

Week 10 (March 21) Legislative Bill Tracker

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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

Wednesday, April 2 – Policy committee cutoff (opposite house)
Next cutoff
 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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Focus Bills			
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E2SHB 1686	Health care entity registry	<p>The original version of this bill established a health care entity registry in Title 70 RCW with annual reporting requirements for various health care facilities.</p> <p>The engrossed second substitute bill seeks to “develop a plan and recommendations with the goal of establishing a complete and interactive registry.” The department is tasked with developing the plan and recommendations with consultation from the HCA, OIC, governor’s office, and OFM, as well as input from stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan and recommendations must identify health care entities that would be required to provide regular reports to the registry. These include but are not limited to “licensed and unlicensed facilities, providers, provider groups, systems, carriers, and health care benefit managers.” The department must also identify information that must be reported and fees to be charged to registering entities.</p> <p>The department must consider opportunities to streamline reporting and information sharing, strategies to “fully understand and monitor” the business structure of health care entities in Washington, including elements such as ownership, funding, and affiliations with external organizations. The department would need to provide an update to the legislature by December 31, 2027 and a final report by December 31, 2028. This bill is null and void if</p>	<p>E2SHB 1686 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Bronoske, Fosse, Reed, Scott, Nance, Hill, and Macri</p> <p><i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House):</i> 3/10/2025, passed through chamber via majority vote (86/7/0/5)</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 3/12/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/18/2025</p>

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		specific funding for the development of recommendations and a plan is not provided by June 30, 2025.	
ESSB 5594	Biosimilar and interchangeable biological 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.</p> <p>The engrossed second substitute version of the bill removes the intent section (formerly Section 1) and amends the proposed changes to RCW 69.41.120 so that pharmacists <i>may</i> substitute a therapeutically equivalent generic drug or interchangeable biological product unless the prescribing practitioner specifically requests the prescription be “dispensed as written” or by some other equivalent indication. RCW 69.41.120 is further amended to update recordkeeping standards for oral prescriptions.</p> <p>The bill also amends RCW 69.41.125 by clarifying that pharmacists <i>may</i> substitute an interchangeable biological product for the prescribed biological product if it represents a lower out-of-pocket cost for the consumer.</p>	<p><u>ESSB 5594</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Harris, Cleveland, Hasegawa, and Shewmake</p> <p><i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 3/5/2025 <i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (Senate):</i> 3/11/2025, floor amendments adopted and engrossed substitute bill passed through chamber by majority vote (49/0/0/0).</p> <p><i>First Reading (House):</i> 3/13/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee</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><u>SHB 1720</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Schmick and Low</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/13/2025 <i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/14/2025, passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation; passed to Rules Committee for second reading (3/17).</p>

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SHB 1009	Membership of the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission	<p>SHB 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> <p>The substitute bill adds an additional seat to the commission reserved for a pharmacy technician.</p>	<p>HB 1009 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Low, Ramel, and Eslick</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/13/2025 <i>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/14/2025, substitute version adopted and passed through committee with a DO PASS recommendation; passed to Rules Committee for second reading (3/17).</p>
SHB 1186	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 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 	<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):</i> 2/11/2025 <i>Third Reading/Floor Vote (House):</i> 3/4/2025, passed through chamber by majority vote (97/0/0/1)</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate):</i> 3/6/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. <i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 3/18/2025</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drugs or therapies packaged directly by the manufacturer for a period longer than a 72-hour period. 	

Agency Request Bills			
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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>SB 5051 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Bateman, Riccelli, Cleveland, Nobles, and Wellman</p> <p><i>First Reading (House):</i> 2/11/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 3/14/2025</p> <p><i>Executive Session (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 3/18/2025</p>

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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>SB 5244 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Riccelli, Bateman, Nobles, Saldaña, and C. Wilson</p> <p><i>First Reading (House):</i> 2/27/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. <i>Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 3/14/2025 <i>Executive Session (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 3/18/2025</p>

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Bill # /Companion	Short Title	Committee Action (subject to change)
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>First Reading (Senate):</i> 2/7/2025, referred to Business, Financial Services & Trade Committee. <i>Executive Session (Business, Financial Services & Trade):</i> 3/13/2024; passed to Rules Committee for second reading (3/17).</p>

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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 <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>

Dead/dormant Bills (relevant if needed to pass the budget)		
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2SHB 1422	Modifying the drug take-back program	<p>HB 1422 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Peterson, Davis, Thai, Ormsby, Hill, Macri, and Timmons</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Appropriations):</i> 2/24/2025 <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). <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 3/12/2025, House-of-origin floor vote</p>
SSB 5019	Prepackaged medication distribution	<p>SSB 5019 <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Chapman, Bateman, Christian, Dhingra, Harris, Riccelli, Saldaña, Slatter, and Wellman</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 1/23/2025 <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). <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 3/12/2025, House-of-origin floor vote</p>

