



WCOG Bill Status Report January 9, 2018

This report shows bills in the Washington State Legislature being tracked by Washington Coalition for Open Government because they have some impact on Washington's open government laws. Members of the Coalition are encouraged to contact their legislators regarding bills of concern to them. If you have any comments on the format or contents of this report, including the indicated WCOG positions or comments, please contact the Coalition president at president@washingtoncog.org.

Upcoming Hearings and Floor Action on Tracked Bills

Financial Institutions & Insurance (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 1/9 @ 8:00am

- SB 6059 - Public Hearing - Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/9 @ 8:00am

- HB 2355 - Public Hearing - Addressing the establishment of an individual health insurance market claims-based reinsurance program.

State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/9 @ 8:00am

- SHB 1160 - Public Hearing - Enacting recommendations of the sunshine committee.
- HB 1159 - Exec Session - Concerning employment after public service in state government.

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 1/9 @ 10:00am

- SB 6062 - Public Hearing - Addressing the establishment of an individual health insurance market claims-based reinsurance program.

Commerce & Gaming (House) - HHR C, JLOB - 1/9 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2332 - Public Hearing - Concerning gambling addiction.

State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 1/10 @ 8:00am

- SB 5991 - Public Hearing - Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018.

Business & Financial Services (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/10 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2321 - Public Hearing - Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.

State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/10 @ 1:30pm

- ESHB 1513 - Public Hearing - Concerning the collection of youth voter registration sign up information.

State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 1/12 @ 8:00am

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State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/12 @ 10:00am

- HB 1835 - Public Hearing - Updating inflationary amounts in campaign finance laws.
- SHB 1160 - Exec Session - Enacting recommendations of the sunshine committee.
- ESHB 1513 - Exec Session - Concerning the collection of youth voter registration sign up information.
- HB 2455 - Public Hearing - Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018.

Summary of Bills Tracked

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
SHB 1160 (SB 5418)	Sunshine Committee recommendations	H State Govt, Ele	Springer	Support
HB 2255	Concerning the definition of public records in regards to the legislature.	H State Govt, El	Graves	Concerns
SB 6079	Exempting public employee dates of birth from public disclosure requirements.	S State Govt/Trib	Kuderer	Oppose

Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
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HB 1159 (SSB 5120)	Enhancing oversight and transparency of lobbying activity.	H State Govt, Ele	Pellicciotti	Support
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Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
ESHB 1513	Youth voter registration sign up information	H State Govt, Ele	Bergquist	Neutral
HB 1835	Updating inflationary amounts in campaign finance laws.	H State Govt, Ele	Dolan	Neutral
HB 2414	Authorizing disciplinary action for state officials and employees who provide false testimony to the legislature.	H State Govt, El	Walsh	Support
HB 2433 (SB 6092)	Concerning automatic voter registration, including establishing the future voter program for certain persons sixteen and seventeen years of age.		Bergquist	Concerns
HB 2455 (SB 5991)	Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018.		Pellicciotti	Support
SB 5978	Creating an office of the state ombuds.	S State Govt/Trib	McCoy	Support
SB 5991 (HB 2455)	Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018.	S State Govt/Trib	Billig	Support
SB 6092	Concerning automatic voter registration, including establishing the future voter program for certain persons sixteen and seventeen years of age.	S State Govt/Trib	Billig	Concerns

Monitoring Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 2278	Concerning personal information privacy protections in government entities.	H State Govt, El	Morris	Neutral
HB 2307	Requiring confidentiality in the release of sensitive fish and wildlife data.	H Ag & Nat Res	Van Werven	Neutral
HB 2321 (SB 6059)	Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.	H Bus & Fin Svcs	Bergquist	Neutral
HB 2329	Concerning public records act exemptions regarding concealed pistol licenses.	H Judiciary	Walsh	Neutral
HB 2332	Concerning gambling addiction.	H Commerce & Gam	Sawyer	Neutral
HB 2355 (SB 6062)	Addressing the establishment of an individual health insurance market claims-based reinsurance program.	H HC/Wellness	Cody	Neutral
SB 6059 (HB 2321)	Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.	S Fin Inst/Ins	Angel	Neutral
SB 6062 (HB 2355)	Addressing the establishment of an individual health insurance market claims-based reinsurance program.	S Health & Long T	Cleveland	Neutral

Dead Bills

No bills.

