

Prevention Voices WA

WA Legislature 101

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Prevention Voices is a Skill Building Group

During Session:

- Weekly leg. update
- Weekly bill review
- Leg. 101 Resources
- Pre-, Mid-, Post-Session Summits

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Education / Advocacy/ Lobbying

Sharing data on a certain topic.

Sharing stories about your community.

Saying "hi" and "thank you" to leg.

"Between Jan-Nov 2022, Alcohol delivery compliance rates were at 52% [+ story]..."

Sharing data on a certain bill.

Sharing the impact of a bill or budget.

Sharing a fact sheet with a bill #.

"HB 1375 would make alcohol delivery permanent..."

Testifying - Virtual or Written

Signing in on a bill

Framing anything with an ask.

"...Please vote no on expanding alcohol policies that were meant to be temporary."

Scenario: Coalition Letter to a legislator about a policy



Education

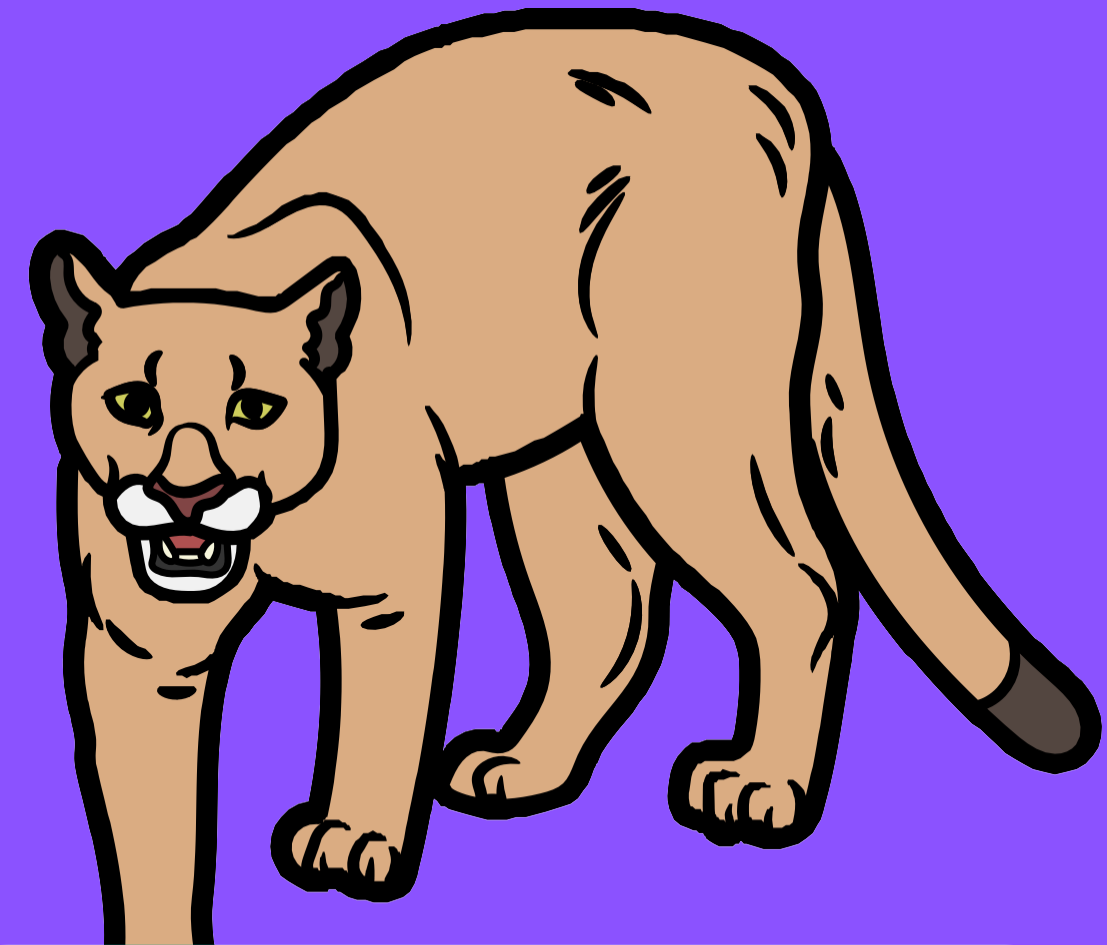


Lobbying

Scenario: Coalition Signs on to statements

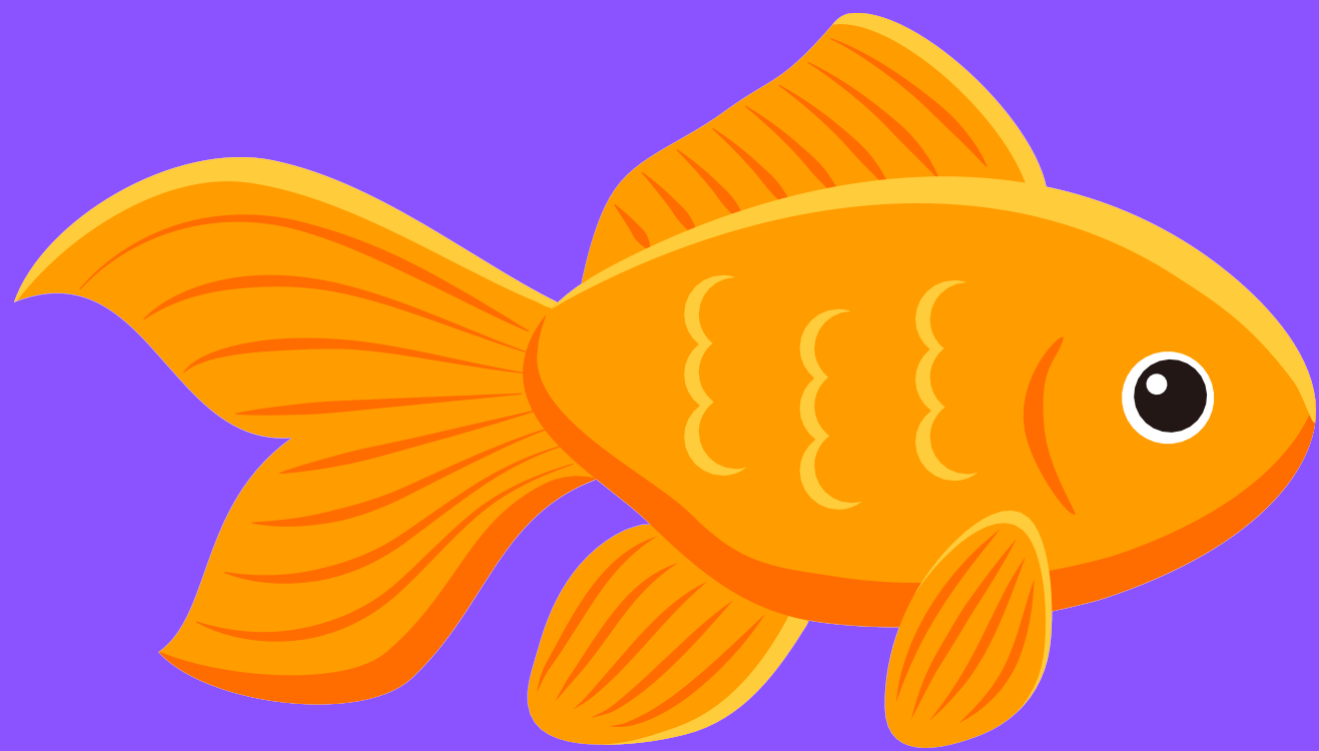


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Scenario: Testifying or Stating your position on a bill



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Scenario: Coalition alerts
local press to ask
legislators questions



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Phrase:

"Please schedule this bill for a hearing"

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Phrase:

"It's important this bill is heard because ..."

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Phrase:
"Please vote no on this
bill."

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Phrase:

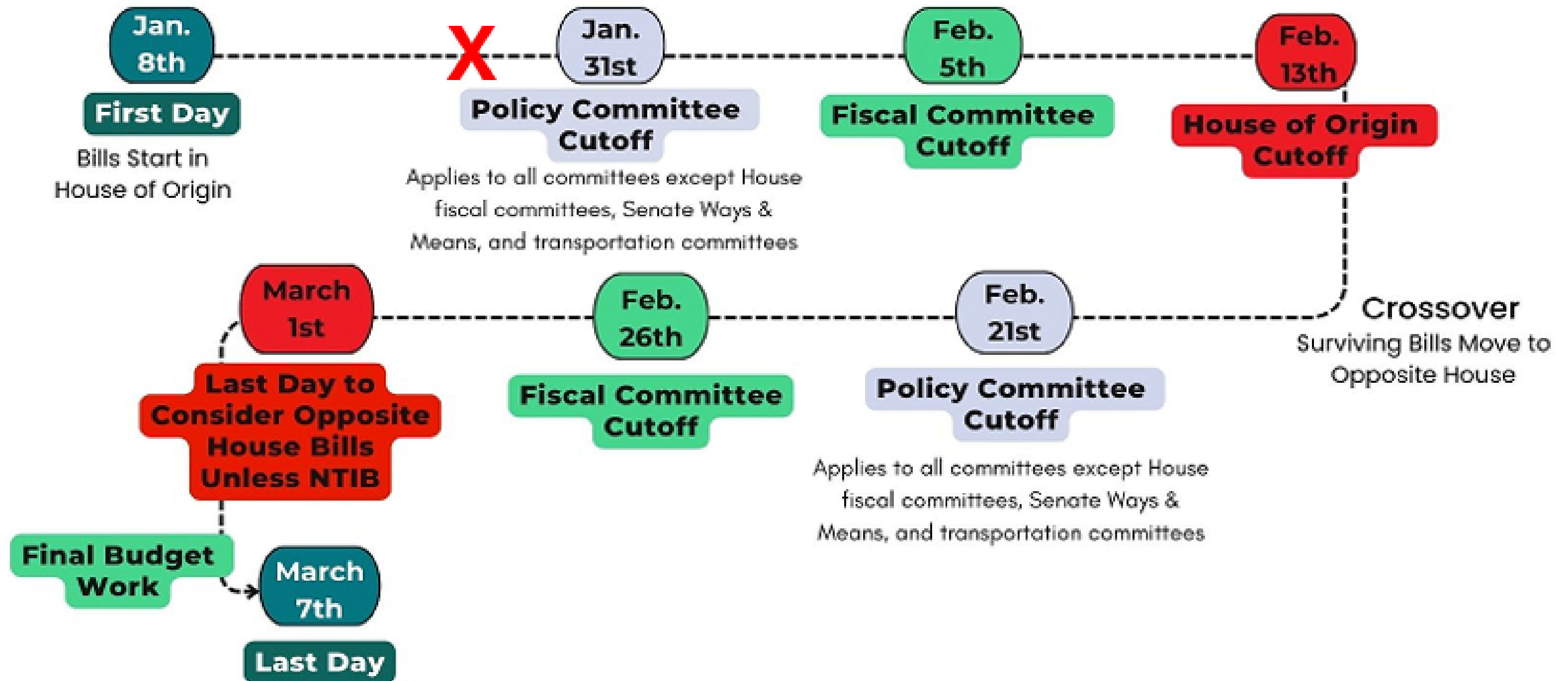
"We have grave concerns about the impacts that this bill will have in our community."

Education



Lobbying

2024 Short Session Cutoff Calendar



NTIB = Necessary to Implement the Budget
NTIB bills do not have these cutoffs

The Big ones (so far)

Bills to actively watch with your coalition:

1. HB 1341, HB 1650, HB 2151, HB 2194, SB 2334, SB 5363, SB 6272 – Series of bills would completely overhaul the state's cannabis system.
2. HB 1922 – Creating grant program for vape detectors.
3. HB 2104/SB 5950 – Supplemental operating budget.
4. HB 2196/SB 5002 - Concerning max BAC.
5. HB 2320/SB 6220 and SB 6271 – Attempts to regulate high potency THC.
6. SB 5804 – Require opioid overdose reversal medications in all high schools.
7. SB 6099 – Creating tribal opioid prevention and treatment account.
8. SB 6118 – Creating statewide vapor products directory.
9. SB 6122 – Third party alcohol delivery.

