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**January 26, 2024**  
**Weekly Legislative Review Agenda**  
Time: 12:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order
  - a. Roll Call
  
2. PQAC Bill Report
  
  
3. Public Comment Period

**Meeting Adjourned/Closed.**

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January 8, 2024 – First day of session.  
 January 31, 2024 – Policy Committee Cutoff. **Next cutoff**  
 February 5, 2024 – Fiscal Committee Cutoff.  
 February 13, 2024 – House of Origin Cutoff.  
 February 21, 2024 – Policy Committee Cutoff – Opposite House.

February 26, 2024 – Fiscal Committee Cutoff – Opposite House.  
 March 1, 2024 – Opposite House Cutoff.  
 March 7, 2024 – Sine die. Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

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| Bill # / Staff Lead               | Short Title   | Brief Description   | Committee Action (subject to change)  |
| <a href="#">HB 1909</a><br>Joshua | Relating to membership of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission | HB 1909 amends RCW 18.64.001 pertaining to individual eligibility to apply for a seat on the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission). The bill would change the number of seats reserved for public members with no affiliation “with any aspect of pharmacy” from four to three. The fourth public member seat is converted to allow for a public member who “may be an owner, officer, or operator of a pharmacy, but may not be licensed as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician” to apply for the seat. | <b>HB 1909</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Low, Ramel, Schmidt, Timmons, and Schmick<br><br><i>Public Hearing (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/9/2024<br><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/24/2024  |
| <a href="#">SB 5776</a><br>Joshua | Emergency supply of insulin   | SB 5776 adds new sections to chapter 70.330 RCW pertaining to providing one emergency 30-day supply of insulin to patients within a 12-month period. Section 2, subsections 4 through 6 describe how pharmacies must retain applications for and dispense the emergency insulin supply, and Section 3 of the bill explains how manufacturers of insulin must operate to provide the emergency insulin supply to pharmacies for dispensing.  | <b>SB 5776</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Keiser, Cleveland, Randall, Van De Wege, Conway, Dhingra, Kauffman, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Salomon, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson<br><br><i>Public Hearing (Health &amp; Long Term Care):</i> 1/11/2024<br><i>Executive Session (Health &amp; Long Term Care):</i> 1/23/2024; no action taken |

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| <a href="#">SHB 2115</a><br>Joshua | Prescription labels for medications used for abortion | <p>The bill amends RCWs 18.64.246 and 69.41.050 to allow prescribers to request that the prescription label for abortion medications list the prescriber’s national practitioner identification number or health care facility name instead of the name of the prescriber. For both statutory sections, “abortion medications” is defined as substances used in the course of medical treatment intended to induce the termination of a pregnancy including, but not limited to, mifepristone.</p> <p>The substitute version of the bill replaces the term “national practitioner identification number” with “national provider identifier.”</p> | <p><b>HB 2115</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Thai, Slatter, Senn, Chapman, Reed, Ramel, Macri, Gregerson, Doglio, Fosse, Riccelli, Wylie, and Reeves</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness): 1/17/2024; no action taken</i><br/> <i>Second Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness): 1/19/2024; <b>substitute bill introduced and adopted; substitute bill passed through committee by majority vote;</b> referred to Rules 2 Review (1/22)</i></p> |
| <a href="#">SB 5960</a><br>Joshua  | Prescription labels for medications used for abortion | Companion bill to HB 2115   | <p><b>SB 5960</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Frame, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Nobles, Salomon, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson</p> <p><i>Introduced (Senate): 1/8/2024, referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care Committee</i><br/> <i>Public Hearing (Health &amp; Long Term Care): 1/16/2024</i><br/> <i>Executive Session (Health &amp; Long Term Care): 1/23/2024; action taken</i></p>   |
| <a href="#">HB 2116</a><br>Joshua  | Pharmacist prescriptive authority                     | HB 2116 amends the definition for “Practice of pharmacy” in RCW 18.64.011(28) to grant pharmacists the authority to prescribe and order drugs and devices as authorized by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) in rule.  | <p><b>HB 2116</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Thai, Slatter, Senn, Reed, Ormsby, Macri, Gregerson, Fosse, and Wylie</p>  |

