

## WCOG Bill Status Report March 5, 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](mailto:president@washingtoncog.org).

### Summary of Bills Tracked

#### High Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Dead
<a href="#">SHB 2778</a>	Protecting personal information regarding sexual harassment claims.	S 2nd Reading	Jinkins	Concerns	Yes
<a href="#">SB 6079</a>	Exempting public employee dates of birth from public disclosure requirements.	H State Govt, Ele	Kuderer	Oppose	Yes
<a href="#">E3SSB 6353</a> (E2SHB 2595)	Concerning procedures in order to automatically register citizens to vote.	H State Govt, El	Hunt	Oppose	Yes
<a href="#">SB 6408</a> (HB 2893)	Regulating body worn cameras.	H Passed 3rd	Padden	Concerns	No
<a href="#">ESB 6617</a>	Concerning records disclosure obligations of the legislative branch.	Del to Gov	Nelson	Oppose	Yes

#### Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Dead
<a href="#">HB 1833</a>	Financial reporting by officials, candidates, and appointees.	S Rules 2	Dolan	Support	Yes
<a href="#">SHB 2774</a>	Exempting information relating to the regulation of explosives from public disclosure.	S State Govt/Trib	Condotta	Concerns	Yes
<a href="#">ESSB 5108</a>	Prohibiting political action committees from receiving a majority of their funds from one or a combination of political committees.	H 2nd Reading	Billig	Support	Yes

#### Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Dead
<a href="#">ESHB 1047</a>	Drug Take-Back Program	H Passed FP	Peterson	Neutral	No
<a href="#">2SHB 1513</a>	Youth voter registration sign up information	H Spkr Signed	Bergquist	Neutral	No
<a href="#">SHB 1656</a>	Establishing a community aviation revitalization loan program	S Passed 3rd	Dent	Neutral	No

<a href="#">HB 1835</a>	Updating inflationary amounts in campaign finance laws.	S 2nd Reading	Dolan	Neutral	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">EHB 2097</a> (SB 5828)	Limiting disclosure of information about the religious affiliation of individuals	H Passed FP	Stanford	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">HB 3011</a>	Expanding the scope and resources for public records access.		Morris	Oppose	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">SSB 5991</a> (HB 2455)	Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2018.	H Passed 3rd	Billig	Concerns	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">2SSB 6161</a>	Establishing a training course for campaign treasurers.		Becker	Support	<b>Yes</b>

## Monitoring Bills

Bill #	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Dead
<a href="#">E2SHB 1889</a>	Creating an office of the corrections ombuds.	H Passed FP	Pettigrew	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">HB 2307</a>	Requiring confidentiality in the release of sensitive fish and wildlife data.	S Passed 3rd	Van Werven	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">HB 2321</a> (SB 6059)	Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.	H Rules R	Bergquist	Neutral	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">EHB 2332</a> (SB 6331)	Concerning gambling addiction.	S 2nd Reading	Sawyer	Neutral	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">E2SHB 2595</a> (E3SSB 6353)	Concerning procedures in order to automatically register citizens to vote.	H ref/S recede	Hudgins	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">HB 2682</a>	Exempting hop grower lot information used in the state department of agriculture export document from public disclosure.	H Spkr Signed	Buys	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">ESHB 2700</a> (SSB 6387)	Concerning the handling of child forensic interview and child interview digital recordings.	H Passed FP	Valdez	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">EHB 2735</a>	Concerning public disclosure of certain information procured or obtained pursuant to a loan or grant application under the underground storage tank revolving loan and grant program.	S Energy, Environ	Young	Neutral	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">ESHB 2757</a> (SB 6276)	Modernizing fuel content standards and references.	S Energy, Enviro	Doglio	Neutral	<b>Yes</b>
<a href="#">SB 6059</a> (HB 2321)	Addressing the insurer corporate governance annual disclosure model act.	Del to Gov	Angel	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">ESSB 6241</a> (HB 2438)	Concerning the January 1, 2020, implementation of the school employees' benefits board program.	H Passed 3rd	Hobbs	Neutral	<b>No</b>
<a href="#">SB 6319</a> (HB 2681)	Implementing the federal produce safety rule.	S Pres Signed	Honeyford	Neutral	<b>No</b>

