



One-Minute Pitch for Advocacy Day Bills

Regulate Artificial Intelligence Now.

In 2026, prioritizing AI legislation is essential in Washington State. The rapid integration of AI into education, healthcare, employment, and public services highlights the critical need for both core governance and sector-specific protections. [Responsible AI is a KEY Women's Rights Issue in 2026.](#)

WA Legislators are stepping up to protect Washingtonians from inappropriate discriminatory use of AI products. Over 30 AI regulation bills have been introduced. We are highlighting three. Please ASK your legislators to protect Washingtonians from predatory and discriminatory AI products and practices. To see the range of bills being considered by different committees this session see [2026 List of AI Bill - Regulate AI NOW](#). To learn more about AI in general and AI policies see [Transparency Coalition ai](#) website. See [Detailed Talking Points with Bill Summary](#).

Algorithms discriminate.

#1. [HB 2157](#) (Ryu) Regulating high-risk artificial intelligence system development, deployment, and use.

Talking Points - We need regulation now.

- AI algorithms are well-documented to discriminate against women. AI products can deny a woman a job, a loan, housing, healthcare coverage, or opportunities without revealing the automated denial was based on gender, age or other AI product criteria.
- The [WA AI Task Force](#) clearly documented the need for consumer protections related to AI systems. Other states have passed similar laws. See [NCSL AI Policy Tool Kit](#).
- **we have been doing This is a particular concern for women.** Artificial intelligence systems are quietly shutting out women from critical resources and opportunities. Models are built on data that does not include or consider women.

ASK: Will you help us make sure we all have a fair digital future? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other related bills: [HB 1170](#) (Shavers - Inform users of AI); [HB 2503](#) (Shavers) AI training data (replaces HB 1168);

NEW [SB 6284](#) / [HB 2667](#) (Lias/Shavers) Providing consumer protections for artificial intelligence systems.

Companion chatbots are unsafe.

#2. [HB 2225](#) (Callan) Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.

Talking Points

- AI companion chatbot is not your typical AI product or service. It is designed to engage users in an emotional relationship with nonentity, a fabricated digital character.
- For kids and teens – developmentally not yet mature – companion chatbots are not just risky—they are unsafe products.
- Other states have passed similar laws, including CA.

ASK: Will you help us make sure our kids are safe? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other related bills: [SB5870](#) (Wellman - civil liability for suicide linked to use of AI systems); [SB5105](#) (Orwall -sexually explicit depictions of minors); [HB1834](#) (Callan - Protecting Washington children online).

Healthcare and AI – The rapid uptake of unregulated AI tools by insurance companies is alarming.

#3. [SB 5395](#) (Orwall) Making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process.

Talking Points

- The rapid uptake of unregulated AI tools by insurance companies is alarming.
- Artificial intelligence tools are marketed aggressively to healthcare systems to help make health insurance processes more efficient but are not patient centered.

- This bill provides common sense regulations, including requiring health professional review of care denials.
- Just getting healthcare is tough these days without insurance companies using AI to deny access.

ASK: Will you help us make sure our healthcare access is not compromised by AI products mass, unprofessional denial of care? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other related AI healthcare bills potentially moving forward: [HB2155](#) / [SB5904](#) (Obras/Bateman - Concerning the use of nursing titles); **NEW** [HB2599](#) (Kloba) Protecting the integrity of therapy and psychotherapy services.

Women's Rights

Medication abortion access on campus – only one out of 61 WA state public postsecondary institutions offer medication abortion.

#4. [SB 5826](#) - Concerning access at public postsecondary educational institutions to medication abortion.

Talking Points - We need this bill.

- It sends a powerful message that abortion is common, essential healthcare.
- It empowers women as students to manage their education, career and family goals.
- It addresses the need for Student Health Centers (SHCs) to provide students with timely and accurate information on medication abortion and its accessibility.
- It addresses the changing landscape of abortion access, in the wake of the Dobbs Decision, and growing need for clarity of information.

ASK: Will you support reproductive justice? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other medication abortion bills: [SB5917](#) / [HB2182](#) (Bateman/Thomas - Improving access to abortion medications); [SB 6182](#) / [HB 2657](#) (Batman/Parshley- Abortion savings account); [SB5713](#) (Fortunato) ban chemical abortions.

Protect pregnant workers' personal information.

#5. [SB 6014](#) (Nobles) Concerning pregnancy-related accommodations. Adds section to protect privacy of pregnant workers' health information.

Talking Points

- This bill adds a privacy component to protect pregnant persons personal information from being shared and changes the need for certification from a health provider for some pregnancy accommodations such as lifting weight of more than 17 lbs.
- **ASK:** Will you support protecting pregnant workers private health information from unnecessary disclosure? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other pregnancy related bills: [SB 5867](#) (Muzzal) Partnering with a mobile pregnancy application to improve maternal and infant health (AAUW concerns about privacy)

Domestic workers have no workplace protections - we can fix that.

#6. [SB 6053](#) / [HB 2355](#) (Saldaña/Thomas) Establishing labor protections for domestic workers.

Talking Points

- Domestic workers have been excluded from workplace protections.
- This bill explicitly prohibits intimidation, prevents employers from holding personal documents, and protects workers from invasive monitoring.
- This bill also gives domestic workers the power to speak up without fear of retaliation.

ASK: Will you stand up for those who care for our families and homes? Please vote to pass this bill.

Other related workplace protection bills: immigrant worker protection bill [SB 5852](#) / [HB 2105](#)- (Saldana/Ortiz-Self)

Don't exempt businesses from accountability for human trafficking.

#7. [SB 5936](#) (Orwall) Concerning prevention of and remedies for human trafficking.

Talking Points

- Human trafficking can't thrive without enablers. See [AAUW Where We Stand on Human Trafficking](#).
- This bill will make it clear: businesses as well as individuals can be held legally accountable if they knowingly



engage in or fail to stop human trafficking activities.

- This bill also provides critical protection for trafficking victims by mandating confidentiality of their identity, images, and personal information.
- Our state is a hotbed for the recruitment, transportation and sale of people for labor.”

<https://www.atg.wa.gov/human-trafficking>

ASK: Will you support this bill?

Other bills related to human trafficking: [HB1265](#) (Stearns- Concerning commercial sexual exploitation). AAUW has not taken a position on this bill which has strong support and strong opposition. [HB1591](#) (Talyor - Providing remedies for defendant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking).