2025 Session Bill Summary

The following is a summary of all legislation tracked by the University of Washington that passed in the 2024 legislative session.

Note: Bills marked with an asterisk (*) appear in multiple categories.

Category	Bill#	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
Advancement	ESSB 5459 *	Call center retention	Concerning call center retention.	Stanford	Gov Signed
Academic and Student Affairs	2SHB 1587	Partner promise scholarships	Encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the opportunity scholarship program.	Bergquist	Gov Signed
	SB 5077	Agency voter registration	Concerning expansion of voter registration services by government agencies.	Valdez	Gov Signed
	<u>SB 5189</u>	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	Wellman	Gov Signed
	SB 5543 (HB 1554)	College bound scholarship	Providing equity in eligibility for the college bound scholarship.	Boehnke	Gov Signed
	2SHB 1273 *	Dual credit program access	Improving student access to dual credit programs.	Paul	Gov Signed
Campus Community Safety	E2SSB 5355 *	Higher education safety	Improving safety at institutions of higher education while supporting student survivors of sexual assault.	Orwall	Gov Signed
	HB 1275 (SB 5381)	Self-insurer withdrawal	Establishing department authority to ensure payment is received from the self-insured employer after a self-insured group or municipal employer has their self-insurer certification withdrawn.	Scott	Gov Signed
	ESHB 1385	Background checks	Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants.	Taylor	Gov Signed
	2SHB 1788 (SB 5548)	Workers' compensation	Concerning workers' compensation benefits.	Richards	Gov Signed
Compliance and Risk Services	SHB 1171 *	Mandated reporting/higher ed	Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect.	Pollet	Gov Signed
	SHB 1308 (SB 5345) *	Access to personnel records	Concerning access to personnel records.	Reed	Gov Signed
	SSB 5101 *	Worker leave/hate crimes	Expanding access to leave and safety accommodations to include workers who are victims of hate crimes or bias incidents.	Valdez	Gov Signed
	SSB 5104 *	Immigration status coercion	Protecting employees from coercion in the workplace based on immigration status.	Hasegawa	Gov Signed
	E2SSB 5355 *	Higher education safety	Improving safety at institutions of higher education while supporting student survivors of sexual assault.	Orwall	Gov Signed
College of Built Environments	<u>SSB 5587</u>	Affordable housing dev.	Concerning affordable housing development in counties not closing the gap between estimated existing housing units within the county and existing housing needs.	Cleveland	Gov Signed
Continuum College	2SHB 1273 *	Dual credit program access	Improving student access to dual credit programs.	Paul	Gov Signed
	EHB 1279 *	Postsecondary ed protections	Providing postsecondary education consumer protections.	Pollet	Gov Signed
Dentistry	<u>SSB 5351</u>	Dental insurance practices	Ensuring patient choice and access to care by prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices.	King	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)
EH&S	2SHB 1462 (SB 5438) *	Hydrofluorocarbons	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.	Duerr	Gov Signed

Category	Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
Education	ESHB 1651 (SB 5693)	Teacher residency & apprent.	Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs.	Ortiz-Self	Gov Signed
	2SHB 1462 (SB 5438) *	Hydrofluorocarbons	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.	Duerr	Gov Signed
	EHB 1217 (SB 5222)	Residential tenants	Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement.	Alvarado	Gov Signed
	3SHB 1491	Transit-oriented housing dev	Promoting transit-oriented housing development.	Reed	Gov Signed
	SHB 1543 (SB 5514)	Clean buildings standard	Increasing compliance pathways for the clean buildings performance standard.	Doglio	Gov Signed
	E2SHB 1549 (SB 5476)	Responsible bidder criteria	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	Fosse	Gov Signed
	SHB 1576	Historic landmarks/cities	Concerning the designation of historic landmarks by cities.	Walen	Gov Signed
Facilities	<u>HB 1633</u>	Public works/bidding	Concerning prime contractor bidding submission requirements on public works contracts.	Hill	Gov Signed
	SHB 1733	Agency displacement expenses	Increasing the reimbursement cap for moving and relocation expenses incurred by persons affected by agency displacements.	Thomas	Gov Signed
	<u>SHB 1967</u>	Design-build projects/bonds	Modifying bonding requirements in the design portion of design-build public works projects.	Zahn	Gov Signed
	SSB 5528	Transp. electrification	Concerning the installation of transportation electrification infrastructure.	Liias	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5627	Safe excavation	Improving safe excavation practices and preventing damage to underground utilities.	Ramos	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5801	Transportation resources	Concerning transportation resources.	Liias	Gov Signed
	<u>SB 5462</u>	Vehicle inspection backlog	Addressing the current backlog of vehicle inspections.	Braun	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5794 *	Tax preferences	Adopting recommendations from the tax preference performance review process, eliminating obsolete tax preferences, clarifying legislative intent, and addressing changes in constitutional law.	Salomon	Gov Signed
FPB	<u>HB 1731</u>	Unclaimed property/museums	Regarding unclaimed property held by a museum or historical society.	Waters	Gov Signed
	ESHB 2049 (SB 5812)	K-12 education funding	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	Bergquist	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5161 (HB 1227)	Transportation budget	Addressing transportation fiscal matters.	Liias	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)
	ESSB 5167 (HB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2023-2025 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	Robinson	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)

Category	Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
FPB (cont'd)	SSB 5194 (HB 1202)	State gen. obligation bonds	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	Trudeau	Gov Signed
	SSB 5195 (HB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	Trudeau	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)
	SSB 5316 (HB 1127)	Unclaimed property	Modifying provisions of the revised uniform unclaimed property act.	Harris	Gov Signed
	SSB 5785	Higher education costs	Amending the Washington college grant and college bound scholarship.	Robinson	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5813 (HB 2082)	Tax rates/cap. gains, estate	Increasing funding to the education legacy trust account by creating a more progressive rate structure for the capital gains tax and estate tax.	Wilson	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5814 (HB 2083)	Excise taxes	Modifying the application and administration of certain excise taxes.	Frame	Gov Signed
	SHB 1171 *	Mandated reporting/higher ed	Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect.	Pollet	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5794 *	Tax preferences	Adopting recommendations from the tax preference performance review process, eliminating obsolete tax preferences, clarifying legislative intent, and addressing changes in constitutional law.	Salomon	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)
	EHB 1279 *	Postsecondary ed protections	Providing postsecondary education consumer protections.	Pollet	Gov Signed
	<u>SHB 1121</u>	Work restrictions/age 16, 17	Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year olds.	McClintock	Gov Signed
	E2SHB 1213 (SB 5539)	Paid family & medical leave	Expanding protections for workers in the state paid family and medical leave program.	Berry	Gov Signed
	SHB 1371 (SB 5410)	Veteran parking privileges	Concerning parking privileges for veterans.	Orcutt	Gov Signed
	ESHB 1644 (SB 5756)	Working minors	Concerning the safety and health of working minors.	Fosse	Gov Signed
	EHB 1747 (SB 5549)	Job applicants and employees	Expanding protections for applicants and employees under the Washington fair chance act.	Ortiz-Self	Gov Signed
	ESHB 1875	Sick leave/immigration	Allowing the use of paid sick leave to prepare for or participate in certain immigration proceedings.	Salahuddin	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5041	Unemp ins/strikes & lockouts	Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers.	Riccelli	Gov Signed
HR	E2SSB 5217	Pregnancy accommodations	Expanding pregnancy-related accommodations.	Nobles	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5291 (HB 1415)	Long-term services trust	Implementing the recommendations of the long-term services and supports trust commission.	Conway	Gov Signed
	SB 5306 (HB 1349)	Pension credit for leave	Concerning the purchase of pension service credit for authorized leaves of absence.	Holy	Gov Signed
	SSB 5408 (HB 1831)	Wage and salary disclosures	Allowing for corrections to wage and salary disclosures.	King	Gov Signed
	<u>SB 5435</u>	Collective bargaining reorg.	Reorganizing and adding subchapter headings to public employees' collective bargaining statutes.	Ramos	Gov Signed
	<u>SSB 5503</u>	Public employee bargaining	Concerning public employee collective bargaining processes.	Valdez	Gov Signed
	<u>SB 5807</u>	Health plan incentives	Concerning wellness incentives for public and school employee health benefit plans.	Robinson	Gov Signed
	<u>SSB 5106</u>	Eid al-Fitr & Eid al-Adha	Establishing Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as state holidays.	Trudeau	Gov Signed
	<u>ESSB 5525</u>	Layoffs	Concerning employment loss due to businesses closing or mass layoffs.	Cleveland	Gov Signed

