



2023 Legislative Session Top 10s*

* Lists are compiled by Policy Development staff and do not encompass all bills one might consider 'good', 'bad', or 'bipartisan'. Bills are listed numerically, not according to significance.

Good HRC Bills that Passed Legislature

1. [House Bill 1013](#) (Maycumber) – Establishes regional apprenticeship programs.
2. [House Bill 1173](#) (Connors) – Requires light mitigation technology on new and existing utility scale wind farms to limit flashing red nighttime lights.
3. [House Bill 1210](#) (Rude) – Requires all school district board meetings to be audio recorded, with recordings kept for at least one year, and made available to the public.
4. [House Bill 1274](#) (Couture) – Requires the Department of Children, Youth and Families to establish a child malnutrition field guide.
5. [House Bill 1293](#) (Klicker) – Makes it easier to build new housing by eliminating burdensome red-tape requirements.
6. [House Bill 1301](#) (McClintock) – Requires Department of Licensing (DOL) to review and analyze 10 percent of professional licenses each year and provide a report to legislature as to whether the professional licenses should be terminated, modified, or continued.
7. [House Bill 1564](#) (Mosbrucker) – Prohibits a person from selling, offering for sale, or otherwise making available over-the-counter sexual assault kits that may be used to collect sexual assault evidence.
8. [House Bill 1682](#) (Maycumber) – Increases funding for preventing, investigating, and prosecuting auto theft.
9. [House Bill 1766](#) (Griffey) – Requires courts to develop and issue wallet sized laminated “Hope Cards” that contain certain information about a protection order.
10. [House Bill 1730](#) (Waters) – Allows an employee 18 years of age or older to work at a 21+ establishment as long as work performed is unrelated to the sale or service or alcohol.

Good HRC Bills that Died

1. [House Bill 1000](#) (Stokesbary) – Would have provided meaningful sales tax relief by expanding eligibility and benefits for the Working Families Tax Credit. *Died in House Finance Committee.*
2. [House Bill 1011](#) (Abbarno) – Would have repealed the unpopular long-term services and supports trust program and payroll tax. *Died in House Health Care & Wellness Committee without a public hearing.*
3. [House Bill 1245](#) (Barkis) – Would have authorized the splitting of lots to create more small parcels of land to build starter homes and other forms of affordable housing. *Passed House; Died in Senate Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs Committee.*
4. [House Bill 1328](#) (Stokesbary) – Would have increased funding to schools and families for students not meeting academic standards and begin to address the learning loss created by the Governor. *Died in House Appropriations Committee without a public hearing.*
5. [House Bill 1373](#) (Stokesbary) – Would have funded the removal of illegal encampments near schools, child care centers, parks, and courthouses. *Died in House Housing Committee without a public hearing.*
6. [House Bill 1380](#) (Stokesbary) – Would have provided funding for the recruitment, retention, and support of law enforcement officers. *Died in House Appropriations Committee without a public hearing.*
7. [House Bill 1401](#) (Jacobsen) – Would have allowed cities and counties to create a simple, standardized housing permit process for affordable housing units in areas designated for housing. *Died in House Rules Committee.*
8. [House Bill 1402](#) (Jacobsen) – Would have adjusted urban growth boundaries to account for situations where property owners have not developed property as expected in comprehensive plans and development regulations. *Died in House Housing Committee.*
9. [House Bill 1615](#) (Eslick) – Would have established the Students First Program to fund education savings accounts for students whose needs are not being met in the public school system. *Died in House Education Committee.*
10. [House Bill 1704](#) (Orcutt) – Would have reduced the state sales and use tax rate. *Died in House Finance Committee without a public hearing.*



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Bad Democrat Bills that Passed Legislature

