



## 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
Confidentiality of claim records	<a href="#">1909</a> <a href="#">5844</a>	Proposed Amendment creates \$1,000 penalty for unauthorized disclosure of mental health condition or treatment information from injured worker claim file	Negotiated limiting amendment	House version passed Legislature on 04/03, will go to Governor for signature
Wage Calculation/Benefits	<a href="#">5217</a> <a href="#">1492</a>	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	Oppose	Not moving in 2019
Self-insurance claims issues	<a href="#">5474</a> <a href="#">1682</a>	As amended, would allow self-insurers to validly serve department-issued closing orders	Support	Senate version awaiting floor vote in House, having passed out of Committee

Hanford occupational disease presumption	<a href="#">5507</a> <a href="#">1490</a>	Amends last year's Hanford presumption law to remove pre-screening requirement if employer did not offer	Monitoring	House version awaiting Senate floor vote
Firefighter occupational disease presumption	<a href="#">1913</a> <a href="#">5849</a>	Adds additional conditions/occupations to RCW 51.32.185 as well as a scientific review panel to review future requests to add contended conditions	Supporting compromise reached with union stakeholders	House version voted out of Senate Labor Committee 04/03, proceeds to Rules Committee
Independent Contractors/Employee Classification	<a href="#">5513</a> <a href="#">1515</a>	As amended in House, now creates a stakeholder working group on employee classification issues	As amended in House, now monitoring	Not moving in 2019
Firefighter Safety	<a href="#">5175</a>	As amended, provides various financial incentives to State Fund agency employers of firefighters to improve workplace safety and protective equipment	Monitoring	Passed Senate 03/08, in House Appropriations Committee
State Operating Budget	<a href="#">1109</a>	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	House and Senate versions have passed respective chambers, now must be negotiated/reconciled.
Off-duty conduct protections	<a href="#">5226</a>	Makes it a violation of the Washington Law Against Discrimination to take adverse action against an employee or prospective	Opposing	Heard in Senate Law & Justice Committee 02/07, set for

		employee on the basis of off-duty lawful conduct.		committee vote 02/14 but no vote held
		Many believe has to do with recreational marijuana use; could have workplace safety/drug testing implications		
Workers' comp for freight transporters	<u>1961</u>	Clarifies that freight brokers are not the employers for workers' comp purposes of common carriers with whom they contract to forward freight	Monitoring	Appears unlikely to receive consideration this session
Task force on 3-way workers' comp	<u>2025</u>	Sets up a task force to work toward a competitive workers' comp system	Monitoring	No chance of receiving any attention anytime soon