account.	Referred to House Finance
HB 2083 (Companion: SB 5814)	Stonier	Extending retail sales and use tax to certain services and instituting prepayment of sales tax.	Extends retail sales and use tax to certain services, makes certain nicotine products subject to tobacco products tax, and establishes a one-time prepayment of sales tax collections for businesses with \$3M or more in taxable retail sales during calendar year 2026.	Referred to House Finance

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HB 2084	Ramel	Increasing funding for K-12, health care, and public safety by repealing or modifying tax preferences for certain industries and goods.	Repeals and modifies a number of tax exemptions for certain industries and goods.	Scheduled for public hearing in House Finance on 4/18
SB 5794	Salomon	Adopting recommendations from the tax preference performance review process, eliminating obsolete tax preferences, clarifying legislative intent, and addressing changes in constitutional law.	Repeals 20 tax exemptions where the public policy objective was not met, it is unclear whether the policy objective was met, or the exemption is legally obsolete, according to nonpartisan auditors at the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 3/31; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18
SB 5795	Krishnadasan	Reducing the state sales and use tax rate.	Reduces the sales and use tax rate from 6.5% to 6%.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 3/31
SB 5798	Pedersen	Concerning property tax reform.	Raises the property tax growth limit for the state's common schools levy and for cities and counties, as well as special purpose districts, from the current 1% cap to the combined rate of population growth plus inflation.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 3/31; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18

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SB 5812 (Companion: HB 2049)	Wellman	Concerning K-12 education investments.	Modifies the state and local property tax authority and adjusts the school funding formula to allow for property tax growth increases beyond the 1% cap, based on inflation and population changes, not to exceed 3%.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways and Means on 4/16; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18
SB 5813 (Companion: HB 2082)	Wilson, C.	Concerning funding for the Education Legacy Trust Account.	Adds an additional 2.9% excise tax on capital gains in excess of \$1M. Also increases the top tier rates on estate tax by 35% and excludes estates up to \$3M in value. Revenue would continue to fund the Education Legacy Trust Account.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 4/16; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18
SB 5814 (Companion: HB 2083)	Frame	Concerning excise taxes on select services and nicotine products.	Extends retail sales and use tax to certain services, makes certain nicotine products subject to tobacco products tax, and establishes a one-time prepayment of sales tax collections for businesses with \$3M or more in taxable retail sales during calendar year 2026.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 4/16; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18
SB 5815 (Companion: HB 2081)	Saldaña	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges and rates.	Increases tax rate for several Business & Occupation (B&O) Tax Surcharges, including an increase for child care businesses from .484% to .5% effective 1/1/2035. Additionally raises surcharges on financial institutions, high grossing businesses, and advanced computer services. Further adds a new .5% tax on businesses earning more than \$250 million annually, taking effect Jan. 2026 and expiring on 12/31/2030.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 4/16; Scheduled for Executive Session (Vote) in Senate Ways & Means on 4/18

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Bills That Did Not Advance by the 4/16 Opposite Chamber Cutoff

Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
HB 1022	Connors	Creating a Homes for Heroes program.	<p>Creates the Homes for Heroes pilot program to provide loans to income-eligible workers in targeted occupations for down payment and closing costs for the purchase of a primary residence. Eligible occupations include emergency and first responders as well as care providers, including owners and employees of licensed child care centers, outdoor nature-based care, or licensed family home providers.</p> <p>1/16: Substitute added paraeducators and ECEAP providers to the list of professions eligible for down payment and closing cost assistance. Also clarifies the eligibility of child care providers.</p>	Executive action (vote) taken in House Housing on 1/16; Public hearing held in House Capital Budget on 2/20
HB 1033	Couture	Authorizing local licensing and regulation of child care providers.	Allows counties to act as the regulatory and licensing authority for child care centers and family home providers, creating a local licensing option for providers.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 2/12
HB 1082 (Companion: SB 5279)	Eslick	Concerning qualifications for child care providers.	Allows licensed child care providers until August 1, 2028 to demonstrate experience-based competency as an alternative to comply with current child care licensing rules. Also directs DCYF to convene a stakeholder group to improve early learning and school-age staff qualification requirements and verification processes.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 1/22

