Lobby Day Bills 2025

See Talking Points for more details.

Education

HB 1151 (Steele) / SB 5210 (Liias): Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.
This bill makes permanent a proven program that helps students succeed in ninth grade - the most critical year for high school graduation.
Budget: Part of necessary educational funding for student success.
House Committees: House Appropriations, Rules
Senate Committees: Early Learning & K-12 Education, Ways and Means, Rules

SB 5179 (Wilson): Establishing a complaint process to address noncompliance with certain state education laws. This bill ensures school districts follow state education laws protecting all students' rights.
Budget neutral.
Senate Committees: Early Learning & K-12 Education, Ways and Means, Rules
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SB 5181 (Wilson C): Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.
This bill fulfills the promise to fix conflicts between the Parental Rights Initiative and existing protections for students.
Budget neutral.
Senate Committees: Early Learning & K-12 Education, Rules (SALDAÑA)

Economic Security

SB 5023 (Saldaña) / HB 1561 (Stonier): Providing labor market protections for domestic workers.
Domestic workers are a critical component of our economy and communities, and we need to include them in our state labor law protections.
Budget neutral.

HB 1128 (Fosse) / SB 5062 (Stanford): Establishing a childcare workforce standards board.
WA state has a fragmented childcare system. With over 190,000 children depending on licensed childcare in Washington, this board is crucial for supporting both childcare workers and the families who rely on them.
Budget: Minimal to support appointed board.

Ensuring Gender Rights and Safety

HB 1012 (Taylor): Expanding Women's Commission Funding Authority.
This bill allows the Women's Commission to receive and solicit gifts, grants, and endowments from public and private sources enabling stronger public-private partnerships.
Budget: No budget request.

HB 1049 (Shavers): Increasing the Availability of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.
Without SANE nurses available to collect timely evidence, our justice and health systems cannot effectively support victims or prosecute perpetrators.

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Budget: Small stipends requested