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Monday, January 13 – First day of session
 Friday, February 21 – Policy committee cutoff
 Friday, February 28 – Fiscal committee cutoff
 Wednesday, March 12 – House of origin cutoff **Next cutoff**

Wednesday, April 2 – Policy committee cutoff (opposite house)
 Tuesday, April 8 – Fiscal committee cutoff (opposite house)
 Wednesday, April 16 – Opposite house cutoff
 Sunday, April 27 – Sine die: Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution

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2SHB 1686	Health care entity registry	<p>This bill establishes a health care entity registry in Title 70 RCW, with annual reporting requirements starting November 1, 2026. As defined in this bill, health care entities are “health care facilitates licensed by the department, licensed by the department of social and health services, a pharmacy licensed under chapter 18.64 RCW, or any other site where services are provided.” The definition of health care entity here, is different than the HCE credential the commission issues.</p> <p>“Registering entities” must report, at no cost to the department, information such as entity name, address, comprehensive financial reports, and other information about the operation of the entity. “Registering entities” are a parent company, holding company, or other organization or entity that owns or controls more than one health care entity [as defined in this bill] or any affiliates or subsidiaries.”</p> <p>The bill requires the department to make much of this information publicly available and allows the department to impose a civil penalty for noncompliance. The department is granted rulemaking authority to implement this bill.</p> <p>The second substitute bill excludes adult family homes and behavioral health agencies from the definition of “health care entity,” save those entities owned, controlled, or affiliated with an acute care hospital. 2SHB 1686 also modified the department’s enforcement authority around auditing records, delaying the issuance of civil penalties, how submitted reports are made publicly available, plans and recommendations developed by the department,</p>	<p>SHB 1686 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Bronoske, Fosse, Reed, Scott, Nance, Hill, and Macri</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Appropriations):</i> 2/25/2025</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Appropriations):</i> 2/27/2025, 2nd substitute bill introduced, adopted, and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review (2/28).</p>

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		and how implementation costs are covered. The bill also updated some definitions and added a standard null and void clause.	
SSB 5594	Biosimilar product access	<p>The purpose of the bill is to remove barriers that restrict access to FDA-approved biosimilar drug products. RCWs 48.43.420(10) and 41.05.410(2)(j) are amended to add biosimilars as an option available to health plans. The original version of the bill also amended RCWs 69.41.120 and 69.41.125 to update the process used by prescribers and pharmacists use to provide substitutions for prescribed trade or brand name drugs or biological products. The justification to substitute for the prescribed drug or product must be cost-saving for the patient.</p> <p>SSB 5594 amends the original bill to allow carriers to require the patient try a biosimilar prior to providing coverage for the equivalent branded prescription drug. The bill further removes the 42 U.S.C. references for biosimilars, and clarifies that pharmacists may select a drug products “with the same active chemical ingredients of the same strength, quantity, and dosage form” and that have the same generic drug name as that determined by the United States Adopted Name Council (USAN) and accepted by the FDA.</p>	<p>SB 5594 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Harris, Cleveland, Hasegawa, and Shewmake</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/11/2025 <i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/18/2025, substitute bill introduced, adopted, and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading (2/19).</p>
SHB 1720	Types of medication assistance in community-based care settings	This bill amends the definition of “medication assistance” in RCW 69.41.010(15) for the purpose of expanding the actions available to nonpractitioners providing medication assistance to individuals residing in a community-based or in-home care setting. Nonpractitioners would be allowed to set up diabetic devices for self-administration and would also be allowed to hand injectable medications to an individual for self-administration.	<p>HB 1720 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Schmick and Low</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 2/12/2025, substitute bill adopted and passed by majority vote with DO PASS recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review (2/14). <i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/18/2025 <i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House):</i> 2/20/2025; passed through chamber by majority vote (97/0/0/1)</p>

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<u>HB 1009</u>	Membership of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	HB 1009 amends RCW 18.64.001 pertaining to individual eligibility to apply for a seat on the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission). The 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.	<p>HB 1009 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Low, Ramel, and Eslick</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 1/28/2025;</i> Rules Committee relieved of further consideration and placed on second reading <i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House): 1/30/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (96/0/0/2)</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate): 1/31/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</i></p>
<u>SHB 1186</u>	Prepackaged medication distribution	<p>RCW 70.41.480(3) creates restrictions for a practitioner or registered nurse to distribute prepackaged emergency medications to patients upon discharge from an emergency department. Effective January 1, 2025, these restrictions include no more than a 48-hour supply that can be dispensed to a patient except when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community or hospital pharmacy services will not be available within 48 hours; or • human immunodeficiency virus postexposure prophylaxis (HIV PEP) drugs or therapies are required. <p>SHB 1186 amends these exceptions to include when anti-infective drugs or therapies are required or when drugs are packaged directly by the manufacturer in quantities larger than 48 hours (that cannot be altered down to a 48-hour supply), in addition to the above list.</p> <p>The bill also amends RCW 18.64.450 to allow health care entities (HCEs) to</p>	<p>SHB 1186 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Parshley, Rule, Low, Reed, Ramel, Macri, Obras, Farivar, Doglio, Fosse, Ormsby, Salahuddin, Bernbaum, and Hill</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 2/11/2025</i> <i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House): 3/4/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (97/0/0/1)</i></p>

