

2026 State Legislative Session Update

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Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

Governor's Budget Proposal

- \$30 million annual system-wide reduction
- SB 5998 / HB 2289 - Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.



Loss from Vapor Product Tax Account

- \$20 million annual shortfall of vapor tax revenues.
- SB 6129 - Concerning the taxation of cigarettes and other nicotine products.



- Environmental Health & Clean Water
- Tracking of Communicable Diseases
- Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Mitigation
- Data Assessment and Information
- Communications & System Infrastructure

2026 State Session - Policy

Local Government Revenue

- HB 2442 - Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.

Public Health

- HB 2242 - Preserving access to preventive services by clarifying state authority and definitions.

Food Access

- HB 2238 - Concerning statewide food security.

Access to Care

- HB 2385 - Concerning the Medicaid access program.
- HB 2548 - Strengthening health care market standards.

2026 State Session – Policy Cont'd

Environmental Health and Climate Change

- SB 6291 - Concerning on-site wastewater treatment system inspections.
- SB 6188 - Concerning the department of labor and industries' authority to enact rules related to regulating asbestos training.

Gun Violence

- HB 2320 - Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing.

Data Protections

- SB 5906 - Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.

Questions?

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