

Early Learning Bill Tracker

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023: KEY BILLS ONLY



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5/17/23

Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
HB 1199	Senn	Addressing licensed child care in common interest communities	Prohibits “common interest communities” such as a private community with a homeowners association from banning or limiting the use of a home, building or space for a licensed child care center or family home	Signed by Gov. 5/1/23
HB 1477	Thai	Making changes to the Working Families' Tax Credit	Allows individuals up to three years to receive unclaimed qualifying Washington Working Families Tax Credits	Signed by Gov. 5/15/23
HB 1525	Fosse	Concerning eligibility for Working Connections Child Care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships	Provides qualifying applicants and consumers of state registered apprenticeship programs eligibility for Working Connections Child Care subsidy	Signed by Gov. 5/4/23

HB 1550	Santos	Assisting eligible children in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten by establishing the Transition to Kindergarten program	Provides legislative authorization and directions for the Transition to Kindergarten Program	Signed by Gov. 5/11/23
HB 1590	Dent	Concerning the membership and subcommittees of the oversight board for the Department of Children, Youth, and families	Amends the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Oversight Board to relax age requirements for certain positions and adds an expert on education in juvenile justice facilities	Vetoed by Gov. 4/20/23

Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
SB 5187	Rolfes	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations	Operating Budget	Signed with partial veto by Gov. 5/16/23
SB 5200	Mullet	Concerning the Capital Budget	Capital Budget	Signed with partial veto by Gov. 5/16/23

<u>SB 5225</u>	Wilson, C.	Increasing access to the Working Connections Child Care program	Increases access to child care by authorizing care for families involved in therapeutic court, provides child care subsidy eligibility for families regardless of immigration status, and authorizes child care subsidy eligibility for dependents of child care employees	Signed by Gov. 5/1/23
<u>SB 5252</u>	Valdez	Making modifications necessary to comply with federal regulations regarding dissemination of federal bureau of investigation criminal history record information	Updates state regulations regarding background checks to meet federal regulations. These checks are for applicants and employees of entities that work with vulnerable populations such as child care workers.	Signed by Gov. 5/1/23
<u>SB 5316</u>	Wilson, C.	Concerning removal of background check fees for programs administered by the Department of Children, Youth, and Families	Eliminates the requirement for applicants of child care and foster care entities to pay state and federal background check fees	Signed by Gov. 5/11/23

BILLS THAT DID NOT ADVANCE BY THE OPPOSITE HOUSE CUTOFF DEADLINE

Bill No.	Prime Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
HB 1000	Stokesbary	Providing sales tax relief by expanding the Working Families Tax Credit	Increases family income eligibility and provides increased tax relief for families that qualify for the Washington State Working Families Tax Credit	Public hearing in the House Committee on Finance: 1/31 @ 8 AM
HB 1045	Berry	Creating the Evergreen Basic Income Pilot Program	Creates the Evergreen Basic Income Pilot Program for qualifying individuals	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 1/26
HB 1075	Thai	Expanding eligibility for the Working Families' Tax Credit to everyone age 18 and older	Decreases the qualifying age for the Washington State Working Families Tax Credit from 25 to 18 for individuals that do not have children or dependents	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 2/13
HB 1094 <i>Companion:</i> SB 5125	Stonier	Creating the Washington Future Fund Program	Establishes the Washington Future Fund Program which allocates funds for qualifying newborns into an investment account that, as those newborns become qualifying adults, can access to fund wealth building activities such as buying a home or post-secondary education	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 1/31

<u>HB 1140</u> <i>Companion:</i> <u>SB 5187</u>	Ormsby	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations	Operating budget	Referred to Rules 2 Review: 4/3
<u>HB 1141</u> <i>Companion</i> <u>SB 5188</u>	Ormsby	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations	Supplemental Operating Budget	Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations: 4/11 @ 4 PM
<u>HB 1147</u> <i>Companion:</i> <u>SB 5200</u>	Tharinger	Concerning the Capital Budget	Capital Budget	Referred to House Committee on Rules: 4/3
<u>HB 1292</u> <i>Companion:</i> <u>SB 5252</u>	Goodman	Making modifications necessary to comply with federal regulations regarding dissemination of federal bureau of investigation criminal history record information	Updates state regulations regarding background checks to meet federal regulations. These checks are for applicants and employees of entities that work with vulnerable populations such as child care workers	Placed on second reading suspension calendar by House Committee on Rules: 2/22
<u>HB 1373</u>	Stokesbary	Funding the removal of illegal encampments near schools, child care centers, parks, and courthouses	Requires counties and cities to adopt ordinances banning homeless encampments near child care facilities, schools, and other public facilities and creates the Encampment Cleanup Grant Program	Referred to House Committee on Housing: 1/17

HB 1451	Senn	Expanding the child care workforce	Creates the Child Care Worker Pilot Program for high school students and a grant program to support new providers	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 2/9
HB 1511	Reeves	Concerning calculation of income for certain early learning and child care programs	Removes social security benefits, social-security income, and child support from income considerations related to child care subsidy and ECEAP	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 2/14
HB 1537	Couture	Concerning licensing requirements for child care centers and indoor early learning programs	Increases child care ratios for pre-k from 1:10 to 1:11	Public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning: 2/17 @ 8 AM
HB 1676	Senn	Concerning special education early support for infants and toddlers	Modifies the funding allocation and reporting date for the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program (ESIT)	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations: 2/16
HB 1697	Walsh	Making the early achievers quality rating and improvement system voluntary	Makes the Early Achievers Quality Rating and Improvement System voluntary for child care and other early learning programs	Referred to House Committee on Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning: 1/31

HB 1716	Rule	Supporting employers providing child care assistance to employees by establishing a business and occupation tax credit for businesses and requiring the department of revenue to provide a report to the legislature	Creates a tax credit for businesses that provide support for employee child care	Referred House Committee on Finance: 2/1
SB 5125 <i>Companion:</i> HB 1094	Trudeau	Creating the Washington Future Fund Program	Establishes the Washington Future Fund Program which allocates funds for qualifying newborns into an investment account that, as those newborns become qualifying adults, can access wealth building activities such as buying a home or post-secondary education	Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means: 1/27
SB 5188 <i>Companion:</i> HB 1141	Rolfes	Supplemental Operating Budget	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations	Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means: 1/10 @ 4 PM

SB 5332	King	Prohibiting locating homeless encampments near schools and early learning facilities	Prohibits cities, towns, and counties from authorizing or through inaction allowing for sanctioned or unsanctioned homeless outdoor encampments near schools and early learning facilities	Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs: 2/14 @ 8 AM
SB 5423	Nobles	Providing eligibility for Working Connections Child Care benefits	Provides qualifying applicants and consumers of state registered apprenticeship programs eligibility for Working Connections Child Care subsidy	Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means: 2/9 @ 4 PM
SB 5485	Shewmake	Concerning public employee reimbursement for child and adult dependent care expenses	Allows state employees reimbursement for child care or adult care costs when traveling on official state business	Referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means: 2/13
SB 5580	Muzzall	Improving maternal health outcomes	Authorizes a post-delivery and transitional care program and updates the Maternity Support Services (MSS) program	Referred to House Committee on Rules: 4/4

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