

DCYF Legislative Update: Mid-Session Budget Webinar

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We will begin shortly. Thank you!

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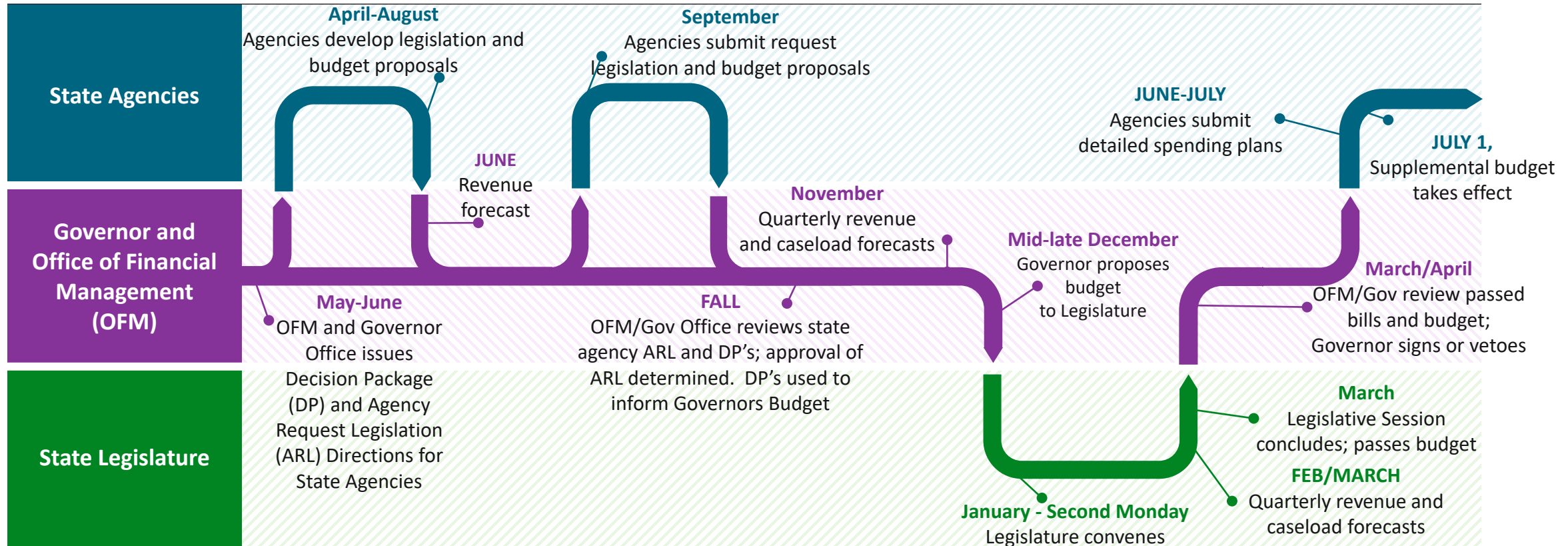
Agenda



- 2022 Legislative Session Update
- Funding for DCYF's ARL and DPs
- Proposed Budget Overviews - Senate and House



Preparing for Session – Supplemental Year Timeline



2022 Legislative Session Update

Shorter Supplemental Legislative Session

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Hybrid/Remote session

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Significant 2021 Investments in DCYF

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Strong Economy in Washington State

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DCYF Legislative Priorities going into Session

- Short session, supplemental – informed authorizing environment
- Ensure passage and funding of all DCYF Agency Request Legislation and Decision Packages
- Support proposals that advance racial equity and reduce racial disproportionality
- Support proposals that align with DCYF's strategic priorities



DCYF Agency Request Legislation

	Senate	House
Parent Pay Repeal	Funding is provided to implement the provisions of Substitute Senate Bill 5535 (juvenile rehab./parent costs) that repeals the Parent Pay Statute. \$1.551M	Funding is provided to implement Substitute House Bill 2050 (Parent pay/child detention) that repeals the parent pay statutes. Funding is provided to backfill the revenue loss to DCYF caused by repealing the statutes requiring these payments. \$1.559M
1920, Child Welfare Investigations	No Funding Needed, bill in Senate Rule	Passed House, no funding needed



