

**Washington State Department of Health  
Washington State Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission  
Legislative Panel 2019 – Bill Report**

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Jan. 14, 2019 – First day of session.  
Feb. 22, 2019 – Policy Committee Cutoff.  
March 1, 2019 – Fiscal Committee Cutoff.  
March 13, 2019 – House of Origin Cutoff.  
April 3, 2019 – Policy Committee Cutoff – Opposite House.  
April 9, 2019 – Fiscal Committee Cutoff – Opposite House.

April 17, 2019 – Opposite House Cutoff.  
April 28, 2019 – Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

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Bill	Title	Brief Description	Position	Action	Committee Actions (Meetings subject to change)
<a href="#">HB 1412</a> <a href="#">SB 5459 (dead)</a>	Concerning nonresident pharmacies	Amend the statute to allow the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to require nonresident pharmacies to submit inspection reports from an inspection program that has substantially equivalent standards to those of the Commission.	PQAC Request	Active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 22 – First Reading</li> <li>• Feb 1 – Public Hearing Health &amp; Long Term</li> <li>• Feb 8 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 13 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 1 – Passed off House Floor</li> <li>• March 5 – Referred Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>• March 15 – Public Hearing</li> <li>• March 20 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• March 21 – Referred to Rules</li> <li>• <b>April 3 – Passed off Senate Floor</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1352 (dead)</a> <a href="#">SB 5663 (dead)</a>	Compounding Drugs	This bill adds the word active before ingredient in the definition of compounding and clarifies that compounding does not include reconstitution, mixing or other acts performed in accordance with the labeling directions. The substitute bill makes clear that USP is the minimum standard but allows the Commission to adopt rules identifying which chapters or years of USP are applicable	PQAC provided language for Committee Chairs	Active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 21 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 6 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness 1:30 pm</li> <li>• Feb 15 – Substitute Passed out of Committee (unanimous)</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> </ul>

<a href="#">HB 1331 (dead)</a> <a href="#">SB 5380</a>	<p>Concerning Opioid Use Disorder treatment, prevention and related services</p>	<p>Section 14 – Opioid Reversal medication expanding the ability of standing order. We also suggested adding the other options for pharmacists including the liability protection.</p> <p>Section 29 – To expand the number of drugs an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) can possess and use under their license. These are related to the treatment of opioid addiction. These include the methadone clinics. It also allows them to store patient prescribe medications. This would allow observed administration of medications such as TB or hepatitis C medications that are often accompanying conditions of an opioid addict. The other is the scope of dispensing up to a 31 day supply of the methadone or other when someone gets a pass.</p> <p>Section 13 and Section 15 – These are the two sections that cover the Pharmacy Commission request legislation to eliminate the approval of electronic prescription transmission systems.</p> <p>Section 7 – This is an add to Chapter 18.64 RCW Chapter to allow partial fill of opioids. This is related to the policy statement we issued last session that allows this under CARA-2016 and helps clarify for many that are still unsure of this allowed activity.</p> <p>Section 17 – This amends the ED Prepackage law to clarify that a hospital ED may use standing orders as an additional method of distributing naloxone besides the ED prepackage system only when pharmacies are closed within 15 miles. Standing orders can be a separate option used anytime someone at risk presents. AMENDMENT – Exempts labeling requirements</p> <p><b>AMENDMENT (House) Section 16 – Requires E-prescribing for all controlled substances, pharmacist still fill regardless of method of transmission, DOH develop waiver system</b></p>	<p>PQAC Request – electronic prescribing</p>	<p>Active</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 18 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care/Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Jan 25 – Public Hearing 8:00 am (Senate)</li> <li>• Jan 29 – Public Hearing 1:30 pm (House)</li> <li>• Feb 8 – Passed out of House Committee</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Public Hearing 3:30 Ways &amp; Means (Senate)</li> <li>• Feb 26 – Public Hearing 1:30 Appropriations (House)</li> <li>• Feb 26 – Executive Action (Senate) Substitute</li> <li>• Feb 28 – Executive Action (House) Substitute</li> <li>• March 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (House)</li> <li>• March 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Senate)</li> <li>• March 7 – Passed out of Senate</li> <li>• March 19 – Public Hearing (House)</li> <li>• <b>March 27 – Scheduled for Executive Session – no action taken</b></li> <li>• <b>April 2 – Passed out of Committee w/ Amendment – the amendment is substantially similar to the language that was in 2SHB 1331</b></li> </ul>
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<a href="#">HB 1648 (dead)</a>	Providing for suicide awareness and prevention programs to create safer homes and reduce suicide among service members, veterans, and their families.	<p><b>Sec 2. Requires the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to distribute Safer Homes suicide awareness and prevention materials via electronic means to licensed pharmacies who must make them available to customers at the point of sale, when deemed appropriate. Requires the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission to consult with the task force to develop a survey for licensed pharmacists on barriers between suicide prevention training and practice. The Pharmacy Commission will report the results to the legislature by November 15, 2020.</b></p> <p>Sec 4. Provides exemption for students who have completed curriculum prior to licensure as meeting requirements under RCW 43.70.442.</p>		Monitor, provide assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 25 – First Reading Civil Rights &amp; Judiciary</li> <li>• Feb 13 – Public Hearing Civil Rights &amp; Judiciary</li> <li>• Feb 20 – Substitute Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 25 – Referred to Appropriations</li> <li>• <b>Language from this bill has been added to the <a href="#">House Operating Budget</a></b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1726</a>	Concerning services provided by health care professional students.	Allows students of pharmacy, nursing, osteopath, & medicine to provide volunteer services under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist, nurse, physician or osteopath provided the services are within the scope of practice of both the student and supervisor.		Monitor, provide assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 29 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness 1:30</li> <li>• Feb 20 – Passed out of Committee, referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 4 – Passed out of House</li> <li>• March 6 – Referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care (Senate)</li> <li>• March 19 – Public Hearing</li> <li>• March 26 – Passed out of Committee to Rules</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1753</a>	Requiring a statement of inquiry for rules affecting fees related to health professions.	Amends the APA to require DOH fee setting rules to go through the full public process		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 30 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 15 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness 8:00 am</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Passed out of Committee, referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 8 – Passed out of House</li> <li>• March 25 – Public Hearing 1:30 (Senate)</li> <li>• March 29 – Passed out of Committee</li> </ul>