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HB 1128 (Companion: SB 5062)	Fosse	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	Creates the Washington State Child Care Workforce Standards Board with specific designated members and requires the Board to adopt statewide rules and standards establishing minimum child care employment standards relating to compensation, health and safety, and other working conditions. Excludes the licensing of child care facilities from the Board's purview. 2/7: Among other provisions, substitute adjusts the makeup of the board, changed the number of votes required for board action, and made further updates on the number of languages required for written materials.	Public hearing held in House Labor & Workforce Standards on 1/15; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute amendments on 2/7; In House Appropriations
HB 1197 (Companion: SB 5166)	Ormsby	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	Supplemental operating budget for the 2023-25 biennium.	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 1/13 Vehicle is now ESSB 5167

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SHB 1198 (Companion: ESSB 5167)	Ormsby	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	Operating budget for the 2025-27 biennium.	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 1/13; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 3/25; Executive action (Vote) taken in House Appropriations on 3/27; In House Rules; Various amendments accepted; See Start Early comparison chart for summary) Budget vehicle is now ESSB 5167
HB 1202	Tharinger	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	General obligation bonds and related accounts.	Public hearing held in House Capital Budget on 1/16
HB 1212 (Companion: SB 5509)	Duerr	Concerning the siting of child care centers.	Requires cities and towns to allow child care centers as an outright permitted use in all zones except industrial zones. 1/24: Substitute adjusts implementation timeline to 2027 for cities that are required to update their comprehensive plan in 2027, and to two years after the bill's effective day for all other cities.	Executive action (Vote) taken in House Local Government on 1/24; Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 2/22

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HB 1214	Thai	Working Families' Tax Credit.	Expands eligibility for the working families' tax credit to everyone age 18 and older.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/4
HB 1225	Couture	Reforming the budgeting process.	Reforms the Washington state budgeting process through requiring prioritized spending on essential state functions, placing limitations on state spending and revenue proposals, and requiring transparency for every dollar spent within the state budget.	Referred to House Appropriations
HB 1282	Pollet	Improving the well-being of children in child care by enhancing transparency measures and modifying liability insurance requirements.	Requires greater efforts on behalf of DCYF and child care providers to make insurance, licensing, inspection, and Early Achievers information more accessible to parents and guardians of enrolled children.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 1/28
HB 1299 (Companion: SB 5184)	Peterson	Concerning minimum parking requirements.	Provides new parameters for municipal minimum parking requirements. Disallows cities and counties from setting minimum parking requirements for certain properties, businesses, and activities, including for child care facilities.	Public hearing held in House Local Government on 2/4
HB 1307	Caldier	Easing the financial burden on families by removing sales and use tax on diapers and essential child care products.	Exempts certain essential products, including baby diapers, adult incontinence supplies, car seats, baby clothing, and other necessary items for infants and children under the age of five, from sales and use tax. Effective 1/1/26.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/7

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HB 1318	Rule	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for children's diapers.	Exempts children's diapers from sales and use tax.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/7
HB 1319	Street	Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property.	Creates the Washington state wealth tax in the form of one percent property tax on financial intangible assets, such as stocks and bonds, publicly traded options, and futures contracts in excess of \$100,000,000. Effective 1/1/26.	Referred to House Finance
HB 1320	Street	Business & occupation tax.	Modifies business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.	Referred to House Finance
HB 1350 (Companion: SB 5500)	Cortes	Child care reimbursement rates.	Transitions reimbursement rates for the Working Connections Child Care program to reflect the Cost of Quality Care.	Referred to House Appropriations
HB 1363	Caldier	Child care licensing.	Modifies licensing requirements for child care and early learning providers, provides that early learning providers may not be required to earn early childhood education certification or equivalent credentials as part of staff qualification requirements, and eliminates the child care providers community-based training pathway.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 2/12
HB 1383	Hill	Baby products grant program.	Establishes a grant program through the Department of Commerce for the purchase and distribution of essential baby products like diapers and wipes.	Referred to House Appropriations

