

Good/Bad Bills for 2023 Legislative Session

Bill Tallies:

Total number of policy bills that passed the Legislature = 476

Total number of Senate bills that passed the Legislature = 208

Of those 208 Senate bills, 60 were Senate Republican bills

28.8% of the Senate bills that passed the Legislature were prime sponsored by Senate Republicans

12.9% of all bills filed this year were “emergencies,” meaning they are not subject to referendum

- 877 bills were filed in the House this year
- 789 bills were filed in the Senate this year
- 1,666 total bills were filed in the legislature this year
- 215 of those bills had emergency clauses

Good Bills That Will Become Law:

SENATE

[SB 5000](#): Americans of Chinese Descent month (Wagoner)

[SB 5015](#): Reestablishes the Productivity Board (Fortunato)

[SB 5023](#): Roadside safety measures in work zones (J. Wilson)

[SB 5033](#): Reclassifying the sentencing for custodial sexual misconduct (Padden)

[SB 5058](#): Multiunit residential buildings (Padden)

[SB 5065](#): Encouraging public school instruction regarding bone marrow donation (Short)

[SB 5066](#): Concerning health-care benefit managers (Short)

[SB 5096](#): Creates the Washington Employee Ownership Program (Padden)

[SB 5103](#): Addressing difficult to discharge patients stuck in the hospital (Muzzall)

[SB 5145](#): Liability from recreational use of lands or waters under federal hydroelectric license (Short)

[SB 5156](#): Farm internship program (Torres)

[SB 5163](#): Removing the sunset on the Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act (Rivers)

[SB 5166](#): Reauthorizing the B&O tax deduction for cooperative finance organizations (Boehnke)

[SB 5218](#): Sales tax exemption for mobility enhancing medical equipment (Padden)

[SB 5278](#): Home-care aide certification (L. Wilson)

[SB 5287](#): Wind turbine blade recycling (J. Wilson)

[SB 5341](#): Creating a promotional program for Washington agriculture (Muzzall)

[SB 5347](#): Concerning abstract driving records (Wagoner)

[SB 5353](#): Allows participating counties to develop local work plans that use voluntary and incentive-based tools, as an alternative to regulation (Wagoner)

[SB 5358](#): Enhancing funding for veterans' services (Gildon)

[SB 5398](#): Increasing funding for rural domestic violence shelters (MacEwen)
[SB 5370](#): Adult protective services (Wagoner)
[SB 5374](#): Small cities' adoption of county critical areas (Short)
[SB 5396](#): Breast exam cost sharing (L. Wilson)
[SB 5403](#): Establishes school district subfunds for preventative maintenance (Schoesler)
[SB 5457](#): Implementing Growth Management Task Force recommendations for small cities (Short)
[SB 5502](#): Substance-use-disorder treatment during graduated re-entry (Gildon)
[SB 5512](#): Improves financial reporting of higher education institutions (Holy)
[SB 5518](#): Protection of critical data of constituents against cybercrime (Boehnke)
[SB 5532](#): Enhanced payments to small, rural hospitals (King)
[SB 5569](#): Temporary exemptions to certificates of need for kidney disease centers (Rivers)
[SB 5581](#): Reducing deductibles for maternal support services and postpartum care (Muzzall)
[SB 5582](#): Nursing omnibus bill (Holy)

Special “meh” mention:

[SB 5352](#): Expands “reasonable suspicion” standard for vehicular pursuit (Lovick)

