



Washington State Society of Anesthesiologists Legislative Report

This week, Democrats in the House and Senate unveiled a series of revenue proposals they subsequently introduced as legislation to help close the budget deficit. Washington has a \$15 billion budget shortfall (over four years), and while new taxes appear to be on the table for lawmakers, budget cuts are also likely. On Monday, House and Senate leaders will release their proposed operating budgets, which will be heard in their respective fiscal committees on Tuesday.

The [revenue proposals](#) from the Senate include a payroll tax on employers with a payroll of \$7 million or more (patterned after Seattle's JumpStart tax), a tax on financial intangibles, removing the cap on property taxes, and closing tax loopholes. The House [revenue plan](#) would also modify the property tax, and includes a tax on intangible assets. However, the House has opted to propose a B&O tax surcharge on businesses with more than \$250 million in taxable income, instead of the payroll tax.

Governor Bob Ferguson has yet to issue any public statement about either of the revenue plans.

Next week is the final full week of committee hearings before the next committee cutoff, which is April 2nd. Bills must pass from the committee in the opposite chamber to remain viable this year.

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/24 @ 4:00pm

- [E2SSB 5083](#) - Exec Session - Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services (PEBB/SEBB rate cap)

Health & Long-Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 3/25 @ 10:30am

- [ESHB 1430](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning advanced practice registered nurse and physician assistant reimbursement.

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/25 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5493](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning hospital price transparency.

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/26 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5579](#) - Public Hearing - Prohibiting health carriers, facilities, and providers from making any public statements of any potential or planned contract terminations unless it satisfies a legal obligation.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
SHB 1123 (E2SSB 5083)	Health carrier reimbursement Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services. PEBB/SEBB Reimbursement Rate Cap	H Rules R Macri
SHB 1155 (SB 5437)	Noncompetition agreements Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	H Rules C Dead Berry
HB 1306 (SB 5185)	International med. pathways Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	H HC/Wellness Reed
HB 1319	Wealth tax Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property.	H Finance Street
HB 1320	Business & occupation tax Modifying business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.	H Finance Street
SHB 1392 (SB 5372)	Medicaid access program Creating the medicaid access program.	H Passed 3rd Macri
ESHB 1430	APRN & PA reimbursement Concerning advanced practice registered nurse and physician assistant reimbursement.	S Health & Long-T Simmons
HB 1433 (SB 5201)	Psychedelic substances Concerning access to psychedelic substances.	H HC/Wellness Dead Macri
HB 1445 (SB 5233)	Washington health trust Developing the Washington health trust.	H HC/Wellness Dead Parshley
HB 1507	Health care nondisclosure	H Civil R & Judi Scott

Dead

Limiting health care nondisclosure agreements.

<u>HB 1527</u>	Health care claims mediation Concerning settlement demands or offers made prior to mandatory mediation of health care claims.	H Civil R & Judi Dead	Bergquist
<u>SHB 1546</u>	Radiologic technologists Concerning general supervision of diagnostic radiologic technologists, therapeutic radiologic technologists, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists by licensed physicians.	S Health & Long-T	Parshley
<u>HB 1560</u> (SB 5638)	Hospital exec. excise tax Funding health care access by imposing an excise tax on the annual compensation paid to certain highly compensated hospital employees.	H Finance	Reed
<u>HB 1567</u> (Dead)	Health care administrators Concerning licensure of health care administrators.	H HC/Wellness Dead	Stonier
<u>HB 1675</u> (2SSB 5387)	Corp. practice of medicine Concerning the corporate practice of medicine.	H HC/Wellness Dead	Thai
<u>E2SHB 1686</u> (SB 5561)	Health care entity registry Creating a health care entity registry.	S Ways & Means	Bronoske
<u>ESHB 1718</u>	Health care prof. well-being Concerning well-being programs for certain health care professionals.	S Health & Long-T	Thai
<u>HB 1780</u>	Doctor title/health provider Promoting accurate communications between patients and health care providers.	H HC/Wellness Dead	Marshall
<u>HB 1812</u>	Anesthesia services Concerning patient-centered equitable access to anesthesia services and reimbursement.	H HC/Wellness Dead	Rule
<u>HB 1881</u> (SB 5704)	Health care marketplace Concerning material changes to the operations and governance structure of participants in the health care marketplace.	H Civil R & Judi Dead	Taylor