Category	Bill#	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
HR (cont'd)	SHB 1308 (SB 5345) *	Access to personnel records	Concerning access to personnel records.	Reed	Gov Signed
	SSB 5101 *	Worker leave/hate crimes	Expanding access to leave and safety accommodations to include workers who are victims of hate crimes or bias incidents.	Valdez	Gov Signed
	SSB 5104 *	Immigration status coercion	Protecting employees from coercion in the workplace based on immigration status.	Hasegawa	Gov Signed
	SHB 1879 *	Hospital worker breaks	Concerning meal and rest breaks for hospital workers.	Thomas	Gov Signed
Intercollegiate Athletics	2SSB 5786 (HB 2035)	Liquor license fees	Increasing license, permit, and endorsement fees.	Stanford	Gov Signed
Law School	SHB 1171 *	Mandated reporting/higher ed	Exempting attorney higher education employees from certain mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect.	Pollet	Gov Signed
	<u>HB 1009</u>	Pharmacy commission members	Adjusting the membership of the pharmacy quality assurance commission.	Low	Gov Signed
	<u>HB 1114</u>	Respiratory care compact	Concerning the respiratory care interstate compact.	Leavitt	Gov Signed
	2SHB 1162 (SB 5162)	Health care work violence	Concerning workplace violence in health care settings.	Leavitt	Gov Signed
	<u>HB 1190</u>	UW health sciences library	Allowing additional health professions to access the University of Washington health sciences library.	Marshall	Gov Signed
	HB 1215 (SB 5096)	Natural death act/pregnancy	Removing references to pregnancy from the model directive form under the natural death act.	Taylor	Gov Signed
	EHB 1382	All payers claim database	Modernizing the all payers claim database.	Tharinger	Gov Signed
	SHB 1392 (SB 5372)	Medicaid access program	Creating the medicaid access program.	Macri	Gov Signed
	E2SHB 1422	Drug take-back program	Modifying the drug take-back program.	Peterson	Gov Signed
	2SHB 1427	Peer support specialists	Concerning certified peer support specialists.	Davis	Gov Signed
Medicine	E2SHB 1432 (SB 5477)	Mental health services	Improving access to appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services.	Simmons	Gov Signed
	E2SHB 1686 (SB 5561)	Health care entity registry	Creating a health care entity registry.	Bronoske	Gov Signed
	SHB 1706 (SB 5324)	Prior auth. APIs/health	Aligning the implementation of application programming interfaces for prior authorization with federal guidelines.	Simmons	Gov Signed
	ESHB 1718	Health care prof. well-being	Concerning well-being programs for certain health care professionals.	Thai	Gov Signed
	<u>HB 1755</u>	Coronary interventions/CN	Exempting elective percutaneous coronary intervention performed in certain hospitals owned or operated by a state entity from certificate of need requirements.	Street	Gov Signed
	SHB 1824	Accredited birthing centers	Concerning inspections for accredited birthing centers.	Barnard	Gov Signed
	SHB 2051	Medicaid patients/discharge	Concerning payment to acute care hospitals for difficult to discharge medicaid patients.	Gregerson	Gov Signed
	SB 5051 (HB 1792)	Nursing assistant regulation	Consolidating regulatory authority for nursing assistants.	Bateman	Gov Signed
	E2SSB 5083 (HB 1123)	Health carrier reimbursement	Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services.	Robinson	Gov Signed
	SB 5084 (HB 1379)	Health carrier reporting	Concerning health carrier reporting.	Robinson	Gov Signed
	SSB 5118	International medical grads	Updating the requirements for the clinical experience license for international medical graduates.	Valdez	Gov Signed