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SSB 5112	Psychologist prescriptive authority certification	<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>Executive Session (Health & Long-Term Care):</i> 2/21/2025; substitute bill adopted and passed through policy committee with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. <i>Second Reading (Rules):</i> 3/7/2025 <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 3/12/2025, House-of-origin floor vote</p>
2SSB 5387	Corporate practice of health care (formerly medicine)	<p><u>2SSB 5387</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Robinson, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Riccelli, Stanford, and Valdez</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Ways & Means):</i> 2/26/2025 <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. <i>Missed cutoff:</i> 3/12/2025, House-of-origin floor vote</p>
HB 1849	Unexpired prescription drug donation program eligibility	<p><u>HB 1849</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Graham, Griffey, Stuebe, Keaton, Volz, Eslick, and Obras</p> <p><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</p>
HB 1850	Replacement of continuous glucose monitoring equipment	<p><u>HB 1850</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Graham, Burnett, Griffey, Volz, Eslick, and Obras</p> <p><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</p>
HB 1725	Biosimilar product access	<p><u>HB 1725</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Thai, Shavers, Parshley, Duerr, and Macri</p> <p><i>First Reading (House):</i> 1/30/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee <i>Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness):</i> 2/12/2025</p>

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HB 1638	Good Faith Pain Act	<p><u>HB 1638</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representative Caldier</p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 1/28/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</i> <i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
HB 1520	Pharmacists' scope of practice	<p><u>HB 1520</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Representatives Thai, Reed, Simmons, and Macri</p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 1/22/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</i> <i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
SB 5513	Pharmacists' scope of practice	<p><u>SB 5513</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Slatter, Chapman, Nobles, and Short</p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate): 1/27/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</i> <i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
SB 5201	Access to psychedelic substances	<p><u>SB 5201</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> Senators Salomon, Nobles, Bateman, Trudeau, Lovelett, Frame, Chapman, Hasegawa, Wellman, Holy, King, Saldaña, Schoesler, and J. Wilson</p> <p><i>Public Hearing (Labor & Commerce): 2/18/2025, substitute version heard in committee</i> <i>Executive Session (Labor & Commerce): 2/21/2025</i> <i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
HB 1433	Access to psychedelic substances	<p><u>HB 1433</u> <i>Sponsor(s):</i> 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</p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 1/20/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</i></p>

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		Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness): 2/5/2025 Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
SB 5713	Chemical abortion	<u>SB 5713</u> Sponsor(s): Senator Fortunato First Reading (Senate): 2/10/2025, referred to Law & Justice Committee. Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1124	Psychologist prescriptive authority certification	<u>HB 1124</u> Sponsor(s): Representatives Simmons, Macri, Senn, Stonier, Ormsby, Tharinger, Kloba, Duerr, Ryu, Morgan, Reed, Callan, Obras, Doglio, Ortiz-Self, Goodman, Reeves, and Hill 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
SB 5228 Agency request legislation	Governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities updates	<u>SB 5228</u> Sponsor(s): Senators Riccelli, Hasegawa, Conway, Nobles, and C. Wilson First Reading (Senate): 1/13/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee. Public Hearing (Health & Long-Term Care): 1/24/2025 Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
HB 1034	Nonopioid drugs for the treatment of pain	<u>HB 1034</u> Sponsor(s): Representatives Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Simmons, Kloba, Ormsby, Lekanoff, Donaghy, and Hill First Reading (House): 1/13/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee. Public Hearing (Health Care & Wellness): 1/21/2025 Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee
SB 5242	Interactive screening program for behavioral health service access	<u>SB 5242</u> Sponsor(s): Senators Orwall, Harris, Hasegawa, Krishnadasan, Nobles, Shewmake, Valdez, and C. Wilson

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HB 1675	Corporate practice of medicine	<p><u>HB 1675</u></p> <p><i>Sponsor(s): Representatives Thai and Macri</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (House): 1/28/2025, referred to Health Care & Wellness Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
SB 5452	Licensing psychiatric pharmacists as agency-affiliated counselors	<p><u>SB 5452</u></p> <p><i>Sponsor(s): Senators Slatter and Nobles</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate): 1/23/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>
SB 5765	Board-certified psychiatric pharmacists	<p><u>SB 5765</u></p> <p><i>Sponsor(s): Senator Slatter</i></p> <p><i>First Reading (Senate): 2/18/2025, referred to Health & Long-Term Care Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Missed cutoff: 2/28/2025, House-of-origin policy committee</i></p>