<u>HB 1888</u>	Naturopathic physician scope Concerning naturopathic physician scope of practice.	H HC/Wellness Dead	Berg
<u>HB 1998</u> (SB 5774)	Investment income/B&O tax Clarifying the scope of the investment income business and occupation tax deduction.	H Finance	Walen
<u>HB 2023</u>	Investment income taxation Establishing a work group to study the taxation of investment income under RCW 82.04.4281.	H Finance	Berg
<u>E2SSB 5083</u> (SHB 1123)	Health carrier reimbursement Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services. PEBB/SEBB Reimbursement rate cap	H Approps	Robinson
<u>SSB 5118</u>	International medical grads Updating the requirements for the clinical experience license for international medical graduates.	H Rules R	Valdez
<u>SB 5185</u> (HB 1306)	International med. pathways Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	S Health & Long- Dead	Saldana
<u>SB 5201</u> (HB 1433)	Psychedelic substances Concerning access to psychedelic substances.	S Labor & Comm Dead	Salomon
<u>SB 5233</u> (HB 1445)	Washington health trust Developing the Washington health trust.	S Health & Long- Dead	Hasegawa
<u>SSB 5236</u>	Anesthetics/greenhouse gases Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases used for anesthetic purposes.	S Ways & Means Dead	Slatter
<u>SB 5242</u>	Behavioral health resources Establishing an interactive screening program to improve access to behavioral health resources for health care providers.	S Health & Long- Dead	Orwall
	Health care information	S Ways & Means	Orwall

<u>SSB 5254</u> (HB 1496)	Strengthening patients' rights regarding their health care information.		
<u>SB 5372</u> (SHB 1392)	Medicaid access program Creating the medicaid access program.	S Health & Long-	Riccelli
<u>2SSB 5387</u> (HB 1675)	Corp practice of health care Concerning the corporate practice of medicine.	S Rules X Dead	Robinson
<u>SB 5424</u>	UW health sciences campus Establishing a health sciences campus of the University of Washington.	S Higher Ed & Wo Dead	Braun
<u>SB 5437</u> (SHB 1155)	Noncompetition agreements Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	S Labor & Comm Dead	Stanford
<u>SSB 5493</u>	Hospital price transparency Concerning hospital price transparency.	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli
<u>SB 5561</u> (E2SHB 1686)	Health care entity registry Creating a health care entity registry.	S Health & Long-	Cleveland
<u>SSB 5579</u>	Health/contract terminations Prohibiting health carriers, facilities, and providers from making any public statements of any potential or planned contract terminations unless it satisfies a legal obligation.	H HC/Wellness	Cleveland
<u>SB 5588</u> (E2SHB 1589)	Health carriers & providers Concerning the relationships between health carriers and contracting providers.	S Health & Long-T Dead	Cleveland
<u>SB 5638</u> (HB 1560)	Hospital exec. excise tax Funding health care access by imposing an excise tax on the annual compensation paid to certain highly compensated hospital employees.	S Ways & Means	Saldana
<u>SSB 5683</u>	Health carrier payment times Concerning health carrier transparency of payment timeliness of claims submitted by health care providers and health care facilities.	S Ways & Means	Slatter

[SB 5791](#)

Higher education funding

S Ways & Means

Hansen

Increasing state funding to expand access to higher education.

[SB 5796](#)

Payroll expense tax

S Ways & Means

Saldana

Enacting an excise tax on large employers on the amount of payroll expenses above the social security wage threshold to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians.