HOUSE

[HB 1682](#): Provides stable funding source to combat auto theft (Maycumber -- same as L. Wilson's [SB 5672](#))
[HB 1013](#): Establishes regional apprenticeship programs (Maycumber)
[HB 1173](#): Requires light mitigation technology on new and existing utility scale wind farms to limit flashing red nighttime lights (Connors)
[HB 1210](#): Requires all school district board meetings to be audio recorded, with recordings kept for at least one year, and made available to the public (Rude)
[HB 1274](#): Requires the Department of Children, Youth and Families to establish a child malnutrition field guide (Couture)
[HB 1293](#): Makes it easier to build new housing by eliminating burdensome red-tape requirements (Klicker)
[HB 1301](#): Requires Department of Licensing (DOL) to review and analyze 10 percent of professional licenses each year and provide a report to legislature as to whether the professional licenses should be terminated, modified or continued (McClintock)
[HB 1431](#): Clarifying that retirement senior community meals are not subject to taxation (Timmons -- Muzzall also championed the issue with [SB 5748](#))
[HB 1564](#): Prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, or otherwise making available over-the-counter sexual assault kits that may be used to collect sexual assault evidence (Mosbrucker)
[HB 1573](#): B&O Exemption for fruit/veg/dairy/wine processing industry (Rule – original bill was L. Wilson's [SB 5277](#))
[HB 1682](#): Increases funding for preventing, investigating and prosecuting auto theft (Maycumber)
[HB 1766](#): Requires courts to develop and issue wallet sized laminated cards (Hope Cards) that contain certain information about a protection order (Griffey)
[HB 1730](#): Allows an employee 18 years of age or older to work at a 21+ establishment as long as work performed is unrelated to the sale or service or alcohol (Waters)

Bad Bills That Will Become Law:

SENATE

[SB 5078](#): Making firearm manufacturers liable for injury/death where their products were used (Pedersen)

[SB 5082](#): Abolition of advisory votes (Kuderer)

[SB 5179](#): Assisted suicide expansion (Pedersen)

[SB 5197](#): Addressing landlord-tenant relations by providing technical changes to eviction notice forms and modifying certain eviction processes (Kuderer)

[SB 5217](#): Ergonomics (Dhingra)

[SB 5536](#): An inadequate fix for the drug crisis, fed by the possession and use of hard drugs (Robinson)

[SB 5599](#): Hiding youth from parents if they are seeking “protected health care services,” which includes treatments that are a prelude to a sex change (Lias)

[SB 5768](#): Retroactively gives authority to the governor to purchase a stockpile of the “abortion pill” and authorizes the Dept. of Corrections to distribute them (Keiser)

HOUSE

[HB 1047](#): Relating to the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products (Mena)

[HB 1048](#): Making the Voting Rights Act more “plaintiff-friendly”

[HB 1074](#): Relating to documentation and processes governing landlords’ claims for damage to residential premises (Thai)

[HB 1106](#): Expanding the ways an employee can receive unemployment assistance after voluntarily quitting (Fosse)

[HB 1143](#): Establishes significant new requirements to legally purchase or transfer a firearm, including a new permit requirement with fingerprinting, in addition to a background check (Berry)

[HB 1169](#): Eliminates criminals having to pay a penalty to fund services for victims of crimes and shift these costs to taxpayers (Simmons)

[HB 1181](#): Claims to improve the state’s response to climate change by updating the state’s planning framework (Duerr)

[HB 1240](#): Ban of modern sporting rifles and a violation of the 2nd Amendment (Peterson)

[HB 1329](#): Preventing utility shutoffs for nonpayment during extreme heat (Mena)

[HB 1324](#): Prohibits juvenile dispositions, except for murder in the first or second degree or a class A felony sex offense, from being included in a defendant's offender score for the purpose of adult felony sentencing (Hackney)

[HB 1469](#): The SHIELD act for abortion and gender affirming healthcare. Creates a private right of action for interference with protected health care services (Hansen)

[HB 1474](#): Adds a \$100 assessment to record a document with a county auditor (e.g. real estate transactions) to provide down payment assistance for historically marginalized communities (Taylor)

[HB 1575](#): Tax to fund cultural programs (Reed)

Good Senate Bills that Died:

[SB 5010](#): Including fentanyl and synthetic opioids in the endangerment with a controlled substance statute (L. Wilson)

[SB 5022](#): Exempts fentanyl testing equipment from the definition of drug paraphernalia (Muzzall – policy became Orwall’s [HB 1006](#), which also died)

[SB 5024](#): K-12 education/parents’ rights (Dozier)

[SB 5025](#): Dept. of Corrections technology systems upgrade (Dozier)

