



Bill Tracking – Washington State Legislature 2018

Note: Bills in gray type are considered no longer eligible for consideration this legislative session.

Issue	Bill Numbers	Brief Summary	Position	Latest Status
First Responder OD Presumptions	1655	1655/6214 create coverage and presumption of occupational disease for LEOFF members with PTSD.	Oppose each as introduced; seeking limiting amendments	1655 passed House 85-11 on 1/18
	6214			
	2633 6213	2633/6213 expand the list of cancers and infections under current firefighter presumption, adds fire investigators, and creates new presumptions for law enforcement officers.		Other measures still in committee
Hanford Worker OD Presumptions	1723	Creates a presumption of occupational disease across a broad number of conditions for workers who have performed work at the Department of Energy Hanford site.	Oppose as introduced; seeking limiting amendments	1723 passed House 76-22 on 1/11
	5940			
	6343	6343 creates a task force to focus on health and safety at the Hanford site.		5940 passed Senate LC Committee on 1/15

Pension Discount Rate	2762 6393	Creates separate pension reserving statutes for State Fund and Self-Insured pensions, to allow for discounting reserves using different assumptions. L&I agency request bill.	Support	2762 up for hearing 1/22 in Appropriations 6393 in Ways & Means
Off-Duty Employee Conduct	5667	Provides that it is an unfair practice for an employer to take an adverse employment action, or discriminate, against an employee or prospective employee because that person participates in an activity that is lawful under state law.	Oppose; conflict with safety, drug testing policies	In Senate Committee
Hearing Aids	6232 2591	As introduced, would require replacement of hearing aids in workers' compensation claims at least once every 5 years	Concerns; would rather handle in fee schedule/rule	House version heard 1/10, scheduled for markup 1/22
IMEs	6226	Requires SIE to submit records for IME electronically or, if on paper, within 10 days of scheduled IME and directs L&I to develop access to telemedicine in IMEs	Concerns	Scheduled for hearing 1/22
Mental Health Providers	2865 6448	Expands the list of provider types who may provide mental health services on workers' compensation claims	Oppose	Senate version scheduled for hearing 1/22, House on 1/23

Janitors	6227	Requires L&I to conduct a study of commercial janitorial safety and provide annual progress reports to the Legislature beginning 2018 until study is complete.	Monitor	Marked up in committee 1/17
Social Security Offset	1336 6270	Eliminates SS offset against time loss/pension payments for those workers who had applied for or were receiving SS benefits prior to injury.	Oppose/monitor	House version awaiting floor vote Senate version scheduled for hearing 1/2
WISHA Penalties	1953	L&I request legislation to conform WISHA maximum and minimum penalties to federal OSHA levels.	Monitor	Awaiting floor vote
Transportation contractors – defining “truck”	2705 6478	Defines “truck” for purposes of determining transportation contractors who are covered or not for workers’ compensation.	Monitor	Introduced, no hearings scheduled
Intoxication and WC benefits	1228 2697	Limits benefits to medical aid for injuries caused by use of intoxicants.	Monitor/support	1228 from last year; 2697 scheduled for hearing 1/23