## Detailed Information on Bills Tracked

### High Priority Bills

Bill Details	Status	Sponsor	Position	
<a href="#">SB 6408</a> (HB 2893)	Body worn cameras <i>Comments:</i> WCOG PRIORITY. Makes interim body worn camera provisions permanent and enables them to be used by all law enforcement agencies. CONCERNS: Sec. 1(14)(c) should be stricken;	H Passed 3rd	Padden	Concerns

agencies who violate the PRA with regard to body-worn camera recordings should be subject to the same penalties, fees, and cost as for other records.

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**Legislative records**

Del to Gov

Nelson

Oppose

[ESB 6617](#)

*Comments:* STRONGLY OPPOSE -- Would remove legislative records from the Public Records Act, giving the legislature immense discretion in what records to release or not release, with no independent oversight -- appeals of denials would be heard only by a legislative committee whose decisions would be final and not subject to court review.

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**Medium Priority Bills**

No bills.

**Low Priority Bills**

**Bill Details**

**Status**

**Sponsor**

**Position**

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**Medication disposal system**

H Passed FP

Peterson

Neutral

[ESHB 1047](#)

*Comments:* Establishes a drug take-back program for secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications. Exempts from disclosure proprietary information submitted to the Department of Health under the act. This is a reasonable exemption consistent with similar exemptions for proprietary business information.

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**Youth voter reg. info.**

H Spkr Signed

Bergquist

Neutral

[2SHB 1513](#)

*Comments:* 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.

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**Aviation revital. loan prg**

S Passed 3rd

Dent

Neutral

[SHB 1656](#)

*Comments:* Creates an airport infrastructure loan program for local and small airports to acquire loans to fund capital projects. Exempts from PRA disclosure any confidential financial or commercial information submitted by loan applicants.

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**Religious affiliation discl.**

H Passed FP

Stanford

Neutral

[EHB 2097](#)  
[\(SB 5828\)](#)

*Comments:* Exempts from disclosure information that indicates the religious affiliation of individuals. Prohibits employers from collecting information about religious affiliation except to provide accommodations to employees. Prohibits state and local agencies from assisting in compilation of a database of individual religious affiliations.

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**Campaign finance disclosures**

H Passed 3rd

Billig

Concerns

[SSB 5991](#)  
[\(HB 2455\)](#)

*Comments:* 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. CONCERN: The bill must clarify that simply writing about or commenting about a candidate, ballot measure, or issue, such as an editorial or policy analysis, does not constitute an in-kind contribution or independent expenditure for or against a campaign.