Detailed Information on Bills Tracked

High Priority Bills

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<u>SHB 1160</u> (SB 5418)	Sunshine committee	H State Govt, Ele	Springer	Support
<i>Comments:</i> Implements the unanimously-supported recommendations of the Sunshine Committee for 2016. (WCOG PRIORITY)				
<u>HB 2255</u>	Public records/legislature	H State Govt, El	Graves	Concerns
<i>Comments:</i> Establishes the legislative transparency act. Requires the records of state legislators and their offices to be made publicly available. Requires the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives, respectively, to be the appointed public records officers for requests made to the senate or house, including each state legislative office in each house. CONCERNS: Applies only to records created after the act, not retroactively.				
<u>SB 6079</u>	Public employee birth dates	S State Govt/Trib	Kuderer	Oppose
<i>Comments:</i> Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Dates of birth held by a public agency in personnel records, public employment related records, volunteer rosters, or included in a mailing list of employees or volunteers of a public agency. OPPOSE: Access to public employee birthdates is necessary to avoid ambiguity when matching employee records to other records.				

Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	
<u>HB 1159</u> (SSB 5120)	Employment after govt service	H State Govt, Ele	Pellicciotti	Support
<i>Comments:</i> Addresses the postemployment of former state officers and state employees.				

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<u>ESHB 1513</u>	Youth voter reg. info.	H State Govt, Ele	Bergquist	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i> Permits a person to sign up to vote at the department of licensing if he or she is sixteen or seventeen years of age. Exempts information provided for voter sign up from disclosure. The new exemption is properly placed in 42.56.230.				
<u>HB 1835</u>	Campaign finance/inflation	H State Govt, Ele	Dolan	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i> Updates several limits and thresholds for inflation.				