Exceptional Placement Continuum Funding

	Senate	House
Adolescent Housing Program Pilot	Establish an emergency adolescent housing pilot. This pilot will provide a supportive housing option for youth aged 16 and older. \$1.3M	Establish an emergency adolescent housing pilot program and associated support staff. \$1.3M
Increase Case Aide Hourly Rate	Increase the hourly rates paid to Case Aides from \$26 to \$30, effective April 1, 2022. \$220K	Increase the hourly rate paid for Case Aide services from \$26 to \$30, effective April 1, 2022. \$220K
Increase BRS Facility Rates	Increase the rates paid to BRS facilities from \$12,804 to \$17,511, effective April 1, 2022. These facilities serve youth with high-level complex needs. \$15.5M	Increase the monthly rate paid to BRS facilities from \$12,803.72 per youth to \$16,861.91, effective April 1, 2022. The increased funding shall be used towards paying direct care workers an hourly wage of at least \$25. \$13.4M
Increase BRS Treatment Foster Care Rates	Increase the rates paid to BRS Treatment Foster Care from \$8,266 to \$10,517, effective April 1, 2022. \$5.4M	Increase the monthly rate paid for BRS TFC from \$8,226.48 to \$10,126.92 per youth effective April 1, 2022. The increased funding shall be used to increase the amount passed through BRS vendors to TFC parents. \$4.5M
Shared Planning Meetings Staff	Additional staffing to conduct shared planning and family team decision-making meetings. \$1.1M	Additional staffing to organize and facilitate shared planning meetings and Family Team Decision Making meetings for child welfare cases. \$1.1M

DCYF Decision Packages and Funded Amounts

	Senate	House
Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance	For DCYF to comply with the updated standards set forth by recent ICWA court decisions, including additional staff, training revisions, and IT system changes. Funding is provided for additional staff, training, IT system updates, contracted services, a workload study, and administrative support for DCYF to comply with updated Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) standards set forth by recent court decisions. \$12.1M	For DCYF to comply with the updated standards set forth by the court decisions, including staffing, training revisions, and IT system changes. Funding is provided for additional staff, training, information technology system updates, contracted services, and administrative support for DCYF to comply with updated Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) standards set forth by recent court decisions. FTEs are <i>phased in</i> . \$8.2M
Family Time Rates	Funding is provided to increase the hourly reimbursement rate to \$37.19 for child visitation services, to reimburse mileage starting from the first mile, and to create an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliance contracting structure. \$26.180M	Funding is provided to increase the hourly reimbursement rate to \$35.89 effective April 1, 2022. Additionally, previously unreimbursed visit-supporting activities will be reimbursed, all mileage below 60 will be reimbursed, and the Department will create a quality oversight and ICWA compliance contracting structure. \$33.765M
Combined In-Home Services	Funding is provided for Combined In-Home Services (CIHS) rate increases pursuant to a 2021 rate study, effective July 1, 2022. \$8.4M	Funding is provided to increase CIHS rates effective July 1, 2022, as recommended by a market rate study completed by a contracted vendor in calendar year 2021. \$8.4M
Kinship Caregiver Engagement	Funding is provided for statewide implementation of the kinship caregiver engagement unit. \$1.858M	Funding is provided for statewide implementation of the kinship caregiver engagement unit. <i>15 FTEs phased in beginning July 1, 2022</i> \$1.784M

ECEAP Decision Package Overview

Decision Package	Senate	House
ECEAP Slot Conversion	Funding is provided to convert 2,077 part day slots to school day and 312 to working day slots in FY 23 with no additional slots converted subsequent to FY 23. \$9.327M	Funding is provided to convert 1,087 part day slots to 999 school day and 216 working day, with additional slots converted beyond FY23. \$6.905M
ECEAP Quality Support Rate	Funding is provided to continue the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) quality support rate that has historically been funded with a private grant, which expires in FY 2022. \$1.268M	Funding is provided to backfill an ECEAP per-slot quality support rate that has historically been funded with a private grant which expires in FY 2022. The grant currently supports quality supports to ECEAP providers, including child and family assessments, research-based curriculum, professional development, and educational platforms. \$1.268M

DCYF Staffing Highlights

Category	Governor's Budget Summary	Senate	House
Cost of Living Salary Increase	General wage increase of 3.25%, effective July 1, 2022 is provided for represented and non-represented state employees.	Funded	Funded
Lump Sum Payment	A graduated lump sum payment for employees making \$99,000 or less and who were employed continuously starting on or before July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.	Funded	Funded
SEIU 1199 General Government	The collective bargaining agreement includes a general wage increase of 3.25% for fiscal year 2023 and a retention bonus payable in two equal installments; \$1,000 on July 25, 2022 and \$1,000 on June 25, 2023. Part time nurses will receive a retention incentive that is proportionate to the number of hours worked. (General Fund-State)	Funded	Funded