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HB 1450	Santos	Transition to kindergarten.	<p>Makes adjustments to the Transition to Kindergarten program.</p> <p>2/18: Substitute strikes all provisions of underlying bill and establishes Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) as a policy opposed to a program, affirms exclusion from basic education and related funding obligations, proposes limits to enrollment and eligibility, further defines terms like "extreme child care access desert" and more, defines the role of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) related to the policy, and poses further requirements for schools and districts for attaining approval from OSPI to implement the TTK policy.</p>	Public hearing held in House Education on 1/28; Executive action (Vote) taken on substitute bill in House Education on 2/18; To House Appropriations Committee
HB 1489	Ormsby	Childhood education implementation dates.	<p>Adjusts implementation dates for Working Connections Child Care income eligibility and ECEAP entitlement created through the Fair Start for Kids Act to align with former Governor Inslee's proposed biennial budget.</p> <p>2/12: Substitute delays ECEAP entitlement for families at or below 50% of SMI adjusted for family size from the 2030-31 school year to the 2034-35 school year. Also makes changes to eligibility for the WCCC eligibility program.</p>	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 2/6; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute on 2/13; In House Rules
HB 1564	Penner	Child care assistance/B&O tax.	Establishes a business and occupation and public utility tax credit for employers providing child care assistance to employees, beginning on 1/1/26 and expiring on 1/1/38.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/6

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HB 1582 (Companion: SSB 5655)	Caldier	Child care centers/buildings.	Clarifies occupancy calculation standards for child care centers operated in existing buildings such as churches.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 2/4; Executive action (Vote) taken on 2/14; In House Rules
HB 1593	Reeves	Social equity land trust.	Creates a permanent children's social equity land trust with the Department of Natural Resources for the benefit of families in need of child care access. Would direct 70% of revenues generated from land acquisition and management into the proposed child care trust account which will dispense child care grants, awarded by the Department of Commerce.	Referred to House Agriculture & Natural Resources
HB 1600	Eslick	Family services support fee.	Increases the maximum fee counties may impose on marriage licenses from \$15 to \$30 for the purpose of funding family services.	Public hearing held in House Local Government on 2/4; Executive action (Vote) taken on 2/7; Passed House Floor 72-23 on 3/11; Public hearing held in Senate Local Government on 3/17; Executive Action (Vote) taken in Senate Local Government on 3/24; In Senate Rules

HB 1649	Dent	Child care community pathway programs.	Requires DCYF to redesign the current community-based training pathway for licensed child care providers by August 1, 2025, to be based on the building bridges curriculum. Also delays the requirement for child care providers to meet qualifications until at least 8/1/2035 and adds a work equivalency alternative to certification and training.	Referred to House Early Learning & Human Services
HB 1665	Dufault	Capital gains tax repeal.	Repeals the capital gains income tax.	Referred to House Finance
HB 1767	Zahn	Concerning school enrollments for enrichment funding.	Expands the definition of student enrollment for Local Education Assistance Purposes to include students enrolled in Transition to Kindergarten, dropout reengagement programs, running start programs, ECEAP, and students aged three to five not yet enrolled in kindergarten but are receiving special education.	Referred to House Finance
HB 1805	Tharinger	Creating a local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families.	Grants counties the authority to impose a new sales and use tax not to exceed 0.01% for the purpose of providing additional services that assist children and their families including child care, maternity support services, school-based services that address mental, social, and physical health, workforce capacity building, shelter, rental assistant, and client transportation.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/21; Executive Action (Vote) taken in House Finance on 2/26; In House Rules