1. [House Bill 1074](#) (Thai) – Creates heavy documentation requirements housing providers must comply with to recoup costs for damages made by tenants.
2. [House Bill 1143](#) (Berry) – Establishes significant new requirements to legally purchase or transfer a firearm, including a new permit requirement with fingerprinting, in addition to a background check.
3. [House Bill 1169](#) (Simmons) – Eliminates criminals having to pay a penalty to fund services for victims of crimes and shift these costs to taxpayers.
4. [House Bill 1181](#) (Duerr) – Adds a climate change element to the Growth Management Act and require policies to reduce vehicle miles traveled.
5. [House Bill 1240](#) (Peterson) – Prohibits the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or offer for sale of any assault weapon, subject to various exceptions for licensed firearm manufacturers and dealers, and for individuals who inherit an assault weapon.
6. [House Bill 1324](#) (Hackney) – Prohibits juvenile dispositions, except for murder in the first or second degree or a class A felony sex offense, from being included in a defendant's offender score for the purpose of adult felony sentencing.
7. [House Bill 1474](#) (Taylor) – Adds a \$100 assessment to record a document with a county auditor (e.g., real estate transactions) to provide down payment assistance for historically marginalized communities.
8. [Senate Bill 5082](#) (Kuderer) – Repeals most provisions of voter approved Initiative 960 by abolishing advisory votes required when the legislature raises taxes.
9. [Senate Bill 5217](#) (Dhingra) – Repeals the law prohibiting Department of Labor and Industries from adopting rules related to ergonomics or musculoskeletal disorders and provides limitations on the adoption of new ergonomic rules.
10. [Senate Bill 5599](#) (Lias) – Allows shelters to not notify parents that their children are at a shelter if they are receiving gender affirming care or reproductive services.

Bad Democrat Bills that Died*

1. [House Bill 1025](#) (Thai) – Would have allowed police officers to be sued personally while doing their jobs protecting our communities. *Died on House Floor Calendar.*
2. [House Bill 1131](#) (Berry) – Would have created a complex bureaucracy to manage the waste stream from paper products and packaging, and require manufacturers to pay fees to fund a producer responsibility organization to oversee the collection and recycling of the waste. *Died on House Floor Calendar.*
3. [House Bill 1189](#) (Hackney) – Would have allowed the release of incarcerated individuals prior to the expiration of a sentence. *Passed House; Died in Senate Ways & Means Committee.*
4. [House Bill 1268](#) (Goodman) – Would have reduced some sentences by eliminating certain enhancements. *Passed House; Died on Senate Floor Calendar.*
5. [House Bill 1282](#) (Duerr) – Would have required contractors on covered projects to provide certain environmental, health, labor, and HR data about construction materials used. *Passed House; Died in Senate Ways & Means Committee.*
6. [House Bill 1389](#) (Ramel) – Would have established annual maximum rent increases that cannot exceed 7%, but would also create a “banking” system for landlords to save up additional rent increases that they can use at a later date. *Died in House Rules Committee.*
7. [House Bill 1513](#) (Street) – Would have prohibited law enforcement from stopping drivers committing certain violations, including nonmoving violations, certain suspended or revoked licenses, or certain misdemeanor warrants, and would have required written consent of the driver and passengers to search a vehicle. *Died in House Rules Committee.*



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8. [House Bill 1589](#) (Doglio) – Would have prohibited new natural gas connections in Puget Sound Energy’s service territory and combined PSE gas and electric operations. *Passed House; Died on Senate Floor Calendar.*
9. [House Bill 1628](#) (Chopp) – Would have increased the cost of multifamily housing and single family homes through increases in both state and local real estate excise taxes. *Died in House Rules Committee.*
10. [House Bill 1670](#) (Ormsby) – Would have allowed cities, counties and other taxing districts to triple their annual increases in property taxes. *Died in House Rules Committee.*

Good Bipartisan Bills that Passed (prime sponsored by Democrats)*

1. [House Bill 1007](#) (Paul) – Extends military service credit for pensions to veterans in certain circumstances.
2. [House Bill 1355](#) (Wylie) – Increases the threshold to qualify for the senior property tax exemption and making more frequent adjustments to the thresholds to account for inflation.
3. [House Bill 1436](#) (Pollet) – Increases special education funding.
4. [House Bill 1638](#) (Fey) – Provides incentives to help with recruiting state troopers.
5. [House Bill 1724](#) (Bateman) – Reduces requirements for licensure or certification for certain behavioral health professionals.
6. [House Bill 1777](#) (Doglio) – Allows state agencies and school districts to enter into performance-based contracts for energy equipment and services.
7. [Senate Bill 5048](#) (Mullet) – Eliminates College in the High School fees.
8. [Senate Bill 5229](#) (Frame) – Allows the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) to provide planning grants to qualifying projects to achieve site readiness.
9. [Senate Bill 5268](#) (Hasagawa) – Directs the Department of Commerce to create a statewide small works roster for public procurement to help minority, women-owned and small businesses.
10. [Senate Bill 5499](#) (Mullet) – Enacts the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact which will make it easier for nurses licensed in other states to get licensed in Washington.