<a href="#">SB 5446 (dead)</a>	Concerning electronic prescriptions	Requires all controlled substance prescriptions to be electronically communicated beginning Jan 1, 2020. Creates fines for non compliance. Directs Pharmacy Commission to adopt rules for implementation and waiver exemption		Monitor, provide assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 21 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>Feb 18 – Public Hearing Health &amp; Long Term Care 1:30</li> <li>Feb 20/22 – Exec Scheduled – no action taken</li> </ul>
<a href="#">SB 5184 (dead)</a>	Concerning prescription coverage and the use of nonresident pharmacies.	Requires a health carrier, for certain issued or renewed health plans that include prescription drug coverage, to ensure enrollees are protected from unintentional use of or enrollment in a nonresident pharmacy.		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 15 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term</li> <li>Jan 28 – Public Hearing 1:30 pm</li> <li>Feb 18 – Substitute Passed out of Committee</li> <li>Feb 20 – Passed to Rules Committee</li> <li>March 13 – Passed out of Senate</li> <li><b>March 26 – Public Hearing 1:30 (House)</b></li> <li><b>March 27 – Scheduled for Executive session – no action taken</b></li> <li><b>April 2 – Scheduled for Executive Session – no action taken</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1630 (dead)</a> <a href="#">SB 5752 (dead)</a>	Concerning the practice of naturopathy.	Expands Naturopathic physicians authority to prescribe and administer all legend drugs and controlled substances 3-5. AMENDMENT – Can only administer if: Meeting Board of Naturopath & MQAC minimum education and training requirements Joint practice agreement with physician Register with PMP		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 25 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>Jan 30 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>Feb 13 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness 1:30 (House)</li> <li>Feb 22 –Substitute Passed out of Committee</li> <li>Feb 22- Passed to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>Feb 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</li> </ul>

<p><a href="#">SB 5688</a> <a href="#">HB 1689 (dead)</a></p>	<p>Concerning athletic trainers</p>	<p>Allows athletic trainers to purchase and administer OTC's other <b>similar</b> medications as prescribed by an authorized health care practitioner</p> <p><b>Amendment - Removes pain relievers from the over-the-counter medications an athletic trainer may purchase, store, and administer. Clarifies that the medications an athletic trainer may purchase, store, and administer are topical medications.</b></p>		<p>Monitor, provided support comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 28 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term</li> <li>• Jan 28 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Public Hearing Health &amp; Long Term</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• Passed out of Senate</li> <li>• March 20 – Public Hearing (House)</li> <li>• <b>April 2 – Passed out of Committee with amendment</b></li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">HB 1198</a></p>	<p>Requiring health care providers sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients.</p>	<p>Requires any licensed provider who has been sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients before their first visit, provide a disclosure that must be signed by the patient or their designee.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 16 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 5 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 15 – Substitute Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 4 – Passed out of House</li> <li>• March 6 – Referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care Senate</li> <li>• March 22 – Public Hearing (Senate)</li> <li>• March 26 – Passed out of Committee to Rules</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">HB 1049</a></p>	<p>Concerning health care provider and health care facility whistleblower protections.</p>	<p>Expands the definition of "whistleblower" to include a health care provider or a medical care staff at a health care facility.</p> <p>Provides a civil remedy to nonemployee whistleblowers who have been subject to retaliatory action.</p> <p>Establishes standards for the sanction process against medical staff.</p>		<p>Monitor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dec 14 – Prefiled</li> <li>• Jan 14 – First Reading Civil Rights &amp; Judiciary</li> <li>• Jan 15 – Public Hearing 10:00 am</li> <li>• Jan 18 – Scheduled for Executive Session</li> <li>• Jan 18 – Executive action taken</li> <li>• Jan 22 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</li> <li>• March 7 – Passed out of House</li> <li>• March 22 – Public Hearing (Senate)</li> <li>• March 26 – Passed out of Committee to Rules</li> </ul>

