

2026 Session Bill Summary

The following is a summary of all legislation tracked by the University of Washington that passed in the 2026 legislative session.

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

Category	Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Sponsor	Status
Financial Aid	<u>SSB 5841</u>	Financial aid applications	Concerning the completion of postsecondary financial aid applications.	Boehnke	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 5963 (HB 2586)</u>	Passport to careers program	Modifying funding for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant.	Nobles	Governor Signed
Compliance & Risk Services	<u>SHB 2405 (SB 6293)</u>	PTSD treatment and research	Establishing a pilot program for posttraumatic stress disorder treatment and research.	Schmidt	Governor Signed
	<u>2ESSB 5105 (HB 1169)</u>	Sexually explicit depictions	Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors.	Orwall	Governor Signed
	<u>E2SSB 5847 (SHB 2218)</u>	Workers' comp. medical care	Concerning access to medical care in workers' compensation.	Saldana	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 6039 (SHB 2406)</u>	LNI communication methods	Modernizing methods of communications by the department of labor and industries.	King	Governor Signed
	<u>*SSB 6014</u>	Pregnancy accommodations	Concerning pregnancy-related accommodations.	Nobles	Governor Signed
	<u>*SB 5863 (HB 2252)</u>	State historical records	Concerning the preservation and inspection of state historical records.	Kauffman	Governor Signed
UWPD and Campus Community Safety	<u>ESHB 2165 (SB 5876)</u>	Peace officer false ident.	Concerning false identification as a peace officer.	Obras	Governor Signed

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UWPD and Campus Community Safety Cont.	<u>SSB 5855 (HB 2173)</u>	Law enf. face coverings	Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers.	Valdez	Governor Signed
	<u>2SSB 5974</u>	Local law enforcement	Modernizing and strengthening laws concerning sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, law enforcement agency volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and police matrons.	Lovick	Governor Signed
	<u>*ESSB 6002 (HB 2332)</u>	Driver privacy	Concerning driver privacy protections.	Trudeau	Governor Signed
	<u>*ESHB 2508</u>	Office of independent inves.	Clarifying the scope of authority of the office of independent investigations to align with current operations and practices and to include public disclosure requirements and protect privacy.	Entenman	Governor Signed
Research and Public Service	<u>2SHB 1128 (SSB 5062)</u>	Child care workforce board	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	Fosse	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 1295</u>	Reading and writing literacy	Using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.	Pollet	Governor Signed
	<u>*ESHB 2225 (ESSB 5984)</u>	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	Callan	Governor Signed
	<u>2SSB 6035</u>	Voting services	Ensuring access to voting services for military, overseas, Native American, and disabled voters.	Kauffman	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 6278</u>	Teacher & principal programs	Concerning the ongoing review of approved teacher and principal preparation programs.	Wellman	Governor Signed
	<u>*ESHB 1795 (SB 5654)</u>	Student restraint, isolation	Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	Callan	Governor Signed
Facilities	<u>*ESSB 6002 (HB 2332)</u>	Driver privacy	Concerning driver privacy protections.	Trudeau	Governor Signed

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Facilities Cont.	<u>SHB 2420</u>	Small works roster limits	Increasing small works roster contract limits.	Zahn	Governor Signed
	<u>SHB 2472</u>	Fire sprinkler work	Ensuring that work on fire protection sprinkler systems is performed by licensed contractors and certified fitters.	Bronoske	Governor Signed
	<u>ESSB 6302</u>	Public works/finishing trade	Concerning misclassification in the finishing trades on public works projects.	Conway	Governor Signed
	*<u>E2SHB 2251</u>	Climate commit. act accounts	Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	Fitzgibbon	Governor Signed
	*<u>HB 2353</u>	Capital predesign thresholds	Concerning predesign thresholds.	Keaton	Governor Signed
Higher Education Administration	*<u>E2SHB 2251</u>	Climate commit. act accounts	Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	Fitzgibbon	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 6003 (SHB 2295)</u>	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	Trudeau	Governor Signed
	<u>ESSB 6113 (SHB 2257)</u>	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	Frame	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 6137 (SHB 2205)</u>	Regulated sports wagering	Concerning the regulated sports wagering industry.	Cortes	Governor Signed
	*<u>HB 2353</u>	Capital predesign thresholds	Concerning predesign thresholds.	Keaton	Governor Signed
	*<u>ESSB 6346 (HB 2724)</u>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	Pedersen	Governor Signed
	<u>ESSB 5998 (SHB 2289)</u>	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	Robinson	<u>Signed/Partial Veto</u>
<u>ESSB 6005 (SHB 2306)</u>	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	Lias	<u>Signed/Partial Veto</u>	

