



The Good, the Bad & the Ugly: 2022

The Good (that passed)

Restore Public Safety

- 5612 – Healing for DV victims/survivors by allowing statements at sentencing (Wilson, L)
- 5933 – School seismic safety grant program (Froct/Schoesler)

Return Affordability

- 5309 – Eliminating sales tax on diapers (Rivers – NOT funded in conference operating budget)
- 5504 – Extending Discover Pass Free days to all state recreation sites (Warnick)
- 5593 – Revising standards for designating urban growth boundaries (Short)
- 5758 – Encouraging condominium homeownership (Gildon)
- 5860 – Tax exemptions in urban areas for job creation (Warnick)

Rebuild Trust

- None

Other Good Bills

- 5544 – Establishing the Washington blockchain work group. (Brown)
- 5790 & 5819 – Strengthening critical support services for individuals with developmental disabilities and reducing the administrative caseload (Braun)

The Good (that died)

Public Safety

- 5054 – Expanding the lookback period for impaired driving/ DUI (Padden)
- 5522 – Increasing the penalty for assaulting a law enforcement officer. (Padden)
- 5523 – Concerning possession of controlled substances. (Padden)
- 5524 – Imposing a sentence of life in prison for controlled substances homicide for fentanyl-laced drugs. (Honeyford)
- 5569 – Improving public safety. (Padden)
- 5674 – Revising the graduated reentry program (Braun)
- 5675 – Restoring some provisions for use of force by law enforcement (Braun)
- 5686 – Implementing Department of Corrections recommendations and designating public safety as highest duty of Dept of Corrections (McCune)
- 5692 -- DOC Corrections Programming – Aimed at reviewing DOC offender programming offerings in hopes of reducing recidivism (Gildon)
- 5780 – Altering eligibility for the graduated reentry program. (Padden)
- 5816 -- Repealing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax and funding the program through the state general fund (Wagoner)
- 5839 – Creating the crime of interfering with a firefighter or emergency medical services provider. (Padden)
- 5841 – Providing cities and counties with more funding to hire more law enforcement officers. (Holy)

Return Affordability

- 5189 – Incentivizing construction of American dream homes (Fortunato)
- 5380 – Streamlining building permit approval (Fortunato)
- 5463/8206 – Exempting the first \$250,000 of a home's value from property tax and amending the Constitution to provide a property tax exemption (L. Wilson)
- 5608 – Eliminating the Discover Pass/parks day use fee (L. Wilson)
- 5696 – Repealing the income tax on capital gains (Braun)
- 5769 – Tax Relief and Reform Act – providing property, income, manufacturing and payroll tax relief (L. Wilson)
- 5802 – Giving property tax relief for seniors and disabled (Fortunato)
- 5897 – Suspending the state gas tax through 2022 (Sefzik)
- 5913 – Expanding senior citizen property tax relief (Sefzik)
- 5922 – Lowering the local levy cap for K-12 funding (Braun)

Rebuild Trust

- 5234 – Repealing the long-term services and supports trust program and the premium assessment on wages. (Padden)
- 5503 -- Studying the financial products available through the private market to replace the long-term services and supports trust program authorized in chapter 50B.04 RCW (Schoesler)
- 5601 – Expanding local control of schools (Short)
- 5680 – Restoring state workers fired due to Inslee vaccine mandate (McCune)

- 5777 – Giving local school districts control over COVID vaccine requirements (Braun)
- 5806 – Requiring online parental/guardian access to school instructional materials (McCune)
- 5836 – Establishing informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines (Fortunato)
- 5853 – Creating a parents’ bill of rights (Dozier)
- 5858 – Establishing a parents’ bill of rights in public education (Dozier)
- 5922 – Providing education equity in every zip code (Braun)
- 5939 – Replacing long-term care program with affordable, optional insurance (Muzzall)
- 5943, 5039 – The BALANCE Act – Reforming emergency powers (L. Wilson)
- 5965 -- Repealing the long-term services and supports trust program authorized in chapter 50B.04 RCW, including the repeal of taxes to be paid by employees through payroll deductions (Braun)

Other:

- 5786 – Protecting Puget Sound from wastewater pollution (Schoesler)
- 5809 – Increasing the state's investment in cancer research to improve health outcomes and save lives. (Brown)
- 5857 – Dedicating funding from model toxics control accounts for cleanup, management and protection purposes (Braun)
- 5871 – Establishing a pilot project to authorize certified teachers to teach in microschoools (J. Wilson)
- 5872 – Recognizing that power plants that comply with the state greenhouse gas emissions

The Bad Senate bills that died in House

- 5036 – Allowing child rapists and murders, including those sentenced to life in prison and those convicted of capital murder, to apply for a shorter prison sentence (Dhingra)
- 5568 – Allowing local governments to restrict open carry (Kuderer)
- 5636 -- Expanding automatic voter registration, possibly without proper safeguards (Hunt)
- 5665/5727 – Making unreasonable demands on land use to “preserve salmon” – Governor’s “land grab” (Rolfes)
- 5735 – “Bueller Bill” = Allowing up to 20% of instruction time be asynchronous and without contact with the teacher (Dhingra)
- 5766 -- Preserving a pregnant individual's ability to access abortion (Randall)
- 5843 – Making it a gross misdemeanor for a public official or candidate for public office to lie about elections (Frockt)

The Bad House bills that died in Senate

- 1117 – Revising the state’s comprehensive planning framework (Lekanoff)
- 1169 – Allowing certain offenders to convert a portion of their sentence to partial confinement (Goodman)
- 1770 – Strengthening energy codes (Duerr, by request of the governor)
- 1837 – Restoring the state’s ability to address work-related musculoskeletal injuries (Bronoske)
- 1868 – Implementing requirements for nurse staffing (Riccelli)

The Ugly

- Inslee budget provision: Providing \$628,000 to “expand voting while incarcerated”
- 1692 – Eliminating drive-by shootings as a cause for elevating a murder charge to aggravated murder (Simmons)
- 5036 – Allowing child rapists and murders, including those sentenced to life in prison and those convicted of capital murder, to apply for a shorter prison sentence (Dhingra)
- 5633 – Requiring 1 million acres of land be conserved/reforested by 2040 – another “land grab” (Rolfes)
- 5665/5727 – Making unreasonable demands on land use to “preserve salmon” – Governor’s “land grab” (Rolfes)
- 5735 – “Bueller Bill” - Allowing up to 20% of instruction time be asynchronous and without contact with the teacher (Dhingra)
- 5751/1868 - Improving worker safety and patient care in health care facilities by addressing staffing needs, overtime, meal and rest breaks, and enforcement (Robinson/Riccelli)
- 5766/1851 - Preserving a pregnant individual's ability to access abortion (Randall/Thai)
- 5843 – Making it a gross misdemeanor for a public official or candidate for public office to lie about elections (Frocket)