<a href="#">HB 2093 (dead)</a> <a href="#">SB 5948 (dead)</a>	Creating a small business bill of rights.	Requires state agencies of all sizes to publish a small business bill of rights that details rights and expectations that exist between small business owners and state government agency personnel.		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 18 – First Reading Financial Institutions, Economic Development &amp; Trade</li> <li>Feb 21 – Scheduled for Public Hearing/Executive Session 8:00 am (Senate)</li> <li>March 1 – Public Hearing Ways &amp; Means</li> </ul>
<a href="#">SB 5251 (dead)</a>	Concerning prescription drug cost transparency.	Creates reporting requirements for issuers, pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacy administrative services, & manufacturers to the Office of Financial Management and Health Care Authority that will be used for an annual report on impacts of drug cost on health care premiums and state expenditures.		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 16 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>Jan 28 – Public Hearing 1:30 pm</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1224</a>	Prescription Drug Cost Transparency	Creates reporting requirements for carriers & manufacturers to the <del>Office of Financial Management and</del> Health Care Authority that will be used for an annual report on impacts of drug cost on health care premiums and state expenditures.		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan 17 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>Feb 6 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>Feb 15 – Substitute Passed out of Committee</li> <li>Feb 19 – Referred to Appropriations</li> <li>Feb 27 – Public Hearing</li> <li>Feb 28 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>March 8 – Passed out of House</li> <li>March 18 – Public Hearing (Senate)</li> <li>March 29 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li><b>April 3 – Public Hearing Ways &amp; Means</b></li> </ul>

<a href="#">2SSB 5292</a>	Prescription Drug Cost Transparency	Creates reporting requirements for issuers & manufacturers to the Office of Financial Management and Health Care Authority that will be used for an annual report on impacts of drug cost on health care premiums and state expenditures.  Amended in Committee		Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 17 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>• Jan 28 – Public Hearing 1:30 pm</li> <li>• Feb 8 – Executive Action Taken</li> <li>• Feb 11 – Referred to Ways &amp; Means</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Public Hearing Ways &amp; Means</li> <li>• Feb 26 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 28 – Passed out of Senate</li> <li>• March 15 – Public Hearing House</li> <li>• March 27 – Passed out of Committee</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1019 (dead)</a> <a href="#">SB 5365 (dead)</a>	Concerning vaccination and antibody titer test notification.	Establishes the vaccine consumer protection act. Establishes a requirement for health care providers to notify individuals, before vaccine administration, of the option to obtain serologic proof of immunity in lieu of vaccination for all vaccines for which there is a licensed antibody titer test.		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 14 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Jan 18 – First Reading Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Public Hearing Health &amp; Long Term Care 8:00</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Passed out of Committee (Senate)</li> <li>• Feb 22 – Referred to Ways and Means</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1275 (dead)</a>	Establishing a database to monitor the adverse effects of vaccinations.	Creates adverse vaccine reaction monitoring program. Requires any health care provider who administers or oversees the administration of a vaccine to report any adverse reactions.		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 17 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> </ul>

<a href="#">HB 1276 (dead)</a>	Preventing human and environmental exposure to mercury.	Requires preference be given to nonmercury-added alternatives. Changes age limit from 3 to 18 for persons who may not be vaccinated with any product that contains or was manufactured with mercury. Employers may not require vaccination as a condition of employment. Requires mercury warnings to be issued and posted in the event of any suspension & alternative preventions measure must be distributed.		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 17 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> </ul>
<a href="#">HB 1638</a>	Promoting immunity against vaccine preventable diseases.	Eliminates the personal exemption for MMR		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 25 – First Reading Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 8 – Public Hearing Health Care &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Feb 15 – Passed out of Committee</li> <li>• Feb 19 – Referred to Rules 2 Review</li> <li>• March 5 – Passed out of House</li> <li>• March 29 – Public Hearing 8:00 (Senate)</li> <li>• <b>April 1 – Passed out of Committee</b></li> </ul>
<a href="#">SB 5659 (dead)</a>	Imposing a business and occupation tax surcharge on pharmaceutical advertising revenues for substance abuse and mental health services.	Creates a 2% surcharge to promote the sale of prescription drugs		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 25 – First Reading Ways &amp; Means</li> </ul>



<a href="#">SB 5940 (dead)</a>	Imposing a business and occupation surtax on prescription opioid drugs	Additional tax is imposed on the business of warehousing and reselling prescription opioid drugs in an amount equal to 37 percent of gross income derived from such sales		FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb 18 – Referred to Ways and Means</li> <li>• March 14 – Public Hearing</li> </ul>
<a href="#">SB 5982 (dead)</a>	Concerning the licensing of pharmacy benefit managers and creating a new fee.			FYI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 7 – Referred to Health &amp; Long Term Care</li> <li>• March 27 – Public Hearing 1:30 (Senate)</li> <li>• <b>April 1 – scheduled for Executive Session no action was taken</b></li> </ul>

Meeting Adjourned/Closed.

*Other bills that may be of interest to the pharmacy profession but not scheduled for discussion:*

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