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## Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">E2SHB 1889</a> <b>Corrections ombuds, creating</b> <i>Comments: Makes investigative records of the office exemption from disclosure under the PRA</i>	H Passed FP	Pettigrew	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 2307</a> <b>Fish &amp; wildlife data</b> <i>Comments: Changes the term "may" to "must" with regard to subjecting the release of sensitive fish and wildlife data to a confidentiality agreement.</i>	S Passed 3rd	Van Werven	Neutral
<a href="#">E2SHB 2595 (E3SSB 6353)</a> <b>Automatic voter registration</b> <i>Comments: Establishes the automatic voter registration act of 2018. Increases the opportunity to register to vote for qualified persons by expanding the voter registration process with: (1) Automatic voter registration for enhanced driver's license; and (2) Automatic voter registration at qualified voter registration agencies. Requires a person born in the state, whose certificate of birth is filed with the state registrar of vital statistics after January 1, 2002, to be preregistered to vote. Requires the legislature to convene a task force on voter registration to facilitate the implementation and administration of the mandated automatic voter registration. Expires June 30, 2019. Requires the office of the secretary of state to conduct a study and prepare recommendations for creating an automatic voter registration process for recently naturalized citizens who reside within the state. Expires June 30, 2019. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information maintained in the pending voter registration database.</i>	H ref/S recede	Hudgins	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 2682</a> <b>Hop grower lot information</b> <i>Comments:</i>	H Spkr Signed	Buys	Neutral
<a href="#">ESHB 2700 (SSB 6387)</a> <b>Child interview recordings</b> <i>Comments: Exempts these recordings from disclosure under the PRA except by court order and with notification of the child's guardian.</i>	H Passed FP	Valdez	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 6059 (HB 2321)</a> <b>Insurer annual disclosures</b> <i>Comments: 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.</i>	Del to Gov	Angel	Neutral
<a href="#">ESSB 6241 (HB 2438)</a> <b>School employees' benefits</b> <i>Comments: Creates an exemption for claims data provided under this program.</i>	H Passed 3rd	Hobbs	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 6319 (HB 2681)</a> <b>Federal produce safety rule</b> <i>Comments: Redundantly exempts from disclosure records that are exempt under federal statute (which are already exempt from disclosure). Exempts confidential proprietary financial and trade secret information submitted under the program.</i>	S Pres Signed	Honeyford	Neutral

## Dead Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1159</u></a> (Dead) (SSB 5120)	<b>Employment after govt service</b> <i>Comments: Addresses the postemployment of former state officers and state employees.</i>	H Rules R	Pellicciotti Support
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1160</u></a> (Dead) (SSB 5418)	<b>Sunshine committee</b> <i>Comments: Implements the unanimously-supported recommendations of the Sunshine Committee for 2016. (WCOG PRIORITY)</i>	H State Govt, Ele	Springer Support
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1232</u></a> (Dead) (SB 5395)	<b>Retirement comm. disclosures</b> <i>Comments: Addresses continuing care retirement communities with regard to the timing and content of disclosures. Eliminates the existing PRA exemption for registration information submitted for such communities.</i>	H Rules X	Clibborn Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 1833</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Financial reporting</b> <i>Comments: Expands and clarifies reporting of personal financial affairs (PDC F-1 statements). Adjusts reporting thresholds. Adds more categories of value. Codifies exemption of reporting residence address for judges, prosecutors, and sheriffs.</i>	S Rules 2	Dolan Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 1835</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Campaign finance/inflation</b> <i>Comments: Updates several limits and thresholds for inflation.</i>	S 2nd Reading	Dolan Neutral
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 2029</u></a> (Dead) (SB 5801)	<b>Immigration resources</b> <i>Comments: Requires the human rights commission, in consultation with relevant state agencies, and individuals or groups having experience and knowledge of immigration law and the provision of immigration and citizenship related assistance, including those with experience providing culturally appropriate services to populations that have traditionally been underserved or unserved, to establish a toll-free telephone hotline and a web site to refer callers and users to sources of information and assistance for immigration and citizenship related matters. Exempts the following personal information from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information revealing the identity of a person or entity requesting immigration and citizenship related information or assistance via the hotline or web site.</i>	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 2255</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Public records/legislature</b> <i>Comments: WCOG PRIORITY. 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.</i>	H State Govt, El	Graves Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2278</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Privacy protections in gov.</b> <i>Comments: 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</i>	H Rules C	Morris Neutral

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.

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<a href="#"><u>HB 2321</u></a> (Dead) (SB 6059)	<b>Insurer annual disclosures</b>	H Rules R	Bergquist	Neutral
	<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.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2329</u></a> (Dead) (SB 6173)	<b>Pistol license records</b>	H Judiciary	Walsh	Neutral
	<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.			
<a href="#"><u>EHB 2332</u></a> (Dead) (SB 6331)	<b>Gambling addiction</b>	S 2nd Reading	Sawyer	Neutral
	<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.			
<a href="#"><u>SHB 2355</u></a> (Dead) (2SSB 6062)	<b>Health reinsurance program</b>	H Rules C	Cody	Neutral
	<i>Comments:</i> 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.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2414</u></a> (Dead)	<b>False legislative testimony</b>	H State Govt, El	Walsh	Support

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*Comments:* 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.

