

# WSVMA

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The 2016 session of the Washington State legislature convened on January 11 and is scheduled to last for 60 days, with adjournment on March 10.

The House is controlled by the Democrats 50-48 and in the Senate the Majority Coalition Caucus of 25 Republicans and one Democrat hold a 26-23 margin. Governor Inslee is in his fourth year as Governor. This narrow balance of power means that only those bills that can generate true consensus are able to move forward throughout the legislative process.

This is a non-budget year, meaning the legislature will likely deal with a few key issues and is expected to adjourn on time in mid-March. The major issues for 2016 appear to be developing a plan for the legislature to consider how they will meet the Supreme Courts demand that K-12 education be adequately funded, addressing the Supreme Court's decision that overturned charter schools, and providing adequate funding for the many forest fires that occurred this last summer.

On Tuesday, Governor Inslee made his annual state of the state address. He focused on four themes; addressing the K-12 teacher shortage, providing resources for fighting and preventing wildfires, improving the mental health system, and developing a plan for responding to the Supreme Court ruling that the legislature has not adequately funded K-12 education.

On the report below you will see that relatively few bills were introduced in the first week. I expect we will see that change next week as legislators get organized and the introductions will multiply.

The bill addressing the fee for substance abuse monitoring has been introduced as HB 2342.

## Upcoming Events

1/18/2016	Health Care (Senate)	SHR 4 @ 10:00am	SB 6181 - Public Hearing - Concerning massage therapists.
1/19/2016	Health Care (Senate)	SHR 4 @ 10:00am	SB 6036 - Public Hearing - Requiring certain health professionals to provide information on primary place of practice at the time of license renewal.
1/19/2016	Labor & Workplace Standards (House)	HHR D @ 1:30pm	HB 2404 - Public Hearing - Requiring reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.
1/20/2016	Public Safety (House)	HHR D @ 1:30pm	HB 2080 - Public Hearing - Concerning fingerprint-based background checks for health professionals.
1/22/2016	Health Care & Wellness (House)	HHR A @ 10:00am	HB 2425 - Public Hearing - Concerning massage therapists.

## Bill Tracking Overview

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Short Description</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Position</b>
<a href="#">ESHB 1103</a> (SSB 5027)	Providing access to the prescription drug monitoring database for clinical laboratories.	H HC/Wellness	Jinkins	
<a href="#">HB 1755</a> (SSB 5733)	Authorizing a livestock movement reporting system.	H Ag & Nat Res	Pettigrew	
<a href="#">ESHB 1845</a> (ESB 5577)	Concerning pharmaceutical waste.	H Environment	DeBolt	
<a href="#">HB 2080</a> (SB 5720)	Concerning fingerprint-based background checks for health professionals.	H Public Safety	Stanford	
<a href="#">HB 2307</a>	Providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.	H Labor & Workpl	Farrell	
<a href="#">HB 2318</a>	Adding an additional exception to chapter 16.30 RCW that applies to possessors of potentially dangerous wild animals that are licensed by the United States department of agriculture under the federal animal welfare act.	H Judiciary	Van De Wege	
<a href="#">HB 2366</a> (SB 6195)	Concerning basic education obligations.	H Approps	Lytton	
<a href="#">HB 2404</a>	Requiring reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.	H Labor & Workpl	Kochmar	
<a href="#">HB 2425</a> (SB 6181)	Concerning massage therapists.	H HC/Wellness	Kuderer	
<a href="#">HB 2432</a>	Concerning substance abuse monitoring for licensed veterinarians, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, and osteopathic physician assistants.	H HC/Wellness	Riccelli	
<a href="#">HB 2443</a>	Concerning the compliance of certain conversion vending units and medical units with certain department of labor and industries requirements.	H Labor & Workpl	Sells	
<a href="#">HB 2458</a>	Concerning participation in the prescription drug donation program.	H HC/Wellness	Parker	
<a href="#">HB 2475</a>	Allowing the disclosure of health care information with persons with a close relationship with a patient.	H HC/Wellness	Zeiger	
<a href="#">HB 2500</a>	Creating a preferred alternative for the placement and sale of impounded livestock.	H Ag & Nat Res	Caldier	
<a href="#">HB 2602</a> (SB 6320)	Addressing prescription drugs and capping consumer costs.	H HC/Wellness	Walkinshaw	
<a href="#">SB 6036</a>	Requiring certain health professionals to provide information on primary place of practice at the time of license renewal.	S Health Care	Hill	
<a href="#">SB 6149</a>	Providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.	S Commerce and L	Keiser	
<a href="#">SB 6181</a> (HB 2425)	Concerning massage therapists.	S Health Care	Becker	
<a href="#">SB 6234</a>	Concerning the creation of an animal abuse registry.	S Law & Justice	Fain	
<a href="#">SB 6238</a> (HB 2431)	Allowing the prescription of schedule II controlled substances to treat certain disease states and conditions.	S Health Care	Fain	