<u>HB 2414</u>	False legislative testimony	H State Govt, El Walsh	Support
	<i>Comments:</i> Prohibits a state officer or state employee from knowingly representing a materially incorrect fact, statement, claim, or record in giving testimony to a legislative committee. States that disciplinary action for a violation may include termination of employment for a state officer or state employee.		
<u>HB 2433</u> <u>(SB 6092)</u>	Automatic voter registration	Bergquist	Concerns
	<i>Comments:</i> Allows sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds to "sign up" to be automatically registered to vote when they turn eighteen. Their info is required to be kept segregated from the voter registration database until such time as they will be eighteen before the next election, and their info is exempt from disclosure until they are eighteen. CONCERNS: It is not clear how they can be added to the voter registration database "when they will be eighteen years of age before the next election" and also keep their information confidential until they are actually 18.		
<u>HB 2455</u> <u>(SB 5991)</u>	Campaign finance disclosures	Pellicciotti	Support
	<i>Comments:</i>		
<u>SB 5978</u>	State ombuds	S State Govt/Trib	McCoy
	<i>Comments:</i> Creates the office of the state ombuds in the office of the governor. The office will be readily available to the public, responsible to the legislature, and empowered to investigate the acts of state administrative agencies; and will recommend appropriate changes toward the goals of safeguarding the rights of persons and promote higher standards of competency, efficiency, and justice in the administration of state laws. Requires the office of financial management to study the duties and salary of the chief executive officer of the office of the state ombuds. Transfers certain functions and duties of the following to the office of the state ombuds: The office of the family and children's ombuds, the office of the education ombuds, the office of the state long-term care ombuds, the office of the developmental disabilities ombuds, and the office of the ombuds for workers of industrial insurance self-insured employers. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Records and files maintained by the state ombuds, other than final investigation reports. COMMENT: This may provide an additional mechanism for requesters to have independent review of administrative denials of public records requests.		
<u>SB 5991</u> <u>(HB 2455)</u>	Campaign finance disclosures	S State Govt/Trib	Billig
	<i>Comments:</i> Establishes the democracy is strengthened by casting light on spending in elections act of 2018 (the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018). Closes campaign finance disclosure loopholes and requires the disclosure of contributions and expenditures by nonprofit organizations that participate significantly in state elections.		
<u>SB 6092</u>	Automatic voter registration	S State Govt/Trib	Billig
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<p>HB 2278</p> <p>Privacy protections in gov.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Requires each department or other agency of the state government to designate an agency privacy officer. Requires an agency privacy officer, in coordination with the office of privacy and data protection, to: (1) Develop an agency personal information minimization policy to reduce the use and retention of personal information wherever possible; and (2) Create a work plan that uses a Gantt chart or similar project planning tool for certain information. Prohibits a governmental entity from selling: (1) Personal financial and health information; and (2) Personal identification numbers issued by a government entity. Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Personal information inventory or data map records, created in this act, that reveal the location of personal information or the extent to which it is protected.</p>	H State Govt, El	Morris	Neutral
<p>HB 2307</p> <p>Fish & wildlife data</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Changes the term "may" to "must" with regard to subjecting the release of sensitive fish and wildlife data to a confidentiality agreement.</p>	H Ag & Nat Res	Van Werven	Neutral
<p>HB 2321 (SB 6059)</p> <p>Insurer annual disclosures</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Provides the insurance commissioner a summary of an insurer or insurance group's corporate governance structure, policies, and practices to permit the commissioner to gain and maintain an understanding of the insurer's corporate governance framework. Outlines the requirements for completing a corporate governance annual disclosure with the commissioner. Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Documents, materials, or other information, including the corporate annual disclosure obtained by the insurance commissioner under section 3 of this act.</p>	H Bus & Fin Svcs	Bergquist	Neutral
<p>HB 2329</p> <p>Pistol license records</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Concealed pistol licenses, notices of license denials, and any documents associated with a license or license application. COMMENT: This is consistent with the existing exemption of concealed pistol license applications, recognizing that the confidential data is transcribed into other forms.</p>	H Judiciary	Walsh	Neutral
<p>HB 2332</p> <p>Gambling addiction</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> Requires the gambling commission to adopt rules establishing a self-exclusion program for problem and pathological gamblers which must include the following: (1) A process for a person who believes he or she is or may be a problem or pathological gambler to voluntarily exclude themselves from gambling at all gambling establishments licensed by the commission; and (2) A process for casinos owned or operated by Indian tribes or tribal enterprises to voluntarily participate in the self-exclusion program, so that a person who is or may be a problem or pathological gambler may self-exclude themselves from gambling at all casinos and state-licensed gambling establishments in the state. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information submitted by a person to the state, either directly or through a state-licensed gambling establishment or casino owned or operated by an Indian tribe or tribal enterprise, as part of the self-exclusion program.</p>	H Commerce & Gam	Sawyer	Neutral
<p>HB 2355</p> <p>Health reinsurance program</p>	H HC/Wellness	Cody	Neutral

(SB 6062)

Comments: Creates the Washington reinsurance program to stabilize the rates and premiums for individual health plans and provide greater financial certainty to consumers of health insurance. Requires the program to be operated by the Washington state health insurance pool and the board of directors of the pool. Requires the insurance commissioner, in consultation with the office of financial management, the department of revenue, the state health care authority, and the state health benefit exchange, to conduct a study on alternative financing mechanisms for the program for calendar years 2021 through 2023. Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Data, information, and documents necessary to prepare the state innovation waiver application, determine reinsurance parameters obtained by the commissioner, and determine reinsurance claims payments. Creates the Washington reinsurance program account. Makes appropriations: (1) From the general fund to the Washington reinsurance program account for implementation and operation of the Washington reinsurance program; (2) From the insurance commissioner's regulatory account to the office of the insurance commissioner for carrying out the commissioner's duties; and (3) From the general fund-state to the office of the insurance commissioner.

Insurer annual disclosures

S Fin Inst/Ins

Angel

Neutral

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(HB 2321)

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