Annual Full-time Salary Equivalent		Maximum Lump Sum Payment Amount
Greater than or Equal to	Less than	
\$28,584	\$47,331	\$3,400.00
\$47,331	\$64,554	\$2,550.00
\$64,554	\$81,777	\$1,700.00
\$81,777	\$99,000	\$850.00

2022 Child Welfare Highlights

Category	Senate	House	Gov Budget
Hub Home Foster & Kinships Care Constellations	For hub home foster and kinship family constellations, and for a contract with an organization with expertise in implementing the hub home model to provide technical assistance to hub home families and DCYF. 269K	For hub home foster and kinship families that provide a foster care delivery model that includes a hub home. 269K	Not in Governor's Budget
Foster Care Educational Outreach	For a contract with an educational advocacy provider with expertise in foster care ed. outreach. Funding must be prioritized to regions with high numbers of foster care youth, regions where backlogs of youth that have formerly requested educational outreach services exist, or youth with high educational needs. 460K	Not in House Budget	Not in Governor's Budget
Parent Mentoring	For the foster parent alliance of Washington state to provide parents with individualized education, training, and support to facilitate successful reunification with children in a shorter amount of time and with fewer incidence of return to care. \$3.4M	Not in House Budget	Not in Governor's Budget
Family Connections	Not in Senate Budget	To expand family connections program in two areas of WA where it is not established. DCYF must contract with a community-based org. that has experience working with the foster care population and administering the family connections program. \$425K	Not in Governor's Budget

2022 Child Welfare Highlights

Category	Senate	House	Gov Budget
Child Support Foster Care	Not in Senate Budget	To revise and update policies, procedures, and the state Title IV-E plan to reflect that it is appropriate to only refer child welfare cases to DSHS division of child support enforcement when the court has found a child to have been abandoned by their parent or guardian as defined in RCW 13.34.030. \$2M	\$2.188M
Child Welfare Workload Study	To contract for a child welfare workload study, which must include an evaluation of workload impacts and make recommendations for staffing models and system improvements. (a) The study must consider: enacted laws and forthcoming legislation related to child welfare such as the keeping families together act, and FFPSA, must include all child welfare case carrying workers, must evaluate the workload impacts related to changes in the application of the federal Indian child welfare act. A report must be submitted to the governor and appropriate fiscal committees of the legislature by June 30, 2023. \$1M	To contract for a workload study of the duties of child welfare employees. The workload study must include impacts resulting from chapter 211, Laws of 2021 (child abuse allegations); FFPSA; the online foster parent portal; and the changes in the application of the federal and state Indian child welfare acts. The staff addressed in the workload study must include, at a minimum, all child welfare case-carrying workers. The department must submit a report describing the workload study and its results to the governor and appropriate legislative committees no later than June 30, 2023. \$1M (\$500k included under ICWA funding)	\$1M

2022 Child Welfare Highlights - Continued

Category	Senate	House	Gov Budget
Extended Foster Care Transition Stipends	To contract with a community organization to administer monthly stipends to young adults who were impacted by the federal moratorium that prohibited states from discharging them from EFC due to age through Sept. 30, 2021, and young adults who age out of EFC between Oct. 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023. \$10.626M	To contract with a community organization to administer monthly stipends to young adults who were impacted by the federal moratorium that prohibited states from discharging them from EFC due to age through Sept. 30, 2021, and young adults who age out of EFC between Oct. 1, 2021, and June 30, 2023. To the extent feasible, the organization must administer the monthly stipends at consistent amounts per young adult each month. \$10.626M	\$10.626M
Systems Assessment of Extended Foster Care	To contract for a systems assessment of state and federally funded services and benefits for young adults enrolled in or exiting EFC and make recommendations to improve the continuum of supports for the EFC population to support successful transitions to 18 independent adulthood. \$200K	To contract for a systems assessment of state and federally funded services and benefits for young adults enrolled in or exiting EFC and make recommendations to improve the continuum of supports for the EFC population to support successful transitions to independent adulthood. \$200K	\$200K
BRS facility in Vancouver	For a new behavioral rehabilitation services facility in Vancouver. \$1.513M	For a new behavioral rehabilitation services facility in Vancouver. \$1.513M	\$1.513M