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Human Resources	*SSB 6014	Pregnancy accommodations	Concerning pregnancy-related accommodations.	Nobles	Governor Signed
	*ESHB 2508	Office of independent inves.	Clarifying the scope of authority of the office of independent investigations to align with current operations and practices and to include public disclosure requirements and protect privacy.	Entenman	Governor Signed
	HB 1069 (SB 5044)	Supp. retirement bargaining	Allowing collective bargaining over contributions for certain supplemental retirement benefits.	Fosse	Governor Signed
	SHB 1570 (Dead) (SB 5119)	Academic employee bargaining	Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education.	Timmons	Governor Signed
	HB 2091	Bargaining/employee info.	Requiring public employers under chapter 41.80 RCW to provide employee information to exclusive bargaining representatives.	Reed	Governor Signed
	2SHB 2105 (SSB 5852)	Immigrant workers	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	Ortiz-Self	Governor Signed
	HB 2124 (SB 5835)	Lump sum retirement payments	Concerning the threshold for payment of a lump sum retirement allowance in lieu of a monthly benefit.	Couture	Governor Signed
	HB 2264	Unemployment ins./layoffs	Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for workers separated from employment as a result of employer-initiated layoffs or workforce reductions.	Berry	Governor Signed
	HB 2309 (SB 6038)	Postgrad degree requirements	Reducing barriers to state employment by eliminating postgraduate degree requirements that are unnecessary.	Leavitt	Governor Signed
	2SHB 2345	Paid leave contributions	Concerning contributions in the state paid family and medical leave program.	Schmidt	Governor Signed

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Human Resources Cont.	<u>SHB 2411</u>	Shared leave	Modifying shared leave provisions to authorize shared leave for victims of a hate crime and those whose absence is due to immigration enforcement actions against the employee or the employee's relative.	Salahuddin	Governor Signed
	<u>SHB 2475</u>	Language access	Concerning language accessible public programs, activities, and services conducted, operated, or administered by state agencies.	Ortiz-Self	Governor Signed
	<u>ESB 5068</u>	Public employ. eligibility	Concerning agencies, firefighters, prosecutors, and general or limited authority law enforcement, extending eligibility for employment to all United States citizens or persons legally authorized to work in the United States under federal law.	Lovick	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 5420 (SHB 1738)</u>	Veteran benefits access	Ensuring access to state benefits and opportunities for veterans, uniformed service members, and military spouses.	Lovick	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 5827</u>	Veterans/discharge def.	Concerning the definition of a "qualifying discharge" for the Washington state veterans' preference program for civil service.	Gildon	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 5862</u>	TRS & PERS plan 1 COLA	Providing a cost-of-living adjustment for plan 1 retirees of the teachers' retirement system and public employees' retirement system.	Dozier	Governor Signed
Intercollegiate Athletics	<u>*ESSB 6346 (HB 2724)</u>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	Pedersen	Governor Signed
Medicine	<u>*SB 5863 (HB 2252)</u>	State historical records	Concerning the preservation and inspection of state historical records.	Kauffman	Governor Signed
	<u>*ESHB 2225 (ESSB 5984)</u>	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	Callan	Governor Signed

