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January 8, 2024 – First day of session  
 January 31, 2024 – Policy Committee 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 **Next cutoff**  
 March 7, 2024 – Sine die. Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

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| <a href="#">ESHB 2115</a><br><br>Joshua | Prescription labels for medications used for abortion  | <p>The bill amends RCW 69.41.050 to allow practitioners to request that the prescription label for abortion medications list the prescribing and dispensing health care facility name instead of the name of the practitioner. “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 engrossed substitute version of the bill no longer amends language in RCW 18.64.246, replaces the term “prescriber” with “practitioner,” and clarifies that the requesting practitioner must be employed by the prescribing and dispensing health care facility.</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>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/20/2024<br/> <i>Floor Vote (Senate):</i> 2/23/2024, passed through chamber by majority vote <b>(33/14/0/2)</b></p>  |
| <a href="#">ESSB 5853</a><br><br>Joshua | Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services to minors. | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>  | <p><b>SB 5853</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Dhingra, Wagoner, Frame, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lovelett, Lovick, Muzzall, Nguyen, Nobles, Shewmake, Stanford, Torres, Valdez, and C. Wilson</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Human Services, Youth, &amp; Early Learning):</i> 2/21/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Appropriations<br/> <i>Public Hearing (Appropriations):</i> 2/23/25481024<br/> <i>Executive Session (Appropriations):</i> 2/26/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Rules 2 Review</p> |

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| <a href="#">SHB 1889</a><br>Haleigh | Allowing persons to receive professional licenses and certifications regardless of immigration or citizenship status | <p>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 18.64A RCW for pharmacist, pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, and pharmacy assistant licenses.</p> <p>The substitute bill amends other statutes to align other professions with the proposed changes regarding license eligibility conditions.</p>   | <p><b>HB 1889</b><br/><i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Walen, Taylor, Leavitt, Slatter, Ramel, Duerr, Ryu, Ramos, Bateman, Reeves, Reed, Ormsby, Callan, Peterson, Kloba, Macri, Street, Doglio, Bergquist, Mena, Goodman, Thai, Santos, Hackney, Pollet, Fosse, Davis, and Senn</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Labor &amp; Commerce):</i> 2/20/2024; <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; passed to Rules Committee for second reading (2/21).<br/><i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/23/2024</p> |
| <a href="#">ESSB 5481</a><br>Joshua | Uniform Telehealth Act   | <p>This bill adds a new chapter to Title 18 RCW to establish guidelines for practitioners to provide telehealth services to patients in Washington. Practitioners must provide telehealth services in compliance with the professional practice standards of practitioners who provide in-person health care in the state. Out-of-state practitioners wishing to use telehealth must hold a current license or certification required to provide health care in this state. Care must occur at the patient's location at the time the service is provided.</p> <p>Washington disciplinary authorities may not establish different professional practice standards for telehealth care nor limit the telecommunication technology required to provide telehealth services. The collaborative for the advancement of telehealth must review the proposal authored by the uniform law commission that establishes guidelines for out-of-state health care providers to register with the disciplinary authority regulating their profession. The collaborative must submit their recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2024.</p> | <p><b>SB 5481</b><br/><i>Sponsors:</i> Originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland and Pedersen; by request of Uniform Law Commission</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 2/20/2024; no action taken<br/><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 2/21/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Rules 2 Review</p>  |

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| <a href="#">ESSB 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 as a situation in which the facility has placed patients in its care at risk for serious injury, serious impairment, or death.</li> <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> | <p><b>ESSB 5271</b><br/> <i>Sponsors: originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, Robinson, Kuderer, Nobles, Wellman, and C. Wilson; by request of Department of Health</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session (House Health Care &amp; Wellness): 2/20/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Appropriations (2/21)</i><br/> <i>Public Hearing (Appropriations): 2/23/2024</i><br/> <i>Executive Session (Appropriations): 2/26/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Rules 2 Review</i></p> |
| <a href="#">SB 5982</a><br>Joshua   | Vaccine definition                       | <p>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>   | <p><b>SB 5982</b><br/> <i>Sponsors: Senators Cleveland, Robinson, Keiser, Dhingra, Van De Wege, Conway, Frame, Kuderer, Liias, Mullet, Nobles, Salomon, Trudeau, Valdez, and Wellman; by request of Department of Health</i></p>  |

