

## Session Bill Wrap-Up: The Good and the Bad

### BILL TALLIES

- Total number of bills passed = 381
- Total number of House bills passed = 200 (52 were Republican)
- Total number of Senate bills passed = 181 (57 were Republican)
- Of those 181 Senate bills, 31.5% were Senate Republican bills

28.5% of the Senate bills that passed the Legislature were prime sponsored by Senate Republicans

- 655 bills filed in the House
- 611 bills filed in the Senate
- 1,266 total bills were filed in the Legislature this year
- 6 initiatives to the Legislature were filed
- 3 initiatives were given hearings and passed in the Legislature

### INITIATIVES THAT WILL GO TO THE BALLOT

- I-2109: Rolls back the income tax on capital gains
- I-2117: Repeals the Cap and Tax mechanism in the Climate Commitment Act
- I-2124: Allows people to opt out of long-term care payroll tax

## SECURE A SAFER WASHINGTON

Extreme Democrat policies and an unwillingness to address the reality of our crime and drug overdose rates puts your safety at risk. Community safety has devolved. Washington is the worst state in the nation for police staffing per capita. Violent crime, including homicides, are growing faster here than anywhere else in the U.S. People are dying in the street from fentanyl and methamphetamine overdoses. And people are losing their livelihoods because of rampant property crime. Enough is enough.

Republicans worked hard this session to put common sense back into public safety and protect you by supporting responsible law enforcement, encouraging the prosecution and punishment of criminals, and preventing Democrats from enacting even more lenient sentencing requirements.



- **I-2113: Restores ability of law enforcement to engage in vehicular pursuit, even for stolen vehicles (The people of Washington)**
- **SB 5812:** Calls on Washington State patrol to create recommendations for best practices to respond to electric vehicle fires (**J. Wilson**)
- **SB 5886:** Provides firefighter safety funding (**Braun**)
- **SB 5891:** Designates trespassing on a public-school bus as a felony (**Boehnke**)
- **SB 5906:** Implements a statewide drug overdose prevention and education program (**L. Wilson**)
- **SB 6099:** Creates the tribal opioid prevention treatment account (**Braun**)

## **FIGHT FOR AN AFFORDABLE WASHINGTON**

Democrat overregulation continues to increase the cost of everything, including home prices, rent, food, energy, and gasoline. Washington has become unaffordable for many. At the same time, the state is seeing record revenue from the taxes and fees it collects. Yet, Democrats still refuse to provide meaningful tax relief or to reform burdensome regulations.

Republicans focused efforts on killing a bill to triple the annual property tax growth rate allowable without voter approval, advocating for the repeal of the income tax on capital gains and the cap-and-tax program, fighting against a bill that will accelerate a ban on natural gas, protecting taxpayers from having to pay unemployment benefits to those who strike, and killing rent control policies that would have driven up the cost of housing/rent.

- **I-2111: Bans an income tax (The people of Washington)**
- **SB 5792:** Redefines “multiunit residential buildings” (**Padden**)
- **SB 6047:** Improves the transparency of executive sessions held by publicly owned natural gas utilities (**Warnick**)
- **SB 6238:** Updates thresholds for the property tax exemption for widows and widowers of honorably discharged veterans (**Dozier**)

## **BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR WASHINGTON’S CHILDREN**

State government has let down Washington’s youth. They are plagued with significant learning loss, poor physical safety and security at school, easy access to hard drugs such as fentanyl, and poor mental-health support. Our children deserve better.

No single approach will build a better future for Washington’s children. Republicans fought for a comprehensive approach across multiple policy areas, and we believe it is critical for parents to be included in the solutions. It’s important that we move forward together.



