



**2018**  
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# Washington State Legislature 2018

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House & Senate Activity 2018	# Bills
<b>House # Bills Introduced</b>	2207
<b>Senate # of Bills Introduced</b>	1892
<b>Total Bills Introduced 2017</b>	4,099
<b>So far....</b>	

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Bill	Title	Provisions
HB 2263 SB 6011	Continuity of Government (COG)  Sen Ways and Means Hearing 1/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Washington Military Department to develop and manage a program to provide information and education to state and local government officials regarding catastrophic incidents and continuity of government planning to assist with statewide development of continuity of government plans.</li> <li>Amends the Continuity of Government Act to include time periods and events that occur in the state relating to a catastrophic incident as well as enemy attacks. Provides definitions.</li> </ul>
HJR 4210 SJR 8211	Amends State Constitution (COG)  Rules House & Sen	Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article II, section 42 of the Washington Constitution to authorize the Legislature to enact measures for ensuring continuity of government operations during emergencies resulting from a catastrophic incident.

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SB 6006	Governor Emergency Powers  Rules Sen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the Governor's authority under a declared state of emergency to waive or suspend certain statutory obligations or limitations in the affected area if strict compliance would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency and requires the Governor give notice to legislative leadership and impacted local governments when issuing these orders.</li> <li>• Limits a waiver or suspension of statutory obligations or limitations issued by the Governor to 30 days unless the Legislature extends it by concurrent resolution or in writing if the Legislature is not in session.</li> </ul>
HB 1703  Exec 1/25	School Safety Planning  Referred to Cap Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engr safety survey of schools every 4 years.</li> <li>• Reports to Leg on surveys and safety upgrades.</li> <li>• School construction assistance awards for renovations</li> <li>• School safety school plans to include annual earthquake drill.</li> </ul>
HB 2214  SB 5936	Emergency Planning Nuclear  Exec 1/30	Removes the prohibition of preparation for emergency relocation of residents in anticipation of nuclear attack from statute

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Bill	Title	Provisions
SHB 2320 SSB 6036  House Vote 1/29 Sen Exec 1/29	Workgroup – Natural Disaster Resiliency & Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creates a working group to review disaster mitigation and resiliency activities in Washington, other states, and at the federal level. Directs the working group to make recommendations by December 1, 2018, on whether Washington should create an ongoing disaster resiliency program, and the activities the program should engage in.</li> </ul>
SHB 2415 SSB 6056  Sen 1/22 House Rules 1/30	First Informer Broadcaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended to only include definition of a first broadcaster, liability protections for fed, state and local agencies, and prohibits seizure of broadcasters vehicles, fuel, food, and water.</li> <li>Senate side further amended to only include the definition and liability protections for agencies with no seizure prohibition.</li> </ul>
SHB 2528 House Exec 1/30	Election Continuity of Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended -Rather than requiring the MIL maintain a copy of each county's plan, it must maintain a copy of the plan for each county that has a plan available.</li> <li>Removes the requirement that the Military Department assist in implementation efforts for county continuity of elections operations plans.</li> </ul>

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SSB 5990  Sen Ways and Means 1/30 Exec	Volunteer Emergency Health Practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to regulate the use of volunteer health and veterinary practitioners during an emergency. RCW 70</li> <li>• Authorizes registered volunteer health and veterinary practitioners licensed in other states to practice in Washington during an emergency.</li> <li>• Establishes standards for volunteer health practitioner registration systems.</li> <li>• Amendment removes impact to existing emergency worker program and RCW 38.52.</li> </ul>
SB 6472  House No exec		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates the governor's Indian health council to provide the resources necessary to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Implement the national policy of Indian self-determination; and</li> <li>(2) Assure the highest possible health status for American Indians and Alaska Natives.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Creates the Indian health improvement reinvestment account and requires the council to establish a committee to provide oversight over the account.</li> </ul>

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HB 2715  House exec 1/30	Concerning Impaired Driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends RC 38.52.430 to makes costs incurred through emergency response to an incident caused by actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug offense eligible for emergency response reimbursement by that individual.</li> </ul>
	Preventing catastrophic wildfires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands the authorized uses of the \$40 homeless housing and assistance surcharge to include educating homeowners about wildfire risk, prevention, and response in certain counties.</li> <li>Requires the Department of Natural Resources to provide resources to local authorities at risk for wildfires.</li> <li>Creates a new fire prevention business and occupation tax credit for harvesters of forest-derived biomass</li> </ul>
HB 2508 SB 6283  House& Sen exec	Reals expiration date for all- risk fire mob provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes prior temporary changes to fire services mobilization permanent, including expansion of the scope of mobilization to include all risk resources.</li> </ul>

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HB 2561  House exec 2/1	Temporary Duties for Wildland Fire Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Commissioner must direct the Advisory Committee to analyze and make recommendations on several aspects of wildfire response.</li> <li>• These aspects include: Identifying potential time, resource, and cost savings, or other potential efficiencies that could improve wildfire response coordination;</li> <li>• Reviewing the existing role of the WSP in wildfire response activities;</li> <li>• Quantifying, with the assistance of Department personnel, the areas in the state not contained within an established fire district nor are subject to a planned fire response;</li> <li>• Examining the value of community programs that educate homeowners and engage in preventative projects in areas where there is a wildfire risk. The Department must provide a status report of this review to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 31, 2018, and the final report is due November 15, 2019</li> </ul>
SB 5224	School Safety Centers	No Hearing – would require ESDs to setup regional school safety centers



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Bill	Title	Provisions
SB 6572  Intro 1/29	Natural Disaster Emergency Preparedness Account	<p data-bbox="633 322 1856 515">Creates the natural disaster emergency preparedness account and requires expenditures to be used for emergency preparation for natural disasters. Requires the state military department to administer the account.</p> <ul data-bbox="633 586 1856 1133" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="633 586 1856 729">• Very limited allowable uses == emergency evacuation routes, shelter, nonperishable food and water and storage of emergency response supplies</li><li data-bbox="633 786 1856 979">• Adds the natural disaster emergency preparedness account to the long, long list of accounts that receive a proportional share from the state treasury earnings from the treasury income account</li><li data-bbox="633 1036 1856 1133">• Removes the high capacity transportation account from the list of recipients</li></ul>

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SB 6548  2/1 Public Hearing Sen State Gov, Elections IT	Joint Leg Task Force on Fire Service Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="633 325 1860 615">• Finds that the administration of emergency response and fire suppression services in the state is fragmented at the statewide level with responsibilities being fulfilled by the state patrol, the state military department, and the department of natural resources among others.</li><li data-bbox="633 696 1860 986">• Creates the joint legislative task force on fire service administration to examine the current administrative structure and division of responsibilities and recommend improvements which are intended to streamline, consolidate, and increase the efficiency of fire suppression and emergency response services.</li><li data-bbox="633 1068 1309 1110">• Expires December 31, 2018.</li></ul>