<a href="#">HB 2433</a> (Dead) (SB 6092)	<b>Automatic voter registration</b>	H State Govt, El	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.				
<a href="#">HB 2455</a> (Dead) (SSB 5991)	<b>Campaign finance disclosures</b>	H State Govt, El	Pellicciotti	Concerns
<i>Comments:</i> CONCERN: The bill must clarify that simply writing about or commenting about a candidate, ballot measure, or issue, such as an editorial or policy analysis, does not constitute an in-kind contribution or independent expenditure for or against a campaign.				
<a href="#">HB 2584</a> (Dead)	<b>GMA gov. action assistance</b>	H Environment	Maycumber	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i> Establishes the growth management act victims response act. Creates the position of growth management act ombuds in the consumer protection division of the office of the attorney general. Considers the ombuds as an advocate for owners of property impacted by restrictions arising from: The growth management act; local government's comprehensive plans, development regulations, or actions implementing the growth management act; and appellate court decisions interpreting the growth management act or local governments' comprehensive plans or development regulations. Creates the growth management act victims and response account. Requires the ombuds to administer payments from the account. Requires the growth management hearings board to collect an assessment of two hundred fifty dollars from a requester of a review by the board. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Records submitted to the attorney general's office for review by the ombuds as part of a claim and records created by the department of commerce related to the claim. Requires information detailing activity in the account to be disclosed.				
<a href="#">HB 2681</a> (Dead) (SB 6319)	<b>Federal produce safety rule</b>	H Rules C	Springer	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i> Redundantly exempts from disclosure records that are exempt under federal statute (which are already exempt from disclosure). Exempts confidential proprietary financial and trade secret information submitted under the program.				
<a href="#">EHB 2735</a> (Dead)	<b>Underground tank program/PRA</b>	S Energy, Environ	Young	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i>				
<a href="#">ESHB 2757</a> (Dead) (SB 6276)	<b>Fuel content standards</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Doglio	Neutral
<i>Comments:</i> Revises the motor fuel quality act with regard to the modernization of fuel content standards and references.				
<a href="#">SHB 2774</a> (Dead)	<b>Explosives/public record act</b>	S State Govt/Trib	Condotta	Concerns

*Comments:* Exempts all information about regulation of explosives under RCW 70.74 from disclosure. CONCERN: This will make the regulators of explosives completely unaccountable to the public as to whether or how well they are doing their jobs. It will make it impossible for people concern about public safety to learn anything about where explosive are stored or produced around them. This exemption should not be so broad.

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**Sexual harassment claim info**

S 2nd Reading

Jenkins

Concerns

[SHB 2778](#)  
(Dead)

*Comments:* Exempts from disclosure personal information of persons who make claims of sexual harassment if the person requests it be kept confidential. CONCERN: Section 2 creates civil liability for a person who requests and obtains such information and uses it to harass, stalk, intimidate, or threaten -- but this kind of provision regarding misuse of information does not belong in the PRA, and should be placed in the appropriate statute barring such use of information.

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**Legislature/public records**

H State Govt,  
El

Pollet

Concerns

[HB 2886](#)  
(Dead)

*Comments:* Modifies the public records act to: (1) Exempt the following from the definition of agency: The judicial branch or the state legislature, including individual offices of state legislators, legislative caucuses, or other offices within the state legislature; (2) Provide a definition for "public records" for purposes of the legislature; (3) Provide exemptions from the definition of "public records" for purposes of the legislature; and (4) Require the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives to serve as the public records officer for the party caucuses and each state legislative office. Concerns include that the bill does not retroactively apply to existing records, that it defines some records as not being public records rather than simply exempting them from disclosure, and the range of documents excluded from disclosure.

