



## Legislative Update Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists

### Week Six – 2024 Legislative Session

The 2024 legislative session is more than half over, and the deadline is fast approaching for the House and Senate to pass their original bills. Any bill that remains in its chamber of origin after 5 p.m. February 13<sup>th</sup> is considered dead for the year. Beginning Wednesday, lawmakers will return to policy committee meetings to hear bills from the opposite chamber until the next cutoff on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

[Senate Bill 5184](#), which authorizes the licensure of certified anesthesiologist assistants, passed the Senate on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-seven senators voted in favor of the legislation and 12 voted against. The House Health Care Committee has scheduled the bill for a hearing on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The bill must be approved by the Committee by February 21<sup>st</sup> to remain alive.

[Senate Bill 6286](#) was also approved by the Senate; 44 senators voted in favor and 4 voted against. Introduced to address concerns raised by the CRNAs, the bill develops a nurse anesthesia preceptor incentive program and directs state agencies to study the CRNA workforce shortage.

[2SHB 2073](#), legislation about anesthetic gases, was pulled from the House Rules Committee Saturday evening and is eligible for a vote on the House floor. The bill must pass the House by Tuesday at 5 p.m. to remain alive this session.

### Upcoming Events

#### Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/14 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5184](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants. (Support)
- [ESSB 6286](#) - Public Hearing - Addressing the anesthesia workforce shortage by reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of certified registered nurse anesthetists in Washington.

## Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/15 @ 8:00am

- [SHB 2061](#) - Public Hearing - Defining an employee of a health care facility for purposes of mandatory overtime provisions.

## Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/15 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1972](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing the licensure fees that support the Washington physicians health program. (Support)

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<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
<a href="#">HB 1972</a> (SB 5822) <b>Physicians health prg. fees</b> Increasing the licensure fees that support the Washington physicians health program. Increases the licensure surcharge to support the Washington Physicians Health Program, with physician and physician assistant fees increasing from \$50 to \$70 annually.	S Health & Long T	Simmons
<a href="#">ESHB 2041</a> <b>Physician assistant practice</b> Concerning physician assistant collaborative practice. Modifies physician assistant practice. For the administration of general and intrathecal anesthesia, the requirement for a PA to have CAA accreditation and therefore require the supervision of a physician anesthesiologist is retained in this proposal.	H Passed 3rd	Riccelli
<a href="#">SHB 2061</a> <b>Health employees/overtime</b> Defining an employee of a health care facility for purposes of mandatory overtime provisions.	H Passed 3rd	Bronoske
<a href="#">2SHB 2073</a> <b>Greenhouse gas other sources</b> Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases from sources other than methane and carbon dioxide. Directs the Department of Ecology to commission a study on gases with a high global warming potential that are used for anesthetic purposes and develop and publish a guidance document intended to reduce emissions. DOE must consult with the Department of Health and others (including professional associations) in developing the guidance.	H 2nd Reading	Slatter
<a href="#">SHB 2102</a> (SB 6177) <b>PFML benefits/health info.</b> Establishing requirements for the disclosure of health care information for qualifying persons to receive paid family and medical leave benefits. Requires physicians to complete PFML paperwork within 5 days and prohibits the charging of fees to do so.	H Passed 3rd	Berry

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<a href="#"><u>HB 2104</u></a> (SB 5950)	<b>Operating budget, supp.</b> Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
<a href="#"><u>HB 2122</u></a> (SB 6165)	<b>Physician wellness programs</b> Concerning wellness programs for certain health care professionals. Establishes confidentiality protections for physician wellness programs to promote their utilization and support retention of workforce.	H Rules R	Thai
<a href="#"><u>ESHB 2361</u></a> (SB 6258)	<b>Standardized health plans</b> Phasing in the requirement that only standardized health plans may be offered on the health benefit exchange.	H Passed 3rd	Riccelli
<a href="#"><u>SB 5184</u></a> (HB 1038)	<b>Anesthesiologist assistants</b> Concerning licensure of anesthesiologist assistants. Creates licensure for certified anesthesiologist assistants in Washington.	H HC/Wellness	Rivers
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 5660</u></a>	<b>Mental health adv directives</b> Establishing a mental health advance directive effective implementation work group.	H HC/Wellness	Boehnke
<a href="#"><u>SB 5950</u></a> (HB 2104)	<b>Operating budget, supp.</b> Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 6286</u></a> (HB 2462)	<b>Nurse anesthetist workforce</b> Addressing the anesthesia workforce shortage by reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of certified registered nurse anesthetists in Washington.	H HC/Wellness	Rivers