



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
5975	Creates and funds a Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance program administered by the Employment Security Department. For fuller summary, click here .	Fain	Monitor	Passed the Legislature 06/20/2017, goes into effect 10/19/2017
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.	Haler	Oppose	Passed House 3/2, 69-29, in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee
1655	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, in Senate Commerce & Labor Committee

<u>5822</u>	Employer community workers' comp reform bill, encompassing <i>Tobin</i> fix, occupational disease tightening, structured settlement age, and self-insurance authority.	Baumgartner	Support	Did not receive floor vote by 3/8 cutoff
<u>1227</u>	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
<u>1228</u>	Bars indemnity payments when worker is injured as a result of liquor or drug intoxication.	Pike	Support/Monitor	Unlikely to receive hearing or movement.
<u>1336</u>	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	Did not receive a floor vote by 3/8 cutoff
<u>1629</u> / <u>5460</u>	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 the Legislature 03/31/17, goes into effect 01/01/2018
<u>1755</u> / <u>5670</u>	Championed by State Fund community, requires ongoing notice to employers under certain	Manweller/Braun	Support/Monitor	1755 passed the Legislature

circumstances of ongoing settlement negotiations between L&I and third parties in third party actions.

04/04/17, goes into effect 07/23/2017

<u>5477</u>	Expands occupational disease presumptions across a broad number of conditions for firefighters and law enforcement officers.	Zeiger	Oppose	Heard on 2/9; appears dead
<u>5233</u>	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	Passed Senate March 8 th , in House Labor Committee
<u>1869/5682</u>	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
<u>1953/5743</u>	L&I request legislation to conform WISHA statutory minimum and maximum penalties to federal OSHA levels	Sells/Conway	Not supporting	1953 Passed House 3/7, eligible for Senate floor vote
<u>5719</u>	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	Did not receive floor vote by 3/8 cutoff
<u>5355</u>	Authorizing telemedicine in workers' comp	Conway	Monitor/Concerns	Heard in Senate Health Care

Committee 2/9;
appears dead