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Medicine Cont.	<u>ESHB 1155</u> (SSB 5437)	Noncompetition agreements	Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	Berry	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 1187</u>	Delayed ambulance bills	Protecting patients involved in motor vehicle accidents from delayed ambulance bills.	Ryu	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 2110</u>	Specialty care transports	Concerning personnel for ambulance service interfacility specialty care transports.	Schmick	Governor Signed
	<u>HB 2113</u>	Radiologic technologists	Concerning the supervision of diagnostic radiologic technologists, therapeutic radiologic technologists, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists.	Engell	Governor Signed
	<u>SHB 2152 (SB 5900)</u>	Cannabis/health facilities	Permitting the medical use of cannabis by qualifying patients in specified health care facilities.	Kloba	Governor Signed
	<u>EHB 2211 (SB 5966)</u>	Medically tailored meals	Concerning medically tailored meals.	Reeves	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 2242</u> (SB 5967)	Preventive health services	Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.	Bronoske	Governor Signed
	<u>HB 2254</u>	Partnership access line	Providing flexibility in the partnership access line assessment to cover administrative costs.	Callan	Governor Signed
	<u>SHB 2339</u>	Nursing	Concerning the regulation of nursing. (CORRECTED COPY)	Simmons	Governor Signed
	<u>HB 2385</u>	Medicaid access program	Concerning the medicaid access program.	Macri	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 2548</u> (SB 6208)	Health care market standards	Strengthening health care market standards.	Taylor	Governor Signed
	<u>SHB 2577</u>	Hospital inspections	Concerning hospital inspections.	Macri	Governor Signed
<u>ESSB 5124</u>	SNF & rehab network adequacy	Establishing network adequacy standards for skilled nursing facilities and rehabilitation hospitals.	Muzzall	Governor Signed	

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Medicine Cont.	<u>SSB 5185 (HB 1306)</u>	International med. pathways	Establishing preceptorship and hardship pathways to medical practice for international medical graduates.	Saldana	Governor Signed
	<u>E2SSB 5395 (SHB 1566)</u>	Prior authorization/health	Making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process.	Orwall	Governor Signed
	<u>ESSB 5845</u>	Health carrier payments	Modernizing and clarifying timely payment requirements for health carriers.	Slatter	Governor Signed
	<u>2SSB 5880</u>	Toxicology testing	Concerning toxicology testing by certified or accredited laboratories.	Wagoner	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 5915</u>	Health technology assessment	Concerning the health technology assessment program.	Harris	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 5917 (SHB 2182)</u>	Abortion medications	Improving access to abortion medications.	Bateman	Governor Signed
	<u>E2SSB 5981 (2SHB 2145)</u>	340B drug pricing program	Protecting patient access to discounted medications and health care services through Washington's health care safety net by preventing manufacturer limitations on the 340B drug pricing program.	Cleveland	Governor Signed
	<u>SB 6025</u>	Definition of fetal death	Updating the definition of fetal death.	Cleveland	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 6081</u>	Government record privacy	Protecting Washingtonians from invasion of privacy, including the unauthorized disclosure of sex designation information and historic sex designation changes in official government records.	Pedersen	Governor Signed
	<u>SSB 6183</u>	HIV antiviral drug coverage	Concerning coverage for HIV antiviral drugs.	Lias	Governor Signed
<u>ESB 6228 (HB 2707)</u>	Prescription drugs/taxes	Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs.	Frame	Governor Signed	

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Medicine Cont.	*<u>ESHB 1795</u> (SB 5654)	Student restraint, isolation	Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	Callan	Governor Signed
Public Health	<u>SHB 2088</u>	Dietitian licensure compact	Concerning the dietitian licensure compact.	Leavitt	Governor Signed
	<u>ESHB 2238</u>	Statewide food security	Concerning statewide food security.	Reeves	Governor Signed
UW IT	*<u>ESHB 2225</u> (ESSB 5984)	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	Callan	Governor Signed
	<u>E2SHB 1170</u>	AI content notices	Informing users when content is developed or modified by artificial intelligence.	Shavers	Governor Signed
	<u>HB 2606</u>	Office of privacy and data	Concerning performance measures, duties, and reporting requirements for the office of privacy and data protection.	Barnard	Governor Signed