Child Welfare Highlights - Continued

Category	Senate	House	Governor
Youth Financial Capability	For improving the financial capability of dependent youth. DCYF shall develop a report with recommendations to improve access to private, self-controlled bank accounts for dependent youth 14+ and strategies for improving financial capability of dependent youth. 325K	Not in House Budget	\$0
Family Reconciliation Services	Not in Senate Budget	For DCYF to partner with Commerce to codesign community-based FRS to assess and stabilize youth and families in crisis through primary prevention services. The codesign team must also develop a community-based FRS program model. \$100K	\$0
Child Welfare Housing Pilot - Extension	Provided solely for the child welfare housing assistance pilot program. \$767K	Provided solely for the child welfare housing assistance pilot program. \$767K	\$0
Child Welfare Housing Pilot - Prevention	One-time funding is provided to expand the housing program that serves families involved with child welfare at risk of out-of-home placement and a lack of appropriate housing is a contributing factor. \$637K	Not in House Budget	\$0

Child Welfare Highlights - Continued

Category	Senate	House	Gov Budget
Grays Harbor Play & Learn	Not in Senate Budget	To establish and implement two play and-learn groups for families in Grays Harbor. \$50K	\$0
Grays Harbor SafeCare	Not in Senate Budget	For SafeCare, an evidence-based parenting program, for families in Grays Harbor. \$100K	\$0
Prenatal Substance Exposure	To contract with a comprehensive clinic, serving King & Snohomish counties, with specific expertise in prenatal substance exposure treatment. To be offered to children in the child welfare system and shall prioritize children at risk of being removed from the home, were recently reunified, or have experienced multiple placements/are at risk for additional placements. \$300K	To contract with a clinic that treats prenatal substance exposure in children up to age 13 primarily serving Snohomish & King counties. To prioritize children at risk of being removed from their family home, recently reunified with their family following out-of-home placement, have experienced multiple out-of-home placements or are at risk of additional placements. \$300K	\$0



Working Connections Child Care

	Senate	House	Gov Budget
CBA - SEIU 925 Cost of Care Rate Enhancement	Cost of care enhancement paid to Family Child Care providers who serve WCCC families, \$2000 monthly \$45.35M	Cost of care enhancement paid to Family Child Care providers who serve WCCC families, \$2000 monthly \$45.35M	\$45.35M (fully funded bargained amount)
Rate Increase	Funding provided for a 16% WCCC rate increase for child care centers. \$49.6M	Increases WCCC rates to the 85th percentile of 2021 MRS. \$73.63M	\$0
Enrollment-based Pay	One-time funding is provided for WCCC providers to bill for enrolled children between April and June 2022. \$21.21M	One-time funding is provided for WCCC providers to bill for enrolled children between April and June 2022. \$21.21M	\$0
Co-pay Waiver Adjustment	One-time funding is provided for WCCC household co-payments, which were waived for families receiving WCCC services from July through September 2021. \$9.5M (backfill)	One-time funding is provided for WCCC household co-payments, which were waived for families receiving WCCC services from July through September 2021. \$9.5M (backfill)	\$9.5M (backfill)

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

	Senate	House	Governor
ECEAP Slot Expansion	No slot expansion.	Adds 128 new slots in FY 23.	\$0
Summer ECEAP	For the department to provide early childhood education and assistance program services during summer 2022. \$5.97M	For the department to provide early childhood education and assistance program services during summer 2022. \$5.97M	\$5.97M



2022 Early Learning Highlights

Category	Senate	House	Governor
Mental Health Consultation	Not in Senate Budget	Added \$185K for 3 PDG funded consultants ongoing	\$0
Tribal Mental Health Consultation	Two tribal mental health consultants, one east and one west of the crest of the Cascade mountains, who will provide culturally relevant infant & early childhood mental health supports for tribal childcare & early learning programs. \$260K	Infant and early childhood mental health consultation initiative to support tribal child care & early learning programs. \$260K	\$260K
Background Check Fee Assistance	Provided solely for the department to pay the application and fingerprint processing fees on behalf of child care providers to reduce the time involved to complete background checks. \$1.27M	Provided solely for the department to pay the application and fingerprint processing fees on behalf of child care providers to reduce the time involved to complete background checks. \$1.27M	\$1.27M

