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2018 WA Legislature's Vote Record: Labor, Business, Economic Freedom Issues

(Most significant votes)

Senate Bill 6032: Making supplemental operating appropriations

Passed [25 to 24 in the Senate](#) on March 8, Passed [50 to 46 in the House](#) on February 26

<http://www.washingtonvotes.org/2018-SB-6032>

Passed [25 to 23 in the Senate](#) on February 23, Passed [50 to 46 in the House](#) on February 26

<http://www.washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=179153>

The House amended its original proposed supplemental spending plan, HB 2299 to add \$1.0 billion for school worker salaries and made other adjustments, bringing its version of the General Fund operating budget for 2017-19 to nearly \$ 44.1 billion and \$88.5 billion in total funds appropriated. The House budget relies on a capital gains income tax, which would require a vote on a separate bill, HB 2967. That bill has not yet been scheduled for a vote. ?The House did not pass HB 2299.

House Bill 2299: Making supplemental operating appropriations,

One of numerous failed GOP proposed amendments:

Amendment offered by Rep. Liz Pike (Camas) (R) on February 23, 2018

Prohibits the Medical Assistance program in the Health Care Authority and the Reproductive Health and Wellness program in the Department of Health (DOH) from paying for abortions that are not deemed

medically necessary by the patient's primary care physician. Funding for those programs is reduced by \$5,031,000 General Fund-State in fiscal year 2019. Increases funding for the DOH to support organizations that provide breast and cervical cancer screenings at the county level by \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2019. Prohibits any of these funds from going to organizations that perform abortions. Transfers \$2,000,000 from the general fund-state to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Account.

17 attempted GOP amendments

<http://washingtonvotes.org/2018-HB-2299>

House Bill 1502: Concerning the authorization of and deposit of moneys from department of transportation advertising activities

Introduced by Rep. Mike Chapman (Port Angeles) (D) on January 23, 2017

I included this only because I don't know if the DOT is using tax money to advertise i.e., "Your tax dollars at work" (which taxpayers might think is unnecessary) or is the DOT receiving private funds to advertise for private business? The later, I hope.

Passed [50 to 48 in the House](#) on March 8,

2018 Senate Bill 6362: Modifying basic education provisions

<http://www.washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=175114>

2017 House Bill 2015: Modifying the lodging excise tax to remove the exemption for premises with fewer than sixty lodging units and to tax certain vacation rentals, short-term home-sharing arrangements, and other compensated use or occupancy of dwellings

Passed [56 to 42 in the House](#) on February 13, 2018. Passed [33 to 15 in the Senate](#) on March 2,

<http://washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=176202>

Noteworthy: Below, see the numerous GOP attempts to amend this bill.

2018 Senate Bill 6229: Requiring employers to provide exclusive bargaining representatives reasonable access to new employees for the purposes of presenting information about their exclusive bargaining representative

Passed [58 to 40 in the House](#) on February 27, Passed [43 to 6 in the Senate](#) on March 5,

<http://washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=179419>

Senate Bill 6109: Concerning the International Wildland Urban Interface Code

Clarifies the landlord mitigation program at the department of commerce may provide funding for claims submitted by landlords for renting private market rental units to low-income tenants using a qualified source of income. Low-income tenants are defined as income not exceeding 80 percent of median income. ETC.

The description does not match the actual contents of the legislation containing a long list of building codes that must follow International Wildland International Code. Is this new regulation?

Passed [34 to 12 in the Senate](#) on February 9, Passed [50 to 47 in the House](#) on March 1,

<http://washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=179340>

Business Legislation

2017 House Bill 1298: Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position

This bill would prohibit [now prohibits] an employer from including any question on an application or inquiring into an applicant's criminal background until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position. It would also prohibit [now prohibits] advertising job openings in a way that excludes people with criminal records and any policy or practice that automatically or categorically excludes individuals with a criminal record from consideration. Prohibited practices would also include rejecting an applicant for failure to disclose a criminal record prior to initially determining the applicant is otherwise qualified.

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Exceptions would include jobs in law enforcement, state agencies, schools and other businesses that supervise children, persons with disabilities and vulnerable adults.

Passed [33 to 16 in the Senate](#) on February 28, Passed [52 to 44 in the House](#) on March 3,

<http://washingtonvotes.org/Legislation.aspx?ID=174584>

Washington's Small Business Assoc. NFIB

OLYMPIA, Wash. -- A bill that would "Ban the Box" on a job application that asks about criminal history is now law.

<https://www.nfib.com/washington/>

Ban The Box [NFIB 2017 statement]

NFIB/Washington again single-handedly defeated "ban the box" bills in 2017 that would prohibit you from asking job applicants about their criminal history. Pre-employment background checks generally run \$20-30 each. While other business groups are willing to write this off as a cost to do business, NFIB opposes legislation restricting your ability to protect your customers, workforce, and yourself, or needlessly adding time and cost to your hiring process.

Senate Bill 6126: Requiring completion of an apprenticeship program to receive a journey level electrician certificate of competency

Apparently 6126 is new bill number that **passed this year**. **NFIB opposition** stated:

Electrician apprenticeship (HB 1590): Would have required formal apprenticeship to be eligible for state electrician exam, jeopardizing on-the-job training programs used by small businesses. A “No” vote supports the NFIB position. Passed House 57–47. [Died in Senate committee 2016].

Passed [62 to 36 in the House](#), [43 to 6 in the Senate](#)

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First Set of Rules on Paid Sick and Safe Law Issued More on this issue and newest WA law (re: Tharinger) here:

<https://www.nfib.com/content/issues/labor/first-set-of-rules-on-new-paid-sick-and-safe-law-issued/>