

**Bills With Impact to DOC as of 3/11/2022**

Bill #	Version	Title	Description	Comments	Position	Sponsor	Status	Floor Votes
1708	SHB	Facility fees for audio-only telemedicine	Prohibits a hospital that is an originating site for audio-only telemedicine from charging a facility fee.	Support policy. Limiting a hospital that is an originating site of audio-only telemedicine from charging a hospital fee will reduce costs DOC pays for telehealth services.	Other	Cody	Speaker signed President signed Delivered to Gov	H 97-0 S 47-0
1818	2SHB	Promoting successful reentry and rehabilitation of persons convicted of criminal offenses	<p>This bill would increase the number of months an individual may receive the ERD Housing Voucher from three months to 6 months.</p> <p>This bill would also allow individuals that are not eligible for ERD housing vouchers, but are releasing from a Department of Corrections facility to be eligible for temporary housing assistance. This separate type of voucher would also be good for six months.</p> <p>This bill also impacts some fees the department charges individuals under our jurisdiction. This includes no longer charging individuals to process their application of an interstate compact for adult supervision. In addition, the department would no longer collect supervision intake fees on individuals who are under department supervision for a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor.</p> <p>Lastly this bill would require that Legal Financial Payment billing should direct payments to the county clerk.</p> <p>Substitute bill clarifies max amount of vouchers is six months per release from DOC facility. Clarifies that Wash State Institute of Public Policy will conduct an outcome evaluation and benefit cost analysis of the voucher expansion with a final report due by 11/1/25. Lastly the substitute bill removes references to the supervision intake fees in various statutes.</p>	<p>Support policy. Costs can be absorbed with a combination of base funding and budget items included in the Governor's budget - COS backfill, Resentencing and Reentry.</p> <p>Requested clarification regarding housing voucher limitations - 6 months per release from DOC confinement not lifetime.</p> <p>Provided additional COS statutes consistent with SB 5592 (OFM) request legislation.</p> <p>Increase in the number of vouchers issued, may need additional funding to pay for vouchers</p> <p>Elimination of supervision fees used to fund community corrections division</p>	Pro	Simmons	Speaker signed President signed Delivered to Governor	H 87-10 S 48-0
1956 (5859)	ESHB	Exempting from public disclosure sensitive records pertaining to current and formerly incarcerated individuals' dignity and safety	<p>Adds a section to the PRA that protects "sensitive information" meaning information pertaining to any incarcerated individual's transgender status, CI information, medical information in agency records outside of the health record, PREA info and body scanner images.</p> <p>Form 03-133 is most often used for staff but is filed regarding incarcerated individuals if they are injured on the job. Completed accident injury report forms (DOC 03-133) are exempt from disclosure per the following.</p> <p>Injured Worker Records – Records filed by or on behalf of injured workers related to their accident and/or exposure are exempt from disclosure per the following:</p> <p>RCW 51.28.070(1) – "Information contained in the claim files and records of injured workers, under the provisions of this title, shall be deemed confidential and shall not be open to public inspection (other than to public employees in the performance of their official duties), but representatives of a claimant, be it an individual or an organization, may review a claim file or receive specific information therefrom upon the presentation of the signed authorization of the claimant."</p>	<p>DRW is the driver behind this bill, aims to protect sensitive information that is collected by DOC outside the healthcare record. Connected to litigation about the release of transgender information. AAGs are heavily involved in all comments we are providing.</p> <p>Bill will be expensive and difficult to implement – heavy lift to do redaction at the level that will be required in all records. Amendment negotiated with DRW has not yet been introduced.</p>	Other	Hackney	Speaker signed President signed Delivered to Gov	H 57-38 S 28-20 H 55-43
5245	ESSB	Victim Notification	Agency request language to expand the classes of individuals entitled to notification , plus requirement to fund private security for victims.	"Additional provision has fiscal impact on L&I who administers victims comp account" language was removed in substitute. Current version consistent with ARL. Was amended on the Senate floor to remove requirement for notifications in some re-sentencing circumstances. This amendment was removed then in the house.	Pro	Brown	President signed Speaker signed	S 48-0 H 93-1 S 49-0

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5694	SB	DOC-Tribal Agreements	Allows the Department of Corrections to contract and enter into agreements with federally recognized Indian tribes for the care and commitment of inmates convicted in tribal court.	Support - bill was written in partnership with the Tulalip Tribe.	Pro	Stanford	President signed Speaker signed Delivered to Governor	S 47-0 H 95-0
5695	2SSB	DOC Body Scanner Pilot	<p>Requires DOC to establish a comprehensive body scanner program at the WCCW and a male correctional facility as part of a pilot program to create drug-free prisons.</p> <p>Requires each person entering the secure perimeter of the participating facility to undergo security screening with the comprehensive body scanner program.</p> <p>Provides that inmates with body scans for substance-related contraband must be, if appropriate, assessed for and receive substance use disorder treatment.</p> <p>Directs DOC to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature and sunsets the pilot on June 30, 2024.</p>	Support policy w/concerns. Checking risk of public disclosure for body scanned images of staff and I/I	Other	Dhingra	President signed Speaker signed	S 49-0 H 96-0 S 49-0