- **I-2081: Establishes parents' rights in K-12 public education**
- SB 5647: Provides school safety training to temporary school employees (**Torres**)
- SB 5670: Permits 10<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in the Running Start program in online settings (**Hawkins**)
- SB 5852: Provides funding for the special education safety net (**Braun**)
- SB 6053: Improves equitable access to postsecondary education (**Holy**)
- SB 6234: Provides screening for newborn infants for the often-overlooked branched-chain ketoacid dehydrogenase kinase deficiency (**L. Wilson**)

### GOOD BILLS THAT DIED

- SB 5010: Includes synthetic opioids in the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance (**L. Wilson**)
- SB 5025: Implements technology systems at the Department of Corrections (**Dozier**)
- SB 5032: Extends the felony DUI lookback to 15 years and provides additional treatment options for drug offender sentencing (**Padden**)
- SB 5129: Plans for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington (**MacEwen**)
- SB 5160: Expands the list of actions considered organized retail theft in the second degree (**Torres**)
- SB 5277: Extends tax preferences for dairy, fruit and vegetable, and seafood processors (**L. Wilson**)
- SB 5299: Provides protection for law enforcement officers (**Braun**)
- SB 5361: Incentivizes cities and counties to hire more commissioned law enforcement officers (**Holy**)
- SB 5404: Increases cannabis revenue distributions to local governments (**Wagoner**)
- SB 5477: Implements the recommendations of the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Task Force (**Torres**)
- SB 5494: Provides incentives to improve the freight railroad infrastructure (**J. Wilson**)
- SB 5511: Enhances and improves the equity in K-12 education funding (**Braun**)
- SB 5631: Requires state agencies to clearly identify programs and services that accept applicants with DACA status (**Torres**)
- SB 5656: Establishes the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program (**Torres**)
- SB 5657: Exempts certain kit homes from some state building code statutes (**J. Wilson**)
- SB 5672: Requires the state treasurer to deposit \$7 million per year of the insurance premium tax in the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account (**L. Wilson**)
- SB 5748: Exempts meals furnished to tenants of senior living communities from sales tax (**Muzzall**)
- SB 5773: Expands public defense services (**Torres**)
- SB 5813: Requires instruction on agricultural literacy for students in grades 7-12 (**Dozier**)



- SB 5814: Provides easier access to medication for metastatic cancer (**Muzzall**)
- SB 5826: Requires customer charges to be listed on utility billing statements if the charges are a result of implementing the Climate Commitment Act (**MacEwen**)
- SB 5850: Reduces chronic absenteeism in schools (**Braun**)
- SB 5851: Requires Holocaust and genocide education in public schools (**Braun**)
- SB 5865: Concerns the custody of a child when a parent has a history of domestic violence (**Fortunato**)
- SB 5875: Balances energy efficiency with consideration of other factors, such as housing affordability, development costs and feasibility in the state energy code (**Fortunato**)
- SB 5909: Provides financial support to tow truck operators for towing and storing electric vehicles (**J. Wilson**)
- SB 5929: Makes exposing children to fentanyl a felony under the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance (**Padden**)
- SB 5958: Establishes the Washington career skills grant program (**Boehnke**)
- SB 6028: Waives interest on assessment from accidental overpayments made by ESD (**Braun**)
- SB 6029: Makes it easier to build accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas (**Braun**)
- SB 6030: Gives tax exemptions as incentives for property owners to rent to low-income households (**Braun**)
- SB 6031: Allows student transportation funding to pay for multiple vehicle types for transporting students (**Braun**)
- SB 6032: Encourages a relationship between law enforcement agencies and religious schools (**Braun**)
- SB 6048: Funds a special education ombuds (**Braun**)
- SB 6049: Funds support efforts for students' learning recovery (**Braun**)
- SB 6054: Expands the definition of "theft" (**Torres**)
- SB 6056: Requires training on human trafficking awareness to hotel/motel/AirBNB operators (**Torres**)
- SB 6057: Expands the class of crimes involving human trafficking or sexual exploitation (**Torres**)
- SB 6083: Improves transparency, public safety and independent oversight of the city, county and regional jail system in Washington (**Boehnke**)
- SB 6086: Ensures violent sex offenders don't get to count ongoing mental-health treatment as "good time" credit against their sentences (**MacEwen**)
- SB 6090: Creates a law enforcement hiring grant program (**Holy**)
- SB 6091: Provides law enforcement certification training for retired law enforcement officers (**L. Wilson**)
- SB 6096: Enhances state local effort assistance funding for public schools (**Braun**)
- SB 6119: Further defines allowable use of force by law enforcement (**Holy**)
- SB 6130: Requires human trafficking training for criminal justice personnel (**McCune**)