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Weekly Meetings for all

PV Legislative Update: Thursdays 11 AM

Topics:

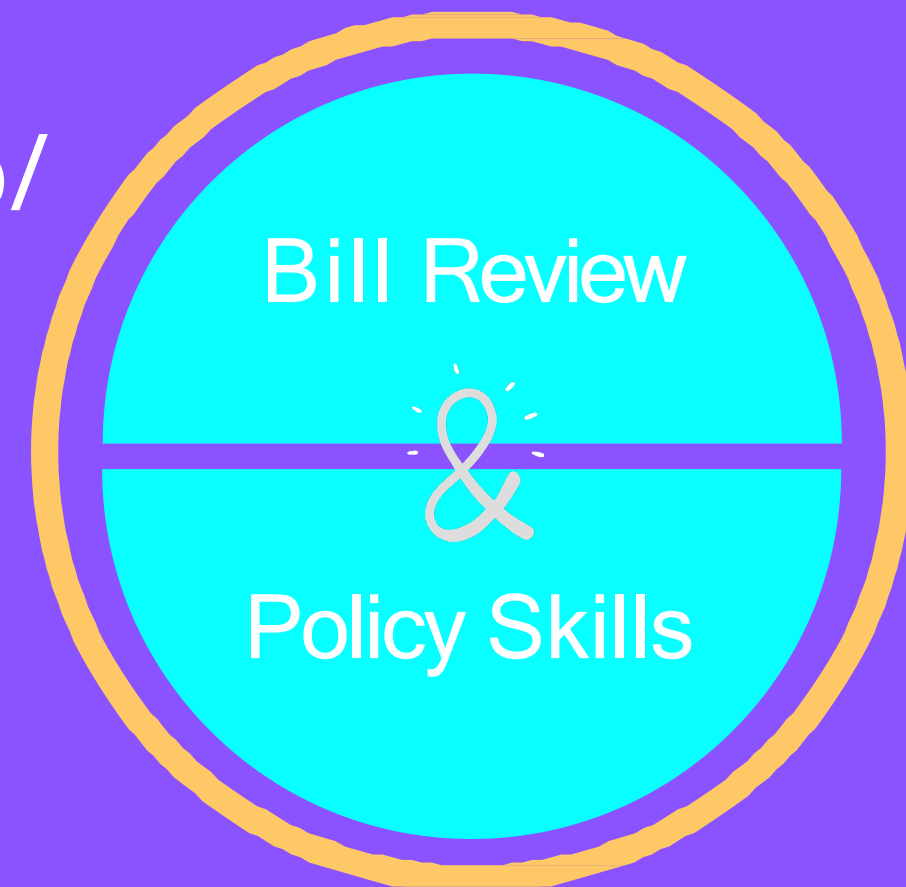
- Cannabis
- Tobacco/vapor
- Alcohol
- Opioids
- Mental Health Prevention infrastructure



WA Breathes Policy Learning Circles Tuesdays 12-1pm

Topic:

- Tobacco/Vapor



Washington Legislature 101: Mini Lessons

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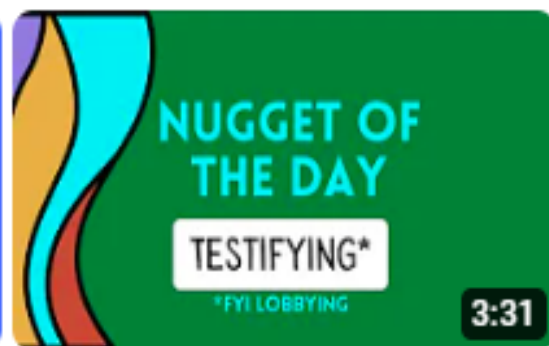
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Research Briefs

Smart Investment: Costs and Benefits of Substance Use Prevention and Behavioral Health Promotion



We can improve the lives of young people, their families, and communities – and save money – by investing in effective prevention.

Why It Matters

Every year, early substance use and mental health problems affect far too many people younger than age 21 in Washington State.¹

In the past month, 1 in 5 high school students:

- Drank alcohol
- Used e-cigarette or vaping products

2 in 5 tenth-graders felt so sad or hopeless that they stopped doing their usual activities

Source: 2018 Healthy Youth Survey data

These problems have a human toll in pain and suffering, and school, work, and leisure time lost to treatment services. They also have a statewide financial toll.

Treatment costs alone cost Washington State \$415,370,973 each year.² Juvenile justice costs \$2,756,887,000.³

These costs can be reduced if greater investments are made 'up stream' in effective and cost-beneficial prevention programs that keep young people healthy and away from choices that may lead to harms.

Substance use and mental health problems in Washington's young people can be reduced through high-quality delivery of effective prevention programs and policies.

More than 70 prevention programs have been shown in high-quality research studies to reduce problems like substance use and mental health problems and to improve wellbeing.⁴

These programs can be offered to children, youth, and families in schools, community agencies, primary care, and other community-wide settings where they live, work, and play.

