

Legislative Update

PRSC Meeting

March 21, 2022

Important dates

House of Origin

- ▶ **January 9:** 1st day of session
- ▶ **February 17th:** Policy committee cutoff (Day 40)
- ▶ **February 24th:** Fiscal Committee cutoff (Day 47)
- ▶ **March 8th:** House of Origin Cutoff (Day 59)

Cross over (process repeats)

- ▶ **March 29th :** Policy committee cutoff (Day 80)
- ▶ **April 4th:** Fiscal committee cutoff (Day 86)
- ▶ **April 12th:** Last day to consider bills UNLESS Necessary to Implement the budget (NTIB)



Relevant Terms/concepts

- ▶ Necessary to implement the budget (NTIB): Bills that the budget relies on in order to be complete (i.e., revenue, fiscal impact)
- ▶ 'Null and void' unless funded
- ▶ Economic forecast and budget revisions
 - ▶ Forecast: March 20th
 - ▶ House Budget: March 24th
 - ▶ Senate Budget: March 27th

The Current Session

▶ Cannabis

- ▶ Social Equity/Retail Owner Equity
- ▶ Retailer advertising
- ▶ Hemp-derived Cannabinoids

▶ Alcohol/DUI

- ▶ Making COVID allowances permanent
- ▶ DUI reforms

▶ Tobacco

- ▶ Addressing youth purchase, use, and possession

▶ Drug Policy

- ▶ Addressing Blake Decision

2023 Bills of Interest- Alcohol/DUI

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Alcohol	<u>ESSB 5614</u>	Concerning adult entertainment establishments	HLabor & Workpl
Alcohol	<u>SSB 5448</u>	Delivery of alcohol	H Reg Subst & Ga
Alcohol	<u>ESHB 1731</u>	Concerning complimentary liquor by short-term rental operators.	SLabor & Comm
Alcohol	<u>HB 1730</u>	Allowing people 18 years of age or older to work in certain 21 year and older establishments.	SLabor & Comm
DUI	<u>HB 1493</u>	Concerning impaired driving	SLaw & Justice
DUI	<u>SB 5032</u>	Extending DUI lookback period	HCommunity Safe

2023 Bills of Interest- Cannabis pt 1

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Cannabis	<u>E2SSB 5080</u>	Expanding and improving the social equity in cannabis program	HReg Subst & Ga
Cannabis	<u>E2SSB 5367</u>	Concerning the regulation of products containing THC	HReg Subst & Ga
Cannabis	<u>ESSB 5123</u>	Concerning the employment of individuals who lawfully consume cannabis.	HLabor & Workpl
Cannabis	<u>SB 5069</u>	Allowing interstate cannabis agreements	HReg Subst & Ga

Regulating Chemically Created Cannabinoids: E2SSB 5367

- ▶ Derived from hemp
 - ▶ Legal due to technicality in federal law
- ▶ Sold online, at gas stations, and in grocery stores
 - ▶ Not age restricted
 - ▶ Often not clearly labeled
 - ▶ Can contain residual chemicals from processing
- ▶ E2SSB 5367
 - ▶ Draws a line for THC content and expands definition of THCs
 - ▶ Products with 'any' THC content must be sold in cannabis retailers



2023 Bills of Interest- Cannabis pt 2

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Cannabis	<u>SB 5363</u>	Concerning cannabis retailer advertising	HReg Subst & Ga
Cannabis	<u>HB 1563</u>	Concerning arrest protections for the medical use of cannabis	SLabor & Comm
Cannabis	<u>HB 1772</u>	Prohibiting products that combine alcohol and tetrahydrocannabinol	SLabor & Comm
Cannabis	<u>SB 5340</u>	Limits on the sale and possession of retail cannabis products	HReg Subst & Ga
Cannabis	<u>SSB 5546</u>	Establishing a Washington state cannabis commission	SLabor & Comm

Establishing WA Cannabis Commission: ESSB 5546

- ▶ Creates a referendum of producer/processors on the formation of a cannabis commission
 - ▶ Industry is split: size & type of production are factors
 - ▶ Commodity commissions: blueberries, apples, wine
- ▶ Commission purpose: advise cannabis producers, review market metrics, fund cannabis (cultivation and use) research, liaise with LCB on behalf of producers, and prevent youth access
- ▶ Commission powers and duties: internal governance, contracting, IP rights, adopting rules
- ▶ Oversight: Washington State Dept of Agriculture
 - ▶ Shifts current regulatory structure
- ▶ Related bill: SB 5377- Allowing out of state ownership in cannabis businesses