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		<p>dispense and deliver legend drugs and controlled substances beyond the 72-hour limit in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community or hospital outpatient pharmacy services will not be available within 72 hours; • Anti-infectives or human immunodeficiency virus postexposure prophylaxis (HIV PEP) drugs; or • Drugs or therapies packaged directly by the manufacturer for a period longer than a 72-hour period. 	
SSB 5019	Prepackaged medication distribution	Companion bill to SHB 1186.	<p><u>SB 5019</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Chapman, Bateman, Christian, Dhingra, Harris, Riccelli, Saldaña, Slatter, and Wellman</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 1/13/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 1/23/2025</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/6/2025, substitute bill adopted and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation; passed to Rules Committee for second reading (2/7).</p>
SSB 5112	Psychologist prescriptive authority certification	<p>This bill amends chapter 18.83 RCW to establish 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> <p>The substitute replaces references to the secretary with the examining board of psychology throughout the bill, and includes additional restrictions for what prescribing psychologists may prescribe in Section 4. The term</p>	<p><u>SSB 5112</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Bateman, Harris, Shewmake, Trudeau, Conway, Nobles, Riccelli, C. Wilson, Robinson, and Hasegawa</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/13/2025</p>

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		“advanced registered nurse practitioner” is updated to “advanced practice registered nurse.” Licensed psychological associates are also added to the list of entities that the examining board of psychology must manage regarding recordkeeping, a code of ethics, and liability insurance.	<i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care): 2/20/2025</i> <i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care): 2/21/2025</i> ; substitute bill adopted and passed through policy committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Agency Request Bills			
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2SHB 1422	Modifying the drug take-back program	<p>This bill amends various statutes in chapters 69.48 and 43.131 RCW relating to the drug take-back (i.e. safe medication return program) program. The bill expands the number of required elements that a program operator must submit via report to the department and updates the evaluation and approval standards for such reports.</p> <p>The second substitute bill limits the fees the department may charge program operators at ten percent of the highest annual expenditures, and restores current law around which fees must be evenly split among each approved program operator.</p>	<p><u>HB 1422</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Peterson, Davis, Thai, Ormsby, Hill, Macri, and Timmons</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Appropriations): 2/24/2025</i> <i>Executive Session (Appropriations): 2/27/2025</i>, 2nd substitute bill introduced, adopted, and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Referred to Rules 2 Review (2/28).</p>
SB 5051	Consolidating regulatory authority for nursing assistants	This bill amends sections in chapters 18.79 and 18.88A RCW to consolidate the regulatory authority of nursing assistants under the Board of Nursing’s jurisdiction.	<p><u>SB 5051</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Bateman, Riccelli, Cleveland, Nobles, and Wellman</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 1/29/2025</i></p>

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			<p><i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (Senate): 2/7/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (49/0/0/0).</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 2/11/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</i></p>
SB 5244	WIC program staff exemptions for hematological screening tests	This bill adds a subsection to RCW 18.360.090 to include hematological tests and evaluations conducted by persons working at a special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) as exempt from other prohibitions or restrictions in chapter 18.360 RCW.	<p><u>SB 5244</u></p> <p><i>Sponsor(s): Senators Riccelli, Bateman, Nobles, Saldaña, and C. Wilson</i></p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules): 2/5/2025, placed on second reading consent calendar</i></p> <p><i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (Senate): 2/25/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (49/0/0/0)</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 2/27/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee</i></p>