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Location Matters: Access, Availability, and Density of Substance Retailers

Policies that limit youth access to substances foster healthier environments for healthier youth.

Why It Matters?

Youths' substance use increases when they are more able to obtain alcohol, commercial tobacco, and cannabis. The earlier youth initiate use, the more likely they will experience neurological problems and/or develop a substance misuse disorder as an adult.

Washington can help delay youth substance use initiation by limiting access, availability, and density of substances.

Most Vulnerable Are Most At Risk

Access and proximity don't work the same for everyone. Those at greatest risk (e.g., youth from lower income families⁵) and those most vulnerable (e.g., youth of color) are more likely to increase use as substances become more available.⁶

COVID-19 prompted relaxation of some alcohol regulations, allowing curbside pick-up and home delivery, including use of app technology to obtain alcohol. ID checks are not consistently practiced for home deliveries.

Access, Availability, and Density Increase Youth Use and Related Harms

Accessibility: proximity to the nearest outlet

Availability: the number of outlets

Density: the number of physical locations available for purchase either per area or per population

The number of licensed outlets for cannabis and commercial tobacco is increasing in Washington State.⁷

The number of alcohol outlets is stable; however, home delivery and curbside pick-up are increasing accessibility where ID checks are less likely to happen.

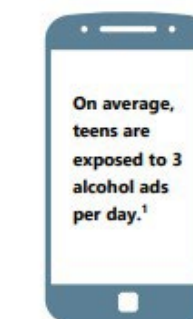
Increasing the number of places to purchase hard liquor in Washington State is associated with higher alcohol related youth traffic crashes, alcohol-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations of youth and higher treatment rates for alcohol dependence.⁸

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Goal: Protecting Youth from the Harmful Effects of Alcohol, Cannabis, and Commercial Tobacco (Nicotine) Marketing and Promotion

Because underage youth are frequently exposed to alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco promotion and marketing

Why It Matters



- Most youth exposure is through outdoor advertisement, social media, and television.¹⁻³ Billboards and radio advertisements are especially influential in rural areas.
- Underage exposure to alcohol, cannabis, and tobacco marketing increases the risk of early use.^{4,5} The earlier youth begin use, the more likely they will develop a substance misuse disorder as an adult.^{6,7}



- Companies get around marketing and promotion regulations by aggressively marketing on the unregulated social media market, and underage youth can access such content.¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Recent testimony to the US Congress revealed the detrimental impact of social media on health of underage youth.¹⁹
- Social media companies are mining and selling personal data of underage youth to advertisers.²⁰
- There are currently no regulations around Kratom or Kratom advertising in Washington, despite the Federal Drug Administration's concerns about unproven medical claims.²¹
- Unregulated vaping and e-cigarette marketing and promotion on social media is hooking a new generation of users on nicotine, jeopardizing hard-won reductions in tobacco use.²²

The most frequent cannabis-related marketing violations in Washington State occur in public spaces such as sidewalks and billboards.²²

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House Floor Activity Reports, [here](#) (shows live status of House floor).

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A Primer on Concurrence, Dispute, and Conference

If a bill was amended in the opposite house from which it was originally introduced, the house of origin has to decide whether it will concur with the amendments or not. [Learn more about the three potential paths for these bills.](#)

A Primer on the Rules Committee

Before a bill can make it to the chamber floor for debate and vote it must first make it out of the Rules Committee. [Learn more about the process, here.](#)

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2023

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second week of the legislative session. The legislature convened for the 2024 legislative session on Monday, January 8th.

General Update

Following the opening day ceremonies on Monday, committees started holding bill hearings and work sessions. The legislature has permanently embraced hybrid options for hearing testimony, which means you can testify in person or virtually. The committees don't view virtual testimony any differently than in-person. By not having to make the journey to Olympia, this is giving more people the opportunity to engage in the legislative process. If you are interested in testifying before the legislature this year, [click here](#) to learn more.

The Governor's proposed budget ([HB 2104/SB 5950](#)) was heard in the respective budget committee for each chamber on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons. Governor Inslee released his proposed [2024 supplemental operating, transportation, and capital budgets](#) in mid-December. The Senate and House will take the Governor's proposal under consideration as they craft their respective proposals, and then ultimately write the final 2024 supplemental budgets for Washington State by the time session adjourns on March 7th.



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