



## Bill Tracking – Washington State Legislature 2017

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

Bill Number	Brief Summary	Sponsor	Position	Latest Status
<a href="#">5822</a>	Employer community workers' comp reform bill, encompassing <i>Tobin</i> fix, occupational disease tightening, structured settlement age, and self-insurance authority.	Baumgartner	Support	Voted out of Senate Commerce Committee 2/15, in Senate Rules Committee.
<a href="#">1723</a>	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.	Haler	Oppose	Passed House 3/2, 69-29
<a href="#">1655</a>	Expands the presumption of occupational disease for firefighters and law enforcement officers to include stress-related conditions.	Lovick	Oppose	Passed the House 3/3, 84-13

<a href="#">1227</a>	Requires the Department of Corrections to cover the workers' compensation reporting and premium obligations for offender working groups. This would help self-insured municipalities and school districts who have been impacted by recent DOC rules shifting the insurance risk to the employer.	Pike	Support	Voted out of House Labor Committee 2/13; in House Appropriations Committee
<a href="#">1228</a>	Bars indemnity payments when worker is injured as a result of liquor or drug intoxication.	Pike	Support/Monitor	Unlikely to receive hearing or movement.
<a href="#">1336</a>	Eliminates the social security offset against time loss benefits for those workers who have been receiving or applied for social security prior to injury.	Kirby	Oppose	Voted out of House Labor Committee 2/1, in House Rules Committee
<a href="#">1629/5460</a>	L&I request legislation to extend the appeals timeline in DOSH appeals to allow more time for re-assumption and settlement.	Sells/Keiser	Support	1629 Passed House 2/27, 96-0; 5460 not moving
<a href="#">1755/5670</a>	Championed by State Fund community, requires ongoing notice to employers under certain circumstances of ongoing settlement negotiations between L&I and third parties in third party actions.	Manweller/Braun	Support/Monitor	Awaiting floor votes in House and Senate

<a href="#">5477</a>	Expands occupational disease presumptions across a broad number of conditions for firefighters and law enforcement officers.	Zeiger	Oppose	Heard on 2/9; appears dead
<a href="#">5233</a>	Specifies that foreign language interpreters whose services are procured through a broker are not covered employees for purposes of workers' compensation and unemployment insurance.	Mullet	Monitor	Awaiting Senate floor vote
<a href="#">1869/5682</a>	Consolidates purchasing for DSHS and L&I interpreter services (medical and vocational) in state government.	Orwall/Saldana	Monitor	Heard on 2/9 in Senate, heard in House 2/14; appears dead
<a href="#">1953/5743</a>	L&I request legislation to conform WISHA statutory minimum and maximum penalties to federal OSHA levels	Sells/Conway	Not supporting	Eligible for House and Senate floor votes
<a href="#">5719</a>	Creates a Department of Labor & Industries ombuds in the state Department of Commerce to act as an advocate for employers in interactions with L&I	Baumgartner	Monitor	Eligible for Senate floor vote.
<a href="#">5355</a>	Authorizing telemedicine in workers' comp	Conway	Monitor/Concerns	Heard in Senate Health Care Committee 2/9; appears dead