Category	Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
	SSB 5163 (HB 1459)	Child fatalities	Modernizing the child fatality statute.	Orwall	Gov Signed
	SSB 5239 (HB 1394)	Hospital medical records	Concerning the retention of hospital medical records.	Slatter	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5480 (HB 1632)	Medical debt	Protecting consumers by removing barriers created by medical debt.	Riccelli	Gov Signed
	SSB 5493	Hospital price transparency	Concerning hospital price transparency.	Riccelli	Gov Signed
	SB 5498 (HB 1090)	Contraceptive coverage	Concerning contraceptive coverage.	Alvarado	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5557	Pregnancy/emerg. treatment	Codifying emergency rules to protect the right of a pregnant person to access treatment for emergency medical conditions in hospital emergency departments.	Krishnadasan	Gov Signed
	<u>SSB 5568</u>	State health plan	Updating and modernizing the Washington state health plan.	Cleveland	Gov Signed
Medicine (cont'd)	<u>SB 5577</u>	HIV antiviral drugs/medicaid	Concerning medicaid coverage for HIV antiviral drugs.	Liias	Gov Signed (Partial Veto)
	SSB 5579	Health/contract terminations	Prohibiting health carriers, facilities, and providers from making any public statements of any potential or planned contract terminations unless it satisfies a legal obligation.	Cleveland	Gov Signed
	<u>E2SSB 5745</u>	Invol. treatment counsel	Concerning legal representation under the involuntary treatment act.	Dhingra	Gov Signed
	SHB 1186 *	Medication dispensing	Expanding the situations in which medications can be dispensed or delivered from hospitals and health care entities.	Parshley	Gov Signed
	SHB 1879 *	Hospital worker breaks	Concerning meal and rest breaks for hospital workers.	Thomas	Gov Signed
	SHB 1811*	Crisis co-response	Enhancing crisis response services through co-response integration and support.	Salahuddin	Gov Signed
	ESSB 5459 *	Call center retention	Concerning call center retention.	C 114 L 25	Gov Signed
Nursing	<u>SHB 1186 *</u>	Medication dispensing	Expanding the situations in which medications can be dispensed or delivered from hospitals and health care entities.	Parshley	Gov Signed
State Relations	ESSB 5143	Ethics in public service	Concerning the ethics in public service act.	Gildon	Gov Signed
Student Life	E2SSB 5355 *	Higher education safety	Improving safety at institutions of higher education while supporting student survivors of sexual assault.	Orwall	Gov Signed
Social Work	SHB 1811*	Crisis co-response	Enhancing crisis response services through co-response integration and support.	Salahuddin	Gov Signed
Public Health	<u>SHB 1294</u>	Pesticide application comm.	Extending the pesticide application safety committee.	Dent	Gov Signed
UWPD	E2SHB 1440	Civil forfeiture proceedings	Concerning seizure and forfeiture procedures and reporting.	Goodman	Gov Signed
	ESHB 1829 (SB 5585)	Tribal warrants	Concerning tribal warrants.	Lekanoff	Gov Signed
	SB 5224 (HB 1400)	Officer certification	Concerning officer certification definitions, processes, and commissioning.	Lovick	Gov Signed
	2SSB 5356	Criminal justice trainings	Concerning training provided by the criminal justice training commission.	Orwall	Gov Signed
	<u>SB 5473</u>	Law enforcement arbitration	Concerning law enforcement personnel grievance arbitration procedures.	Conway	Gov Signed