- **SB 6132:** Requires the Washington State Patrol and the Department of Commerce Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to submit a collaborative report on child and human trafficking crimes, trends, and trainings (**McCune**)
- **SB 6134:** Provides \$7 million for law enforcement task force to review the mapping of fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses for recommendations for prevention (**Gildon**)
- **SB 6160:** Makes “failure to disperse” a class C felony when it is obstructing a roadway or obstructs traffic (**MacEwen**)
- **SB 6169:** Increases the potential pool of law enforcement hires by allowing active and retired law enforcement and military personnel to import certain firearms for personal use (**L. Wilson**)
- **SB 6171:** Orders a study on childcare for criminal justice personnel (**L. Wilson**)
- **SB 6184:** Makes deepfake artificial intelligence-generated pornographic material involving minors illegal (**Rivers**)
- **SB 6204:** Provides more parental and local control over K-12 school curriculum (**McCune**)
- **SB 6205:** Requires instruction on the meaning and history of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools (**McCune**)
- **SB 6214:** Increases the seriousness of the crime of animal cruelty in the first degree (**Rivers**)
- **SB 6215:** Makes administrative and technical changes to the state tax and licensing codes (**Schoesler**)
- **SB 6217:** Deters robberies at retail establishments (**McCune**)
- **SB 6233:** Makes substantive amendments to improve the state energy code for nonresidential buildings (**L. Wilson**)
- **SB 6235:** Provides additional funding to city and county criminal justice assistance accounts (**L. Wilson**)
- **SB 6270:** Supports computer science programs in Washington grade schools (**MacEwen**)
- **SB 6273:** Requires an audit of the juvenile rehabilitation system (**Boehnke**)
- **SB 6274:** Establishes a grant program to fund school resource officers on public school campuses (**Torres**)
- **SB 6297:** Recognizes a court’s authority to directly transfer a defendant from jail to an inpatient or residential drug treatment facility (**Gildon**)



## BAD BILLS THAT PASSED

One of the worst bills to pass this session was HB 1589, which will allow Puget Sound Energy special privileges to submit plans to stop providing natural gas. The plans will only be subject to review by the Utilities and Transportation Commission, which consists of two Democrat and one Republican appointees.

- SB 5444: Limits firearms in sensitive places (**Valdez**)
- SB 5462: Institutes inclusive learning standards (**Liias**)
- SB 5778: Restricts employer speech on political and religious matters (**Keiser**)
- SB 5917: Expands the definition of a hate crime (**Billig**)
- SB 6058: Links cap-and-trade with California and Quebec (**Nguyen**)
- SB 6063: Removes the persistent offender label from juveniles and requires resentencing (**Frame**)

## BAD BILLS THAT DIED

- SB 5209: Requires universal civic duty voting (**Hunt**)
- SB 5770: Triples the annual allowable growth rate for local property taxes (**Pedersen**)
- SB 5823: Changes the requirement for school bonds to pass to a simple majority (**Hunt**)
- SB 5832: Campaign finance/foreign influence. Targets large corporations (Amazon) and exclude them from having political influence. The bill has a House companion. (**Nguyen**)
- SB 5961: Establishes rent control (**Trudeau**)
- SB 5963: Imposes an insurance requirement for firearm owners (**Kuderer**)
- SB 5978: Authorizes the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to serve as guarantor for a county that has agreed to provide a loan to a school district that is on binding conditions (**Robinson**)
- SB 6071: Oil exporters/human rights – requires a symposium at the UW, along with a dedicated webpage with results of the symposium, identifying the human rights violations and concerns of the nations exporting oil into Washington state. (**Salomon**)
- SB 6136: Imposes a new tax on housing providers (**Kuderer**)
- SB 6191: Increases the real estate excise tax (REET) (**Frame**)
- SB 6304: Allows Commerce to ban the sale of tires (after market, not the ones that come on a new car) that do not meet Commerce-set energy efficiency standards. Directs Ecology, Commerce, and OSPI to set target dates for when schools would be mandated to purchase electric buses and have a fully electric fleet. Directs Ecology to enforce California’s anti-idling rules for vehicles over 10,000 pounds. (**Liias**)

