



Bill Tracking – Washington State Legislature 2019

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

Issue	Bill Numbers	Brief Summary	Position	Latest Status
State Operating Budget	1109 5153	Makes appropriations for the 2019-2021 biennium Contains funding for first phase of L&I's massive IT replacement project, of which self-insureds will be charged a portion.	Monitoring L&I appropriations	In House/Senate financial committees
Wage Calculation/Benefits	5217	Reworks the statute governing the method by which wages are calculated Replaces sliding scale with a 70 percent flat rate for temporary/permanent disability benefits	In process	Set for public hearing on 1/22 in Senate Labor Committee
Firefighter Safety	5175	Requires L&I to adopt a rule governing firefighter exposure to carcinogens, and directs \$100,000 to be allocated to purchase protective	Monitoring	In Senate Labor Committee

equipment for firefighters in jurisdictions with limited resources.

Off-duty conduct
protections

[5226](#)

Makes it a violation of the Washington Law Against Discrimination to take adverse action against an employee or prospective employee on the basis of off-duty lawful conduct.

Evaluating

In Senate Law &
Justice Committee

Many believe has to do with recreational marijuana use; could have workplace safety/drug testing implications