[SB 5029](#): School district boards (Short)

[SB 5032](#): Extends the DUI lookback to 15 years (Padden – lives on in Goodman’s [HB 1493](#))

[SB 5248](#): Tutoring and extended learning (Braun)

[SB 5332](#): Homeless camps near schools (King)

[SB 5357](#): Detached ADUs' (Gildon)

[SB 5473](#): Project Permit timelines (Gildon - rolled into Mullet's 5290)

[SB 5477](#): Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force (Torres)

[SB 5505](#): School year expansion (Hawkins)

[SB 5508](#): Greenhouses (Short)

[SB 5511](#): K-12 education funding (Braun)

[SB 5517](#): Water resource mitigation (Warnick)

[SB 5525](#): The “Oakley Carlson Act” – maintaining the safety of children who were removed from their parents for abuse or neglect (MacEwen)

[SB 5580](#): Improving maternal health outcomes (Muzzall)

[SB 5595](#): Establishes “The Evergreen State” as the official state nickname (J. Wilson)

[SB 5656](#): School security grants (Torres)

[SB 5664](#): Salmon labeling (McCune)

[SB 5667](#): Forest riparian easements (Muzzall)

[SB 5670](#): Expanding “Running Start” (Hawkins)

[SB 5680](#): Seismic safety/school (Schoesler)

[SB 5686](#): Senior citizen local tax (Braun)

[SB 5721](#): Provides a B&O tax break for businesses that add aerospace training (Boehnke)

Bad Senate Bills That Died:

[SB 5125](#): “Baby Bonds” (Trudeau)

[SB 5193](#): Infringes on the rights of law-abiding gun owners by banning the modern sporting rifle and other semi-automatic firearms (Kuderer)

[SB 5207](#): Specific requirements for LLCs (Billig)

[SB 5209](#): Universal civic duty voting (Hunt)

[SB 5232](#): Imposes a 10-day waiting period for all firearms purchases, requires completion of certified firearms training before a purchase may occur (Salomon)

[SB 5237](#): Education law non-compliance (C. Wilson)

[SB 5241](#): Imposes extensive requirements for mergers, acquisitions, or contracting affiliations between hospitals, hospital systems, or provider organizations. Subjects them to AG oversight for 10 years. No material change transaction can take place if it reduces access to abortion. (Randall)

[SB 5270](#): Prohibiting Dept. of Corrections from cooperating with ICE upon prison release (Saldana)

[SB 5274](#): Removing requirements for job applicants for public positions to speak, read and write English

[SB 5335](#): Developing the Washington Health Trust (Hasegawa)

[SB 5417](#): Employer Political & Religious Speech ...aka Employer Gag Order bill (Keiser)

[SB 5434](#): Presumes children between ages 8 and 12 who commit murder are incapable of committing crime (Trudeau)

[SB 5441](#): School district curriculum (C. Wilson)

[SB 5451](#): Qualifying persons serving long sentences committed prior to reaching 25 years of age to seek review for possible release from incarceration (Frame)

[SB 5462](#): Inclusive learning standards (Lias)

[SB 5474](#): Eliminates juvenile legal financial obligations (Frame)

[SB 5509](#): Public infrastructure bank (Kuderer)

[SB 5557](#): Raises part-time faculty/adjunct pay to 85% of full-time faculty pay (Lias)

[SB 5615](#): Rent controls/local gov (Valdez)

[SB 5618](#): Local property tax limit (Kuderer)

[SB 5644](#): Sealing of juvenile records and providing an attorney for those whose records are shared to sue (Frame)

[SB 5770](#): Tripling the rate of growth for both state and local property taxes (Pedersen – expect it to return next year)

[SJM 8000](#): Calling for a constitutional amendment to regulate political money from business; setting a call for a constitutional convention if Congress fails to act (Kuderer)

[SJM 8002](#): Calling for a constitutional amendment to regulate political money from businesses and implement I-735 provisions (Hasegawa)

[SJR 8202](#): Abortion constitutional amendment (Keiser)