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HB 1865	Bergquist	Expanding access for small business employees and adjusting implementation dates for working connections child care.	Expands Working Connections Child Care for families with one household member employed by a small business where household income does not exceed 75% State Median Income (SMI). Bill defines small business as those with 50 or fewer employees. Also delays implementation of income eligibility provisions from 60 to 75% of SMI included in the Fair Start for Kids Act from 7/1/25 to 7/1/29. Further, also delays the next phase of eligibility expansion from 75 to 85% of SMI (subject to appropriation) from 7/1/27 to 7/1/31.	Referred to House Early Learning & Human Services <i>Note HB 1919 is the vehicle for this issue</i>
HB 1866	Cortes	Concerning a grant fund advance pilot.	Creates a pilot program with the Department of Commerce to advance funds to nonprofits with demonstrated need that have received grants from the Department to support grant performance, expiring on 6/30/28. Also directs the Department to submit a report to the legislature on the performance of the program by 9/1/27.	Referred to House Appropriations
HB 1873	Zahn	Concerning the Working Connections Child Care program for graduate and professional students.	Extends eligibility for the Working Connections Child Care program to applicants enrolled full-time in a graduate or professional program at an institution of higher education when their household meets all other program eligibility requirements.	Referred to House Early Learning & Human Services

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HB 1919	Bergquist	Modifying access to the working connections child care program.	Expands Working Connections Child Care for families with one household member employed by a small business where household income does not exceed 75% State Median Income (SMI). Bill defines small business as those with 50 or fewer employees. Also delays implementation of income eligibility provisions from 60 to 75% of SMI included in the Fair Start for Kids Act from 7/1/25 to 7/1/29. Further, also delays the next phase of eligibility expansion from 75 to 85% of SMI (subject to appropriation) from 7/1/27 to 7/1/31.	Public hearing held in House Early Learning & Human Services on 2/12
HB 1993	Waters	Concerning business and occupation tax on child care providers.	Permanently exempts child care providers from business and occupation tax.	Referred to House Finance
HB 2012	Bergquist	Funding the transition to kindergarten program.	Provides an appropriation to fund the additional 2024-25 school year forecasted enrollment of the Transition to Kindergarten (TTK) Program not already funded in the 2023-25 biennial budget. Additionally, limits TTK program enrollment for each school district, charter school, or state-tribal education compact school to its 2024-25 school year enrollment, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.	Public hearing held in House Appropriations on 3/24

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HB 2019	Street	Concerning the estate tax.	Increases the exclusion amount of the Washington estate tax from \$2.193 million to \$3 million for decedents dying on or after 1/1/25. Also provides an updated reference to the Consumer Price Index to allow for annual inflation adjustments to the exclusion amount. Finally, increases the tax rates for Washington taxable estates of decedents dying on or after 1/1/25.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 2/25
HB 2038	Callan	Establishing the youth behavioral health account.	Establishes the youth behavioral health account in the state treasury and funds the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms. Expenditures from the account must be used for behavioral health needs identified by the Washington Thriving Prenatal Through 25 Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group for persons that are prenatal through age 25, the pilot program for telebehavioral health services for school-aged youth administered by the health care authority, and for the Office of the Governor to support prenatal through 25 behavioral health care.	In House Finance
HB 2045	Fitzgibbon	Investing in Washington families by restructuring the business and occupation tax on high grossing businesses and financial institutions.	Imposes a 1% Business & Occupation (B&O) tax surcharge on businesses with taxable income over \$250 million. The bill also includes an increase to the surcharge on specified financial institutions with annual net income of \$1 billion or more from 1.2% to 1.9%.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 4/3

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HB 2046	Berg	Creating fairness in Washington's tax by imposing a tax on select financial intangible assets.	Imposes a property tax of \$8 on every \$1000 of assessed value on certain financial intangible assets, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and index funds, with the first \$50 million in assessed value exempt from the tax. Other exemptions include pensions, retirement accounts, and education savings accounts.	Public hearing held in House Finance on 4/3
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Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
SB 5062 (Companion: HB 1128)	Stanford	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	<p>Creates the Washington State Child Care Workforce Standards Board with specific designated members and requires the Board to adopt statewide rules and standards establishing minimum child care employment standards relating to compensation, health and safety, and other working conditions. Excludes the licensing of child care facilities from the Board's purview.</p> <p>1/31: Among other provisions, substitute adjusts the makeup of the board, changed the number of votes required for board action, and made further updates on the number of languages required for written materials.</p>	Executive action (Vote) taken on 1/31 with adoption of substitute amendments; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/10
SB 5130	Wilson, C.	Eliminating child care licensing fees.	Eliminates child care licensing fees.	Executive action (Vote) taken in Senate Early Learning & K-12 on 1/29; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/10