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|                                    |  | The commission is tasked with conducting rulemaking, to be completed by July 1, 2026, to further define prescriptive authority for pharmacists.   | <i>Introduced (House): 1/8/2024, referred to Health Care &amp; Wellness Committee<br/>Public Hearing (Health Care &amp; Wellness): 1/24/2024</i>   |
| <a href="#">SB 6019</a><br>Joshua  | Pharmacist prescriptive authority  | Companion bill to HB 2116   | <b>SB 6019</b><br><i>Sponsors: Senators Muzzall, Braun, Frame, and Short</i><br><br><i>Introduced (Senate): 1/8/2024, referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care Committee</i>  |
| <a href="#">SSB 5853</a><br>Joshua | Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services to minors. | Last session, the legislature passed <a href="#">Second Substitute Senate Bill 5120 (chapter 433, Laws of 2023)</a> regulating crisis relief centers. The bill only included adults as the population who can be served in these facilities.<br><br>This year's bill adds the ability for a crisis relief center to serve minors and requires that adults and minors be served in separate facilities. The substitute version amends some definitions and adds 23-hour crisis relief centers to various facility requirements in chapter 71.34 RCW. | <b>SB 5853</b><br><i>Sponsors: Senators Dhingra and Wagoner</i><br><br><i>Introduced: 1/8/2024, referred to Senate Health &amp; Long Term Care Committee<br/>Public Hearing (Health &amp; Long Term Care): 1/11/2024<br/>Executive Session (Health &amp; Long Term Care): 1/16/2024; substitute version introduced and passed through committee; referred to Ways &amp; Means (1/17)</i> |
| <a href="#">HB 1889</a><br>Haleigh | Allowing persons to receive professional licenses and certifications regardless                  | HB 1889 amends RCW 18.130.040 regarding eligibility status for individuals seeking a license as allowed under Title 8 U.S.C. Sec. 1621. The bill states disciplining authorities cannot deny a license solely on the basis of a person's immigration or citizenship status. This includes licenses under the regulatory jurisdiction of the commission as defined in chapter 18.64 RCW and chapter  | <b>HB 1889</b><br><i>Sponsors: Representatives Walen, Taylor, Leavitt, Slatter, Ramel, Duerr, Ryu, Ramos, Bateman, Reeves, Reed, Ormsby, Callan, Peterson, Kloba, Macri,</i>   |

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|                                    | of immigration or citizenship status                  | 18.64A RCW for pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, and pharmacy assistant licenses.   | <p>Street, Doglio, Bergquist, Mena, Goodman, Thai, Santos, Hackney, Pollet, Fosse, Davis, Senn</p> <p><i>Introduced (House): 1/8/2024, referred to Consumer Protection &amp; Business Committee</i></p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Consumer Protection &amp; Business): 1/9/2024</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session (Consumer Protection &amp; Business): 1/16/2024; no action taken</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session (Consumer Protection &amp; Business): 1/19/2024; no action taken</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session (Consumer Protection &amp; Business): 1/26/2024</i></p> |
| <a href="#">SB 5977</a><br>Haleigh | Limited legalization of psilocybin services           | SB 5977 adds a new section to RCW 69.50 relating to limited legalization of psilocybin services in Washington state. The bill allows for nonprofit organizations to facilitate psilocybin services in order to promote wellness. The bill allows the nonprofit organizations to purchase, receive, possess, cultivate, deliver, or dispose of psilocybin or psilocybin mushrooms. | <p><b><u>HB 5977</u></b></p> <p><i>Sponsors: Senators Salomon, Rivers, Frame, Schoesler, Wellman</i></p> <p><i>Introduced (House): 1/8/2024, referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care Committee</i></p>  |
| <a href="#">SB 6144</a><br>Julia   | Establishing a Prescribing Psychologist Certification | SB 6144 amends chapter 18.83 RCW to establish for a certification for prescribing psychologists. The bill authorizes prescribing psychologists to prescribe, administer, discontinue, and distribute controlled substances to treat mental illnesses. The bill also amends the definition of practitioner in RCW 18.64.011 to include prescribing psychologists.                  | <p><b><u>SB 6144</u></b></p> <p><i>Sponsors: Senators Randall, Rivers, Muzzall, Dhingra, Robinson, Van De Wege, Conway, Frame, Lovick, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, and C. Wilson</i></p>   |

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| Bill # / Staff Lead                | Short Title                              | Brief Description  | Committee Action (subject to change)  |
| <a href="#">SSB 5271</a><br>Joshua | Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework | <p>This bill was originally introduced during the 2023 session. It extends the enforcement tools enacted in 2020 and 2021 for psychiatric and acute care hospitals to all facilities the department regulates. Our current enforcement options for most facilities are limited to denying, suspending, or revoking a license. This bill adds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate enforcement tools, such as stop placement, limited stop placement, limited stop service, and reasonable conditions, to address violations that constitute immediate jeopardy, including when a facility refuses to comply with an investigation. Immediate jeopardy is defined</li> </ul> | <p><b>HB 2157</b></p> <p><i>Sponsors: originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Robinson, Kuderer, Nobles, Wellman, and C. Wilson; by request of Department of Health</i></p> <p><i>Re-introduced (House): 1/8/2024, retained in present status, referred to Rules Committee; placed on second reading (1/17)</i></p> |