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|  |  |  | <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness): 2/16/2024, passed through committee by majority vote; referred to Rules 2 Review (2/19)</i></p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 2/21/2024</i></p> <p><i>Floor Vote (House): 2/22/2024, passed through chamber by majority vote (61/32/0/5)</i></p>   |
| <p><a href="#">SB 6095</a></p> <p>Joshua</p> | <p>Establishing clear authority for the Secretary of Health to issue standing orders</p> | <p>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> | <p><b>SB 6095</b></p> <p><i>Sponsors: Senators Robinson and Valdez; by request of Department of Health</i></p> <p><i>Public Hearing (House Health Care &amp; Wellness): 2/16/2024</i></p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness): 2/20/2024, passed through committee by majority vote; referred to Rules 2 Review (2/21)</i></p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 2/24/2024</i></p> <p><i>Floor Vote (House): 2/27/2024, passed through chamber by majority vote (59/37/0/2)</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              | <p><b>SSB 5804</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Kuderer, Wellman, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Hunt Lias, Lovelett, Nguyen, Nobles, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson</p> <p><i>Executive Session (House Education):</i> 2/19/2024, <b>passed through committee by majority vote</b>; referred to Rules 2 Review (2/21)<br/> <i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/24/2024</p> |
| <a href="#">HB 1954</a>   | Reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment | <p><b>HB 1954</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Representatives Riccelli, Bateman, Ramel, Reed, Simmons, Ormsby, Macri, Doglio, Thai, Lekanoff, and Reeves</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/20/2024<br/> <i>Floor Vote (Senate):</i> 2/22/2024, passed through chamber by majority vote (30/19/0/0)<br/> <i>Signings:</i> 2/24/2024 (Speaker)</p>                       |
| <a href="#">SB 6178</a>   | Prescriptive authority for licensed midwives                     | <p><b>SB 6178</b><br/> <i>Sponsors:</i> Senators Randall, Torres, Nobles, Trudeau, Kuderer, Dhingra, Saldaña, Shewmake, and C. Wilson</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care &amp; Wellness):</i> 2/20/2024, passed through committee by majority vote; referred to Rules 2 Review (2/21)<br/> <i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/24/2024</p>                          |

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| <a href="#">SHB 1909</a>                                   | 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 amended bill changes one of the seats reserved only for a licensed pharmacist 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 also apply for the seat.  | Representatives Low, Ramel, Schmidt, Timmons, and Schmick  |
| <a href="#">SSB 5776</a>                                   | Emergency supply of insulin  | <p>The bill 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. The Health Care Authority (HCA) is tasked with implementing the emergency insulin program.</p> <p>The substitute bill requires the HCA to use the prescription drug purchasing consortium to manage the program. Network pharmacies may submit a request for reimbursement to the consortium for any emergency insulin dispensed under the program. The consortium will invoice manufacturers quarterly for the cost of insulin dispensed by those network pharmacies. Under the substitute bill, the HCA must also post a list of manufacturer patient cost savings programs on its website alongside the other explanatory information about the emergency insulin provision program.</p> | Senators Keiser, Cleveland, Randall, Van De Wege, Conway, Dhingra, Kauffman, Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovick, Mullet, Nguyen, Nobles, Salomon, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson |
| <a href="#">HB 2241</a>                                    | Prohibiting puberty blocking medications, cross-sex hormones, and gender transition surgeries for minors | Division track/non-jurisdictional  | Representatives Jacobsen and Christian   |
| <a href="#">HB 2116</a>                                    | 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.   | Representatives Thai, Slatter, Senn, Reed, Ormsby, Macri, Gregerson, Fosse, and Wylie  |

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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.   |  |
| <a href="#">SB 6019</a>                                    | Pharmacist prescriptive authority                     | Companion bill to HB 2116   | Senators Muzzall, Braun, Frame, and Short  |
| <a href="#">SB 5960</a>                                    | Prescription labels for medications used for abortion | Companion bill to HB 2115   | Senators Frame, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, Nobles, Salomon, Stanford, Valdez, and C. Wilson                 |
| <a href="#">SB 5977</a>                                    | 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. | Senators Salomon, Rivers, Frame, Schoesler, Wellman  |
| <a href="#">SB 6144</a>                                    | 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.                  | Senators Randall, Rivers, Muzzall, Dhingra, Robinson, Van De Wege, Conway, Frame, Lovick, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, and C. Wilson |
| <a href="#">HB 2157</a>                                    | Vaccine definition                                    | Companion bill to SB 5982   | Representatives Harris, Stonier, Reed, Ormsby, Macri, Ortiz-Self, and Reeves; by request of Department of Health                 |