

# Partners for Our Children

## Weekly Bill Tracker

### March 5, 2026

#### Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/7 @ 9:00am

- ESB 6228 - Exec Session - Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs and providing tax relief for critical access pharmacies.)

#### Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 3/9 @ 10:00am

- SHB 2689 - Public Hearing - Concerning the working connections child care program. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

#### Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 3/10 @ 2:00pm

- SHB 2689 - Exec Session - Concerning the working connections child care program. (If measure is referred to committee.)

## Partners for our Children Bill Status Report

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
<a href="#">SHB 1123</a> (E2SSB 5083)	Health carrier reimbursement	Ensuring access to primary care, behavioral health, and affordable hospital services.	H Rules X	Macri
<a href="#">2SHB 1128</a> (SSB 5062)	Child care workforce board	Establishing a child care workforce standards board.	S Passed 3rd	Fosse
<a href="#">SHB 1198</a> (ESSB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Rules X	Ormsby
<a href="#">SHB 1248</a>	Juvenile justice programs	Improving the effectiveness of juvenile justice programs by providing ongoing evaluations and clarifying juvenile diversion practices.	H EL & Human Svc	Couture
<a href="#">SHB 1316</a>	Postsecondary homelessness	Expanding the scope of programs for postsecondary students experiencing homelessness and former foster youth.	H Rules R	Leavitt
<a href="#">2SHB 1322</a> (E2SSB 5296)	Juvenile offenses	Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements.	H EL & Human Svc	Goodman
<a href="#">SHB 1390</a>	Community protection program	Repealing the community protection program.	S Passed 3rd	Goodman
<a href="#">SHB 1489</a>	Childhood ed./impl. dates	Adjusting implementation dates for programs related to early childhood education and child care.	H Rules X	Ormsby

<a href="#">2SHB 1544</a>	Child abuse risk assessment	Improving the risk assessment process used when investigating alleged child abuse and neglect referrals.	H Rules X	Rule
<a href="#">EHB 1574</a>	Substance use/care, services	Protecting access to life-saving care and substance use services.	S 2nd Reading	Macri
<a href="#">HB 1582</a> (SSB 5655)	Child care centers/buildings	Concerning child care centers operated in existing buildings.	H Rules X	Valdez
<a href="#">2SHB 1592</a> (SB 5404)	Public defense services	Concerning public defense services.	H Rules R	Peterson
<a href="#">HB 1600</a>	Family services support fee	Modifying the fee to support family services.	H Rules 3C	Eslick
<a href="#">2SHB 1614</a> (SSB 5314)	Capital gains tax	Modifying the capital gains tax.	H Rules X	Thai
<a href="#">E3SHB 1634</a>	Behavioral health/schools	Providing school districts and public schools with assistance to coordinate comprehensive behavioral health supports for students.	S 2nd Reading	Thai
<a href="#">ESHB 1795</a> (SB 5654)	Student restraint, isolation	Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	S Passed 3rd	Callan
<a href="#">HB 1809</a>	Behavioral health response	Professionalizing first responders and co-responders through training and reimbursement for behavioral health emergency response.	H HC/Wellness	Nance
<a href="#">SHB 1816</a>	Civilian crisis resp. teams	Concerning civilian-staffed crisis response teams.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Scott
<a href="#">3SHB 1834</a> (ESSB 5708)	Online services/minors	Protecting Washington children online.	H Rules X	Callan
<a href="#">HB 1873</a>	WC child care/grad. students	Increasing access to the working connections child care program for graduate and professional students.	H EL & Human Svc	Zahn
<a href="#">2SHB 1909</a>	Court unification task force	Establishing the court unification task force.	S 2nd Reading	Taylor
<a href="#">2SHB 1917</a>	Juvenile rehabilitation	Concerning management of individuals who are placed in juvenile rehabilitation institutions.	H EL & Human Svc	Callan
<a href="#">SHB 2033</a>	Nicotine product taxation	Concerning the taxation of nicotine products.	H Rules X	Stonier
<a href="#">HB 2038</a> (SB 5799)	Youth behavioral health acc.	Establishing the youth behavioral health account and funding the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms.	H Finance	Callan
<a href="#">EHB 2044</a>	Unexcused student absences	Addressing unexcused student absences.	H Approps	Ormsby
<a href="#">SHB 2073</a> (SSB 5808)	Health carrier surpluses	Funding health insurance premium assistance.	H 2nd Reading	Parshley
<a href="#">SHB 2084</a>	Tax preferences	Increasing funding for K-12, health care, and public safety by repealing or modifying tax preferences for certain industries and goods.	H Rules X	Ramel
<a href="#">SHB 2099</a> (SB 5907)	ECEAP access/military	Expanding access to the early childhood education and assistance program for military families.	H Approps	Leavitt

<a href="#">HB 2100</a> (SB 6093)	Payroll expense tax	Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account.	H Finance	Scott
<a href="#">HB 2108</a>	Juvenile justice transfer	Concerning the transfer of the juvenile justice functions.	H EL & Human Svc	Walsh
<a href="#">SHB 2146</a>	Sexual exploitation of minor	Combating sexual exploitation of minors.	H Approps	Jacobsen
<a href="#">SHB 2159</a> (ESB 5872)	PreK promise account	Establishing the preK promise account.	H Rules R	Bergquist
<a href="#">HB 2169</a> (SSB 5911)	DCYF/financial stability	Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families.	H EL & Human Svc	Callan
<a href="#">HB 2171</a>	Foster youth	Supporting foster youth.	H EL & Human Svc	Steele
<a href="#">HB 2185</a> (SB 5957)	Homeless youth committee	Concerning the office of homeless youth prevention and protection programs advisory committee.	H Rules X	Fey
<a href="#">HB 2187</a>	Child care assist./B&O tax	Supporting employers providing child care assistance to employees by establishing a business and occupation and public utility tax credit.	H Finance	Penner
<a href="#">ESHB 2219</a>	Child care providers	Enhancing the operational efficiency of child care providers.	S Passed 3rd	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#">ESHB 2238</a>	Statewide food security	Concerning statewide food security.	S Passed 3rd	Reeves
<a href="#">ESHB 2253</a>	DCYF licensing division	Concerning updates to the licensing division of the department of children, youth, and families.	S Human Services	Bernbaum
<a href="#">HB 2254</a>	Partnership access line	Providing flexibility in the partnership access line assessment to cover administrative costs.	S Passed 3rd	Callan
<a href="#">HB 2282</a>	Transition to kindergarten	Supporting the implementation of transition to kindergarten programs.	H Approps	Bernbaum
<a href="#">SHB 2289</a> (ESSB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Rules R	Ormsby
<a href="#">EHB 2317</a>	Early learning licensing	Concerning early learning program licensing requirements.	S Passed 3rd	Eslick
<a href="#">2SHB 2389</a> (SSB 6062)	Criminal offenses under 18	Modifying provisions related to individuals found to have committed criminal offenses when under the age of 18.	H Rules X	Cortes
<a href="#">2SHB 2429</a> (SB 6224)	Youth behavioral health	Supporting children and youth behavioral health.	S Passed 3rd	Callan
<a href="#">2SHB 2438</a>	Early education scholarship	Establishing the supporting our early education degree seekers scholarship.	H Rules X	Bergquist
<a href="#">HB 2450</a>	Food assistance/state prg.	Maintaining food assistance for certain individuals affected by federal eligibility requirements.	H EL & Human Svc	Couture
<a href="#">HB 2455</a> (SB 5940)	Foster care housing pilot	Creating a housing assistance pilot program for youth enrolled in extended foster care.	H EL & Human Svc	Taylor
<a href="#">HB 2456</a>	Juvenile firearm interv.	Establishing a juvenile firearm early intervention alternative.	H EL & Human Svc	Davis

<a href="#">HB 2484</a> (SSB 5992)	Youth development fund	Creating the youth development fund account to increase access to positive youth development programs.	H Education	Rule
<a href="#">HB 2497</a> (SB 6185)	Child welfare response	Addressing the rise in maltreatment-related child fatalities or near fatalities by supporting families that have received a child welfare response.	H EL & Human Svc	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#">SHB 2505</a> (SSB 6036)	Adult family home licensure	Exempting certain former foster care providers from adult family home licensure.	S Passed 3rd	Eslick
<a href="#">HB 2511</a>	Imminent physical harm/child	Providing a definition for imminent physical harm in the context of child welfare.	H EL & Human Svc	Dent
<a href="#">HB 2529</a> (SSB 5942)	DCYF accountability board	Concerning the department of children, youth, and families accountability board.	H EL & Human Svc	Dent
<a href="#">HB 2560</a> (SSB 6094)	Pediatric transitional care	Concerning facilities licensed to provide pediatric transitional care services.	H HC/Wellness	Hill
<a href="#">HB 2573</a>	Grocery stores & pharmacies	Concerning community access to food, medicine, and health services.	H Local Govt	Pollet
<a href="#">HB 2587</a> (SB 6245)	Nonprofit grant advances	Establishing a pilot program to advance funds to nonprofits to support grant performance.	H Approps	Cortes
<a href="#">SHB 2594</a>	Unhoused children/education	Ensuring that unhoused children and youths in Washington have equal access to free, appropriate public education.	S 2nd Reading	Reeves
<a href="#">2SHB 2660</a> (2SSB 6308)	Child shelter care orders	Authorizing the court to order certain conditions during child welfare shelter care hearings.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self
<a href="#">SHB 2689</a>	Working connect. child care	Concerning the working connections child care program.	H Passed 3rd	Gregerson
<a href="#">HB 2692</a>	Child abuse & neglect	Modifying the standard by which courts, law enforcement, and hospitals may remove children based on child abuse or neglect.	H EL & Human Svc	Rule
<a href="#">HB 2706</a>	DSHS tort claims	Creating an administrative process for adjudicating department of children, youth, and families tort claims against the state.	H Civil R & Judi	Ormsby
<a href="#">SHB 2714</a>	Food assistance caseload	Concerning caseload forecasting for food assistance programs.	S Passed 3rd	Bergquist
<a href="#">HB 2719</a>	Foster care/scholarships	Establishing empowerED scholarships for foster care students using educational savings accounts.	H Education	Marshall
<a href="#">HB 2724</a> (ESSB 6346)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon
<a href="#">HB 2734</a>	Sugar-sweetened beverages	Creating a hunger free Washington through a sugar-sweetened beverage tax and precluding a supplemental nutrition assistance program waiver.	H Finance	Street
<a href="#">HB 2742</a>	Sales tax holiday	Providing financial relief for families by establishing a sales tax and use tax holiday.	H Finance	Couture
<a href="#">ESSB 5071</a>	Synthetic opioids/endanger.	Updating the endangerment with a controlled substance statute.	H Community Safet	Braun
<a href="#">SSB 5169</a>	Testimony of children	Concerning testimony of children.	H Rules R	Nobles
<a href="#">SSB 5282</a>	Missing children adv. board	Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force.	S Rules X	Wellman

<a href="#">E2SSB 5296</a> (2SHB 1322)	Juvenile offenses	Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements.	S Rules X	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 5297</a> (HB 1314)	Early learning facilities	Concerning the early learning facilities grant and loan program.	S Rules X	Trudeau
<a href="#">SB 5304</a> (HB 1540)	Homelessness/tribal colleges	Expanding eligibility for the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth program to an accredited tribal college.	S Rules X	Kauffman
<a href="#">ESSB 5500</a> (HB 1350)	Child care rate model	Modernizing reimbursement rates for the working connections child care program.	H Rules R	Alvarado
<a href="#">SSB 5762</a>	988 crisis hotline	Increasing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax.	S Rules X	Orwall
<a href="#">ESB 5775</a>	Public safety/local tax	Expanding local taxing authority to fund public safety and community protection focused programs and services.	S Ways & Means	Slatter
<a href="#">ESB 5797</a>	Intangible assets tax	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the benefit of public schools.	S Ways & Means	Frame
<a href="#">SSB 5798</a>	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen
<a href="#">SSB 5808</a> (SHB 2073)	Health carrier surpluses	Funding health insurance premium assistance.	S 2nd Reading	Robinson
<a href="#">SB 5849</a>	Financial education	Making financial education a graduation requirement in Washington state.	S EL/K-12	Cortes
<a href="#">SB 5866</a>	DCYF frontline staffing	Increasing frontline staffing within the department of children, youth, and families.	S Human Services	Torres
<a href="#">SB 5867</a>	Mobile pregnancy application	Partnering with a mobile pregnancy application to improve maternal and infant health.	S Health & Long-	Muzzall
<a href="#">SB 5907</a> (SHB 2099)	ECEAP access/military	Expanding access to the early childhood education and assistance program for military families.	S Rules X	Nobles
<a href="#">SSB 5911</a> (HB 2169)	DCYF/financial stability	Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families.	H Passed 3rd	Alvarado
<a href="#">SB 5914</a>	Public defense services	Concerning public defense services.	S Law & Justice	Torres
<a href="#">SB 5935</a>	Office of homeless youth	Updating the office of homeless youth program provisions.	S Human Services	Orwall
<a href="#">SB 5940</a> (HB 2455)	Foster care housing pilot	Creating a housing assistance pilot program for youth enrolled in extended foster care.	S Ways & Means	Wilson
<a href="#">SSB 5942</a> (HB 2529)	DCYF accountability board	Concerning the department of children, youth, and families accountability board.	S Rules X	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 5967</a> (ESHB 2242)	Preventive health services	Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.	S Rules X	Cleveland
<a href="#">SB 5977</a>	Child near fatality reviews	Requiring publication of child near fatality reviews.	H EL & Human Svc	Torres
<a href="#">SB 5979</a>	Dependency/substance abuse	Improving state responses to dependent children and the risk of harm from high-	S Rules X	Torres

		potency synthetic opioids and caregiver substance abuse.		
<a href="#">ESSB 5998</a> (SHB 2289)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Conf appt	Robinson
<a href="#">SSB 6007</a>	DCYF assessment practices	Authorizing the Washington state institute for public policy to evaluate outcomes related to assessment practices at the department of children, youth, and families.	H Approps	Warnick
<a href="#">SB 6020</a>	DCYF oversight board name	Changing the official name of the department of children, youth, and families oversight board.	S Human Services	Christian
<a href="#">SB 6022</a>	Juvenile rehabilitation	Improving juvenile rehabilitation.	S Human Services	Christian
<a href="#">SB 6023</a>	Children/imminent risk	Protecting children from imminent risk of harm.	S Human Services	Christian
<a href="#">SSB 6036</a> (SHB 2505)	Adult family home licensure	Exempting certain former foster care providers from adult family home licensure.	H HC/Wellness	Kauffman
<a href="#">SSB 6062</a> (2SHB 2389)	Criminal offenses under 18	Modifying provisions related to individuals found to have committed criminal offenses when under the age of 18.	S Ways & Means	Wilson
<a href="#">SSB 6094</a> (HB 2560)	Pediatric transitional care	Concerning facilities licensed to provide pediatric transitional care services.	S Ways & Means	Riccelli
<a href="#">SB 6111</a>	Minors/digital services	Protecting children online.	S Business, Trad	Salomon
<a href="#">SB 6144</a>	Juvenile rehab. safety	Improving safety at state juvenile rehabilitation institutions.	S Human Services	Braun
<a href="#">SSB 6184</a>	Office of homeless youth	Updating the office of homeless youth program provisions.	H Rules R	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 6185</a> (HB 2497)	Child welfare response	Addressing the rise in maltreatment-related child fatalities or near fatalities by supporting families that have received a child welfare response.	S Human Services	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 6186</a>	SNAP benefits/unhealthy food	Directing the department of social and health services to apply for a waiver from the United States department of agriculture restricting the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits from being used to purchase unhealthy foods such as candy and sweetened beverages.	S Human Services	Warnick
<a href="#">SSB 6206</a>	First responders/child care	Establishing a pilot program that incentivizes child care providers to care for children of first responders.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra
<a href="#">SB 6212</a>	Children benefit pilot prg.	Creating a families with children benefit pilot program.	S Human Services	Nobles
<a href="#">SB 6224</a> (2SHB 2429)	Youth behavioral health	Supporting children and youth behavioral health.	S Ways & Means	Wilson
<a href="#">ESB 6228</a> (HB 2707)	Prescription drugs/taxes	Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs.	H Finance	Frame
<a href="#">SB 6232</a>	Mental health counselors	Creating the Washington state board of licensed mental health counselors.	S Health & Long-	Bateman
<a href="#">SB 6236</a> (HB 1092)	Children/controlled sub.	Maintaining the safety of children.	S Human Services	Holy

<a href="#">E2SSB 6239</a> (HB 2700)	State tort claims	Requiring arbitration for tort claims against the state of Washington and its subdivisions.	H Civil R & Judi	Dhingra
<a href="#">SB 6245</a> (HB 2587)	Nonprofit grant advances	Establishing a pilot program to advance funds to nonprofits to support grant performance.	S State Gov/Trib	Wilson
<a href="#">2SSB 6308</a> (2SHB 2660)	Child shelter care orders	Authorizing the court to order certain conditions during child welfare shelter care hearings.	S Rules X	Wilson
<a href="#">2SSB 6319</a>	Child welfare cases/under 4	Concerning the extension of time for certain child welfare cases for children under the age of four.	S Rules X	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 6344</a>	DCYF office of fraud & acct.	Establishing an office of fraud and accountability within the department of children, youth, and families.	S Human Services	Christian
<a href="#">ESSB 6346</a> (HB 2724)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Rules R	Pedersen
<a href="#">SSB 6353</a>	Working conn. child care	Modifying the working connections child care program.	S Rules 2	Robinson