Mental Health, School Data, and Tobacco

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Mental Health	<u>E2SHB 1134</u>	Implementing the 988 system	S Health & Long
Schools	<u>HB 1230</u>	Requiring Schools to make DOH info available	S EL/K-12
Tobacco	<u>ESSB 5365</u>	Preventing use of vapor and tobacco products by minors	HReg Subst & Ga

Preventing use of vapor & tobacco products by minors: E2SSB 5365

- ▶ Since TV21 went into effect, a disparity in the tobacco possession law exists:
 - ▶ 18–21: no penalties
 - ▶ Below 18: civil infraction
- ▶ Current enforcement disproportionately affects BIPOC youth
- ▶ E2SSB 5365 eliminates financial penalties for youth
 - ▶ Increases penalties for retailer violations
 - ▶ Maintains civil infraction classification and requires demographic data



Drug Policy

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Drug Policy	<u>2SSB 5263</u>	Concerning access to psilocybin services by individuals 21+	HHC/Wellness
Drug Policy	<u>E2SSB 5536</u>	Concerning controlled substances, counterfeit substances, and legend drug possession and treatment.	HCommunity Safe
Drug Policy	<u>ESSB 5010</u>	Including synthetic opioids in the endangerment with a controlled substance statue.	HCommunity Safe
Drug Policy	<u>EHB 1209</u>	Restricting the possession, purchase, delivery, and sale of certain equipment used to illegally process controlled substances	S Law & Justice

Dead But Watching

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>
Alcohol	<u>SB 5007</u>	Establishing a wine retailer shipper's permit
<u>Alcohol</u>	<u>SB 5013</u>	Providing a tax exemption for the first 20,000 gallons of wine sold by a winery in Washington
Alcohol	<u>SB 5375</u>	Concerning taxation of low-proof beverages
Alcohol	<u>HB 1299</u>	Concerning workforce development in the beverage alcohol industry.
Alcohol	<u>HB 1672</u>	Providing a spirits tax exemption on spirits purchased for veterans' service organizations' fund-raising.
Alcohol	<u>HB 1765</u>	Concerning special occasion liquor licenses
Alcohol	<u>SB 5446</u>	Restoring liquor sales revenue distributions to local governments
Cannabis	<u>HB 1595</u>	Cannabis excise tax
Cannabis	<u>HB 1642</u>	Regulating the sale of cannabis concentrates.
Cannabis	<u>HB 1641</u>	Addressing public health challenges of high-potency cannabis products

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<u>Topic</u>	<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Title</u>
Cannabis	<u>HB 1159</u>	Allowing interstate cannabis agreements
Cannabis	<u>HB 1650</u>	Requiring voter approval for local government prohibitions on cannabis businesses
Cannabis	<u>HB 1822</u>	Concerning complimentary products provided by short-term rental operators to guests.
Cannabis	<u>HB 5377</u>	Concerning cannabis license ownership
Cannabis	<u>HB 1802</u>	Concerning minors in possession of alcohol, cannabis, or controlled substance
Cannabis	<u>HB 1790</u>	Expanding and improving the social equity in cannabis program
Cannabis	<u>HB 1614</u>	Concerning the home cultivation of cannabis.
Cannabis	<u>SB 5404</u>	Increasing cannabis revenue distributions to local governments
Drug Policy	<u>SB 5422</u>	Expanding Penalties and Offenses for Controlled Substances
Drug Policy	<u>SB 5624</u>	Implementing the recommendations of the substance use recovery services advisory committee.

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Schools	<u>HB 1741</u>	Increasing prototypical school formulas to support student health, well-being, and educational outcome
Tobacco	<u>HB 1497</u>	Preventing use of vapor and tobacco products by minors
DUI	<u>SB 5022</u>	Concerning alcohol concentration.
Prevention	<u>SHB 1439</u>	Child Exposure to Violence
Schools	<u>HB 1675</u>	Providing access to behavioral health services to children using licensed clinicians co-located within the school
Schools	<u>HB 1692</u>	Creating student advisory groups
Schools	<u>HB 1710</u>	Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs

Legislative Info

- ▶ Prevention Voices WA
- ▶ Weekly Prevention Voices, WA Breathes Leg Session Meetings
- ▶ WASVAP: <https://wasavp.org/>

- ▶ LCB Public Health Roundtable: March 29 1:30-3
- ▶ Cannabis Rulemaking: Late April

- ▶ Bill information page: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>
- ▶ TVW: <https://www.tvw.org/>
- ▶ Agendas, Schedules and Calendars:
<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Comments, Insights, and Discussion?