SB 5145	Gildon	State spending programs review.	Requires every new statutory state spending program to include an expiration date that is no more than 10 years from the effective date of the spending program and must also include a state spending performance statement that includes metrics and data on the program's performance. Also requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee to review new state spending programs and provide a recommendation to legislative fiscal committees on continuation, modification, sunseting, and termination of programs.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means
SB 5166 (Companion: HB 1197)	Robinson	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	Supplemental operating budget for the 2023-25 biennium.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 1/14
SB 5279 (Companion: HB 1082)	Wilson, C.	Concerning qualifications for child care providers.	Allows licensed child care providers until August 1, 2028 to demonstrate experience-based competency as an alternative to comply with current child care licensing rules. Also directs DCYF to convene a stakeholder group to improve early learning and school-age staff qualification requirements and verification processes.	Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/4
SB 5297 (Companion: HB 1314)	Trudeau	Concerning the early learning facilities grant and loan program.	Makes changes to the Early Learning Facilities (ELF) program, including establishment of an Emergency Fund; clarifies ECEAP conversion qualifies for ELF; makes Tribal Compact Schools eligible for the ELF Public School District program; and changes the match requirements.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/6; Executive action (Vote) taken on 2/20; Passed the Senate Floor 49-0 on 3/10; dIn House Capital Budget

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SB 5310	Braun	Concerning child care subsidy rates.	Requires DCYF to pay the lesser rate, between the rate for families not eligible for subsidy and the subsidy base rate that achieves 75 th percentile of the market, to child care providers. Effective 7/1/25.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/3
SB 5341	Fortunato	Concerning children's products sales tax.	Exempts permanently from the sales and use tax purchases of products for children under the age of five.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means
SB 5416	Gildon	Child care providers.	Limits licensing requirements of child care providers to the minimum needed to protect the health and safety of children and removes requirement that providers accepting subsidy participate in the Early Achievers program.	Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education
SB 5500 (Companion: HB 1350)	Alvarado	Child care reimbursement rates.	Transitions reimbursement rates for the Working Connections Child Care program to reflect the Cost of Quality Care. 2/12: Amendments specify that the provisions related to collective bargaining agreements for family child care providers do not go into effect until July 1, 2027.	Public hearing held in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/4; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute amendments on 2/12; Senate Floor
SB 5522	Krishnadasan	Concerning the state capitol campus.	Makes changes to the membership and authority of the State Capitol Committee and Capital Campus Design Subcommittee. 2/11: Substitute provides clarifying amendments related to the scope and timeline of project reviews.	Public hearing held in Senate State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections on 2/4; Executive Action (Vote) taken with adoption of substitute amendments on 2/11; Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 2/24

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SB 5788	Gildon	Relating to achieving budget savings in policies with significant projected fiscal impact that have yet to take effect.	Makes changes to various state assistance programs including ECEAP, Working Connections Child Care (WCCC), and the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) cash assistance program. Repeals anticipated ECEAP entitlement, expanded income eligibility for WCCC, and expansion of eligibility for WCCC for households over 60% SMI. Additionally repeals the use of cost model in child care subsidy rates. Further reinstates the consideration of child support payments as income in determining eligibility and amounts for Temporary Assistant for Needy Families (TANF), which would not be considered after 10/1/25 in current law. Additionally limits eligibility for the ABD assistance program to those ineligible for federal aid assistance other than basic food benefits transferred electronically and medical assistance. Further reinstates that duplicated benefits under ABD and SSI shall be considered a debt to the state and subject to recovery through all available legal remedies.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means
SB 5796	Saldaña	Enacting an excise tax on large employers to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.	Imposes a 5% tax on large employers on the amount of payroll expenses above the Social Security threshold — currently \$176,100 per year. This tax is limited only to companies with \$7 million or more in payroll expenses.	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 3/31

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SB 5797	Frame	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the benefit of public schools.	Imposes a tax of \$10 on every \$1,000 of assessed value of certain financial assets (stocks, bonds, exchange-traded funds, and mutual funds) held by individuals with more than \$50 million of these assets	Public hearing held in Senate Ways & Means on 3/31
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