Additional Bills to Watch		
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SHB 1209	Transfer of sodium nitrite	<p>HB 1209 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Mena, Walen, Reed, Ryu, Berry, Alvarado, Macri, Farivar, Doglio, Pollet, Ormsby, Salahuddin, and Hill</p> <p><i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House):</i> 2/6/2025, 1st substitute version substituted and voted to pass through chamber (91/4/0/3)</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 2/7/2025, referred to Business, Financial Services & Trade Committee.</p>
SB 5178	Transfer of sodium nitrite	<p>SB 5178 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Trudeau, Harris, Frame, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Orwall, Pedersen, Salomon, and Shewmake</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 2/19/2025</p> <p><i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (Senate):</i> 3/3/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (49/0/0/0)</p> <p><i>First Reading (House):</i> 3/5/2025, referred to Consumer Protection & Business Committee.</p>
2SSB 5387	Corporate practice of health care (formerly medicine)	<p>SB 5387 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Robinson, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Riccelli, Stanford, and Valdez</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/21/2025, substitute bill adopted and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation; referred to Ways & Means.</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Ways & Means):</i> 2/26/2025</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Ways & Means):</i> 2/28/2025, 2nd substitute bill introduced, adopted, and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.</p>

Dead/dormant Bills (relevant if needed to pass the budget)		
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HB 1849	Unexpired prescription drug donation program eligibility	<u>HB 1849</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Graham, Griffey, Stuebe, Keaton, Volz, Eslick, and Obras <i>First Reading (House):</i> 2/5/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1850	Replacement of continuous glucose monitoring equipment	<u>HB 1850</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Graham, Burnett, Griffey, Volz, Eslick, and Obras <i>First Reading (House):</i> 2/5/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1725	Biosimilar product access	<u>HB 1725</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Thai, Shavers, Parshley, Duerr, and Macri <i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/30/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee <i>Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 2/12/2025 <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1638	Good Faith Pain Act	<u>HB 1638</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representative Caldier <i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/28/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1520	Pharmacists' scope of practice	<u>HB 1520</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Thai, Reed, Simmons, and Macri <i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/22/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
SB 5513	Pharmacists' scope of practice	<u>SB 5513</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Slatter, Chapman, Nobles, and Short

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		<i>First Reading (Senate): 1/27/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i>
SB 5201	Access to psychedelic substances	<u>SB 5201</u> <i>Sponsor(s): Senators Salomon, Nobles, Bateman, Trudeau, Lovelett, Frame, Chapman, Hasegawa, Wellman, Holy, King, Saldaña, Schoesler, and J. Wilson</i> <i>Public Hearing (Labor & Commerce): 2/18/2025, substitute version heard in committee Executive Session (Labor & Commerce): 2/21/2025 Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i>
HB 1433	Access to psychedelic substances	<u>HB 1433</u> <i>Sponsor(s): Representatives Macri, Couture, Ramel, Griffey, Lekanoff, Ormsby, Nance, Walen, Cortes, Fosse, Doglio, Reeves, Goodman, McEntire, Bernbaum, Waters, Street, Pollet, Gregerson, Rude, Simmons, Berry, Fitzgibbon, Parshley, Peterson, Reed, Farivar, Tharinger, and Hill</i> <i>First Reading (House): 1/20/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness): 2/5/2025 Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i>
SB 5713	Chemical abortion	<u>SB 5713</u> <i>Sponsor(s): Senator Fortunato</i> <i>First Reading (Senate): 2/10/2025, referred to Law & Justice Committee. Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i>
HB 1124	Psychologist prescriptive authority certification	<u>HB 1124</u> <i>Sponsor(s): Representatives Simmons, Macri, Senn, Stonier, Ormsby, Tharinger, Kloba, Duerr, Ryu, Morgan, Reed, Callan, Obras, Doglio, Ortiz-Self, Goodman, Reeves, and Hill</i> <i>Pre-filed: 12/23/2024 First Reading (House): 1/13/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i>

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SB 5228 Agency request legislation	Governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities updates	<u>SB 5228</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Riccelli, Hasegawa, Conway, Nobles, and C. Wilson <i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 1/13/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. <i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 1/24/2025 <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1034	Nonopioid drugs for the treatment of pain	<u>HB 1034</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Simmons, Kloba, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Donaghy, and Hill <i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/13/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 1/21/2025 <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
SB 5242	Interactive screening program for behavioral health service access	<u>SB 5242</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Orwall, Harris, Hasegawa, Krishnadasan, Nobles, Shewmake, Valdez, and C. Wilson <i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 1/14/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. <i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 1/28/2025 <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1675	Corporate practice of medicine	<u>HB 1675</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Thai and Macri <i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/28/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
SB 5452	Licensing psychiatric pharmacists as agency-affiliated counselors	<u>SB 5452</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Slatter and Nobles <i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 1/23/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee

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SB 5765	Board-certified psychiatric pharmacists	<p><u>SB 5765</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senator Slatter</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 2/18/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</p>