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|                                   |                    | <p>as a situation in which the facility has placed patients in its care at risk for serious injury, serious impairment, or death.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intermediate tools to address repeat violations to bring facilities into compliance with regulations. These tools, including reasonable conditions and civil fines, are intended to be used after the department's initial informal process of issuing a statement of deficiencies and a facilities' plan of correction fail to ensure the violation does not occur again.</li> </ul> <p>The legislation also ensures the authority to issue cease and desist orders and injunctions for unlicensed operation of a facility is consistent for all facilities the department regulates.</p> |  |
| <a href="#">HB 2157</a><br>Joshua | Vaccine definition | This bill updates the definition for "vaccine" in RCW 70.290.010 to include all FDA-approved immunizations recommended by the centers for disease control and prevention.   | <p><b>HB 2157</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Harris, Stonier, Reed, Ormsby, Macri, Ortiz-Self, and Reeves; by request of Department of Health</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/12/2024<br/> <i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/17/2024; no action taken<br/> <i>Second Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/19/2024; <b>passed through committee by majority vote;</b> referred to Rules 2 Review (1/22)</p> |
| <a href="#">SB 5982</a><br>Joshua | Vaccine definition | Companion bill to HB 2157.  | <p><b>SB 5982</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Cleveland, Robinson, Keiser, Dhingra, Van De</p>  |

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| <a href="#">SB 6095</a><br><br>Joshua | Establishing clear authority for the Secretary of Health to issue standing orders | The bill allows the secretary of health or the secretary’s designee to issue a standing order pertaining to “any biological product, device, or drug for purposes of controlling and preventing the spread of, mitigating, or treating any infectious or noninfectious disease or threat to the public health.” The bill outlines the conditions and limitations relating to the ability to issue such standing orders. | <p><b><u>SB 6095</u></b><br/> <i>Sponsors: Senators Robinson and Valdez; by request of Department of Health</i></p> <p><i>Introduced (Senate): 1/9/2024, referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care Committee</i><br/> <i>Public Hearing (Health &amp; Long Term Care): 1/18/2024</i></p>   |



| Additional Bills to Watch |  |   |
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| Bill #<br>/Companion      | Short Title  | Committee Action<br>(subject to change)   |
| <a href="#">SSB 5804</a>  | Opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools  | <b>SSB 5804</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Kuderer and Wellman<br><i>Introduced (Senate):</i> 1/8/2024, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee<br><i>Public hearing (Early Learning &amp; K-12 Education):</i> 1/11/2024<br><i>Executive Session (Early Learning &amp; K-12 Education):</i> 1/17/2024; <b>substitute bill proposed and accepted;</b> passed to Rules Committee for second reading (1/18)   |
| <a href="#">HB 1954</a>   | Reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment   | <b>HB 1954</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Riccelli, Bateman, Ramel, Reed, Simmons, Ormsby, Macri, Doglio, Thai, Lekanoff, and Reeves<br><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/17/2024; no action taken<br><i>Second Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/19/2024<br><i>Executive action taken (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 1/19/2024; <b>passed through committee by majority vote;</b> referred to Rules 2 Review (1/22) |
| <a href="#">HB 2241</a>   | Prohibiting puberty blocking medications, cross-sex hormones, and gender transition surgeries for minors | <b>HB 2241</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Representative Jacobsen, Christian<br><i>Introduced (House):</i> 1/9/2024, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee  |
| <a href="#">SB 6178</a>   | Prescriptive authority for licensed midwives   | <b>SB 6178</b><br><i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Randall, Torres, Nobles, Trudeau, Kuderer, Dhingra, Saldaña, Shewmake, and C. Wilson<br><i>Introduced (Senate):</i> 1/11/2024, referred to Health & Long Term Care Committee<br><i>Public Hearing (Health &amp; Long Term Care):</i> 1/19/2024<br><i>Executive Session (Health &amp; Long Term Care):</i> 1/23/2024; action taken   |

| <b>Dead/dormant Bills (relevant if needed to pass the budget)</b> |                    |                     |
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