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**Body worn cameras**

H Judiciary

Hansen

Concerns

[HB 2893](#)  
(Dead)  
(SB 6408)

*Comments:* Provides a definition of "intimate image," for purposes of inspection and copying exemptions in the public records act, with regard to body worn camera recordings. Eliminates the June 1, 2019, expiration date of chapter 10.109 RCW regarding the use of body worn cameras. Concerns include the continued requirement that redaction costs be paid by requesters, and the treatment of body cam recordings differently from other public records with regard to penalties, attorney fees, and court costs.

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**Open public meeting agendas**

H State Govt,  
El

Kraft

Concerns

[HB 2901](#)  
(Dead)

*Comments:* Modifies open public meetings act provisions regarding the online availability of a public agency's regular meeting agenda. Concerns include the prohibition on awarding of attorney fees to plaintiffs and the limitations on which actions are considered null and void if improperly adopted without adequate notice.

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**State employ./private source**

H State Govt,  
El

Stokesbary

Support

[HB 2926](#)  
(Dead)

*Comments:* Requires every executive state officer and agency, except for institutions of higher education, to report to the public disclosure commission the following information for employees or contractors employed or contracted with the executive state officer or agency whose position is funded, in whole or in part, by private sources: (1) The name of the employee or contractor; (2) The scope of the work performed; (3) The annual gross salary; (4) The name of any private sources from which funding for the salary is received and the amount of the funding; and (5) If the private source is a nonprofit organization, a list of the organization's top fifty donors and donors that have contributed more than fifty thousand dollars to the organization, based on a certain amount of time. Requires the public disclosure commission to make that information available for public use or inspection and allow direct access to the information on its web site.

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<a href="#"><u>HB 3011</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Public records access</b> <i>Comments:</i> This bill was introduced too late for consideration, and would not move because it would eliminate all PRA exemptions going forward.	Morris	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5108</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Political committee contrib.</b> <i>Comments:</i> Requires the "top five contributors" to be determined based on aggregate contributions across all political committees who contribute to the reporting political committee.	H 2nd Reading Billig	Support
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5110</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Youth voter reg. info.</b> <i>Comments:</i> Allows 16 and 18 year-olds to preregister to vote; the preregistration automatically becomes a regular registration when the person will be 18 by the next election. Exempts from voter preregistration records from disclosure in their entirety. This is consistent with processing of adult voter registration forms, which are not subject to disclosure in their entirety; only certain information is available after the voter is officially registered.	S Rules 2 Billig	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5120</u></a> (Dead) (SHB 1159)	<b>Lobbying activity</b> <i>Comments:</i>	S Rules X Carlyle	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5308</u></a> (Dead) (HB 1956)	<b>Religious affiliation discl.</b> <i>Comments:</i> Prohibits an agency from providing or disclosing to federal authorities personal information regarding the religious affiliation of an individual that is requested for the purpose of compiling a database of individuals based solely on religious affiliation. This could be considered a PRA exemption, since it would be impossible to implement as worded because any individual could request the same records.	S Law & Justice Palumbo	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5418</u></a> (Dead) (SHB 1160)	<b>Sunshine committee</b> <i>Comments:</i> Addresses the recommendations of the sunshine committee with regard to the public records act.	S Rules X Chase	Support
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 6062</u></a> (Dead) (SHB 2355)	<b>Health reinsurance program</b> <i>Comments:</i> 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.	S Rules 2 Cleveland	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6075</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Online political advertising</b> <i>Comments:</i> Requires social media sites to make available records of purchasers of small online advertising supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure in the state or otherwise directed at state users of the social media site upon request by any person.	S Rules X Palumbo	Support