2022 Early Learning Highlights

Category	Senate	House	Governor
FFN Play and Learn Groups	<i>5693-PS AMS WM HINM 011 (Adopted)</i> For DCYF to help expand and support family, friend, or neighbor caregivers with a focus on the provision of play and learn groups. Funding may support direct implementation and existing infrastructure, and expansions to staffing, number of facilities, and geographic reach. \$640K	For DCYF to expand and support family, friend, or neighbor caregivers with a focus on the provision of play and learn groups. \$640k	\$0
WA Communities for Children	Washington communities for children for costs to complete its work pursuant to a federal preschool development grant that expires at the end of calendar year 2022. \$900K	Not in House Budget	\$0
ELFF Capacity Building and renovation (COM)	\$25.227M for Competitive Grants (up to 4% may be used by DCYF for TA to providers). Appropriation for COM.	\$23.16M for the early learning facility grant and loan program (up to 4% may be used by DCYF for TA to providers). Appropriation for COM.	\$0
ELFF Minor Renovations (COM)	\$18.5M for priority to projects that don't add capacity and are therefore ineligible for the early learning facilities program. Appropriation for COM.	\$18.5M for priority to projects that don't add capacity and are therefore ineligible for the early learning facilities program. Appropriation for COM.	\$0

2022 Juvenile Rehabilitation Highlights

Category	Senate	House	Governor
Naselle Youth Camp	For the expansion of exercise and wellness opportunities for residents at the Naselle Youth Camp. \$295K	DCYF juvenile rehabilitation must cease operation of the Naselle youth camp by June 30, 2023. It is the intention of the legislature after the closure to transfer management of the Naselle youth camp land and facilities to the DNR and develop the facilities into an outdoor school.	Neither in Governor's Budget
JR Staffing Maintenance	Maintains staffing levels at juvenile rehabilitation facilities independent from fluctuating caseloads. \$2.1M	Maintains staffing levels at juvenile rehabilitation facilities independent from fluctuating caseloads. \$2.1M	\$2.1M



2022 Juvenile Rehabilitation Budget Amendments

Amendments adopted 2/24

Category	Senate	House	Governor
Naselle Youth Camp		<u>1816-PS AMH APP MACK 248</u> (Bergquist): Adopted Provides funding for institutional education staff at Echo Glen and Green Hill schools to support students transitioning from Naselle Youth Camp School once it ceases operation, and instruction in cohorts of students grouped by similar age and academic levels. \$500K	
JR Education Security		<u>1816-PS AMH APP WAYV 347</u> (Bergquist): Adopted Funding is provided for two Juvenile Rehabilitation education-security positions (one at Echo Glen and one at Green Hill) to provide security and classroom management services for students while they are attending GED classes. \$196K	
JR Peer Navigators		<u>1816-PS AMH APP WAYV 348</u> (J. Johnson): Adopted To contract with a peer navigator program that currently mentors youth and young adults involved in the justice system. The youth and young adults must be from the Federal Way area and must be currently incarcerated in JR's Green Hill School. \$100K	

DCYF Tracked Bills Highlights

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description
<u>SHB 1747</u>	Child relative placements	Supporting relative placements in child welfare proceedings. FUNDED in House Budget
<u>2SHB 1890</u>	Children behavioral health	Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group
<u>2SHB 1905</u>	Homelessness/youth discharge	Reducing homelessness for youth and young adults discharging from a publicly funded system of care. FUNDED in House Budget
<u>HB 1920</u>	Child abuse/res. facilities	Clarifies DCYF's role in investigations of child abuse or neglect at residential facilities.
<u>SHB 1955</u>	Dependency/education	Creating uniformity in education requirements for students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding.
<u>SHB 2068</u>	Imagination library	Creating the imagination library of Washington program. FUNDED in House Budget
<u>2SSB 5793</u>	State boards, etc./stipends	Concerning stipends for low-income or under represented community members of state boards, commissions, councils, committees, and similar groups.
<u>SHB 1735</u>	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers. Bill clarifies LE role in CW statutes. Addresses DCYF concerns related to 1310.
<u>ESHB 2037</u>	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.
<u>2SSB 5241</u>	Economic Inclusion	Promoting Economic Inclusion



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