<a href="#"><u>SB 6079</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Public employee birth dates</b>	H State Govt, Ele	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.
<a href="#"><u>SB 6092</u></a> (Dead) (HB 2433)	<b>Automatic voter registration</b>	S State Govt/Tri	Billig	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.
<a href="#"><u>SSB 6117</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Juvenile court record seals</b>	S Rules X	Darneille	Concerns	<i>Comments:</i> Modifies juvenile court record provisions regarding the conditions under which they may be sealed. CONCERNS: Appears to make it easier for records to be sealed and kept from the public.
<a href="#"><u>SB 6139</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Public records/leg. &amp; courts</b>	S State Govt/Tri	Miloscia	Concerns	<i>Comments:</i> WCOG PRIORITY: Requires the clerk of the supreme court to advise each division of the courts of the necessity to keep public records. Requires the state archivist to work with the clerk to provide information and instructions on the best method for keeping judicial records. Requires the secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives to be the appointed public records officers for requests made to the senate or house, including each state legislative office in each house. Requires the clerk of the supreme court to appoint public records officers for each division of the courts for requests made to the judiciary. CONCERN: The bill applies only to records created after its effective date.
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 6150</u></a> (Dead) (ESHB 2489)	<b>Opioid use disorder</b>	S Rules X	Cleveland	Neutral	<i>Comments:</i> Exempts from disclosure information stored in the prescription tracking database.
<a href="#"><u>2SSB 6161</u></a> (Dead)	<b>Campaign treasurers training</b>		Becker	Support	<i>Comments:</i> Creates a training course for campaign treasurers, and requires that it be completed by anyone serving as a campaign treasurer except for the candidate themselves.
<a href="#"><u>SB 6173</u></a> (Dead) (HB 2329)	<b>Pistol license records</b>	S State Govt/Tri	Takko	Support	<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.
	<b>Fuel content standards</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral	

[SB 6276](#)  
(Dead)  
(ESHB 2757)

*Comments:* Revises the motor fuel quality act with regard to the modernization of fuel content standards and references.

[SB 6331](#)  
(Dead)  
(EHB 2332)

**Gambling addiction**

S Rules X

Conway

Neutral

*Comments:*

[E3SSB 6353](#)  
(Dead)  
(E2SHB 2595)

**Automatic voter registration**

H State Govt,  
El

Hunt

Oppose

*Comments:* Establishes the automatic voter registration act of 2018. Increases the opportunity to register to vote for qualified persons by expanding the voter registration process with: (1) Automatic voter registration for enhanced driver's license; and (2) Automatic voter registration at qualified voter registration agencies. Requires a person born in the state, whose certificate of birth is filed with the state registrar of vital statistics after January 1, 2002, to be preregistered to vote. Requires the legislature to convene a task force on voter registration to facilitate the implementation and administration of the mandated automatic voter registration. Expires June 30, 2019. Requires the office of the secretary of state to conduct a study and prepare recommendations for creating an automatic voter registration process for recently naturalized citizens who reside within the state. Expires June 30, 2019. Exempts the following from public inspection and copying under the public records act: Information maintained in the pending voter registration database. OPPOSE because the new section 402 eliminates the voter's full date of birth from copies of the voter registration database.

[SB 6373](#)  
(Dead)

**City, district publ. records**

S Rules X

Hunt

Oppose

*Comments:* For small agencies that have office hours less than 30 hours a week, allows the agency to not respond to a public records request until five business days after their next business meeting or 30 days, whichever is sooner. CONCERN: ALL such small agencies should have email to receive requests, and ALL should be able to respond promptly within five business days with at least an initial response to the requester. There is no excuse for ignoring a request for over a month.

[SSB 6387](#)  
(Dead)  
(ESHB 2700)

**Child interview recordings**

S Rules X

Cleveland

Neutral

*Comments:* Exempts these recordings from disclosure under the PRA except by court order and with notification of the child's guardian.

[SB 6567](#)  
(Dead)

**Explosives/public records**

S State  
Govt/Trib

Hobbs

Concerns

*Comments:* Exempts the following from disclosure under the public records act: Records obtained and reports produced as required by the Washington state explosives act. Concerns include that this would make it impossible to the public to assess the risk associated with proximity to repositories of explosives.