



Dear Friends,

Welcome to our wrap up edition of *Health Policy News* for the 2016 Legislative Session. The Legislature adjourned Sine Die shortly before 11:00pm on March 29th on the 20th day of the special session.

The House passed the supplemental operating budget on Tuesday afternoon with a vote of 78-17. The Senate then voted on the budget Tuesday evening with a vote of 27-17. The supplemental operating budget will increase the \$38.2 billion biennial budget by \$191 million. The costs of last year's wildfires were covered by using \$190 million from the state's "Rainy Day Fund."

An additional \$7 million was included to retain more teachers, \$15 million for youth homelessness programs that pair with housing programs and \$28 million to improve safety at Western State Hospital and other psychiatric hospitals. [Access budget details here.](#)

Prior to the Legislature adjourning Sine Die, both chambers overrode the 27 bills Governor Inslee had vetoed. As you will recall, the governor

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vetoed the bills to encourage the Legislature to come to agreement on a supplemental operating budget prior to the end of the regular 60 day session.

After long negotiations, the Senate passed [ESSB 6328, 'Concerning vapor products in respect to youth substance use prevention'](#) on Monday, March 28th, followed by the House on Tuesday, March 29th. Advocates worked very hard to negotiate the best compromise to protect the public's health. The hard rule about the legislative process is we never get everything we want. When you are up against the powerful tobacco industry, it is very difficult. I call your attention to two articles in the "[What we are reading section](#)" about how the tobacco industry is deeply involved in safeguarding the e-cigarette industry. Access an overview of [ESSB 6328 here](#). Congratulation to the negotiators and advocates who have worked tirelessly on this issue!

What comes next? Well, we will be sending out special issues of Health Policy News in the future. Watch for them this spring. Of course, we will also resume weekly issues of Healthy Policy News next January when the legislature convenes for the 2017 session.

Healthy Gen is holding our conference on April 19th and 20th. Our agenda is going to be fabulous, I hope you will join us! Erin Dzedzic, Mary McHale, Drew Bouton and I will be holding a special workshop to discuss what happened with e-cigarettes. [You can access more information about the conference here.](#)

My thanks to all of you who have communicated or visited with your legislators this session to express your viewpoint on issues. Your actions are an important part of legislative the process

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What We're Reading

[Starting today, we make it harder for poor people to eat in Washington](#)

Drew Atkins, Crosscut

[How Big Tobacco Lobbies to Safeguard E-cigarettes](#)

Nicholas Kuznetz, Center for Public Integrity

[E-cigarette laws written with the help of Reynolds American](#)

Nicholas Kusnetz and Jared Bennett, Center for Public Integrity



The Sine Die Tree is in full bloom. Time for the legislature to "Sine

and it matters!

I also want to express my thanks and gratitude to Erin Dziedzic. She is an amazing lobbying dynamo. I wish you all could see her in action! My deep thanks and appreciation to Whitney Johnson. Whitney is a critical part of the team to who ensures *Health Policy News* makes it out every Monday. Last, but not least, thanks to Rachel Beck. Rachel, our Evans Fellow, has made invaluable contributions this session to our lobbying efforts, especially in the area of e-cigarettes.

I'm sure you are all wondering, "Who won the T-shirt contest?" I'm sad to say we didn't have any submissions! So, I'll leave you one of my favorite sayings from a button I bought during the 1991 session that should be a T-shirt, "Happiness is Olympia in your review mirror!"

Ever forward!

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Active Living

Adopts the supplemental capital budget. (Protect trails statewide, including the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and other statewide trail investments; Maintain funding for Youth Athletic Facilities)

HB 2380 & SB 6201

Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: H Cap Budget; S Ways & Means

"Implementing the recommendations of the 2015

Die"!



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review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program"

HB 2509 & SSB 6227

Sponsor: Representative Tharinger

Sponsor: Senator Honeyford

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: H Cap Budget; **Delivered to the Governor**

"Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices." (Distracted Driving)

HB 2574 & ESB 5656

Sponsor: Representative Farrell

Sponsor: Senator Rivers

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning physical education instructional requirements for public school students"

HB 2669

Sponsor: Representative Riccelli

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: **Dead**

"Eliminating some authority of school districts to exempt students from participation in physical education"

HB 2664

Sponsor: Representative Cody

Healthy Gen's Position: [Support](#)

Status: **Dead**

Smoke Free

"Establishing special license endorsements for cigar lounges and retail tobacconist shops"

HB 1296 & SB 5917

Sponsor: Representative Vick



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Sponsor: Senator Brown, S.

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: **Dead**

"Establishing a marijuana lounge endorsement
to a marijuana retailer's license"

HB 2693

Sponsor: Representative Blake

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: **Dead**

"Modifying marijuana club provisions"

SB 6375

Sponsor: Senator Rivers

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning youth substance use prevention
associated with tobacco and drug delivery e-
cigarettes and vapor products"

HB 1645 & SB 5573

Sponsor: Representative Pollet

Sponsor: Senator Frockt

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning vapor products, e-cigarette, and
nicotine products tax and regulatory reform to
support youth substance prevention"

HB 2211

Sponsor: Representative Pollet

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning the age of individuals at which sale
or distribution of tobacco and vapor products
may be made"

HB 2313 & SB 6157

Sponsor: Representative Orwall

Sponsor: Senator Miloscia

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning vapor products in respect to provisions concerning certain child-resistant packaging, definitions related to "vapor product"..."

HB 2588 & SB 6328

Sponsor: Representative Reykdal

Sponsor: Senator Dammeier

Healthy Gen's Position: Opposed

Status: H Commerce & Gaming; **Delivered to the Governor**

Injury Prevention

"Concerning the protection of children through responsible storage of firearms"

HB 1747 & SB 5789

Sponsor: Representative Kagi

Sponsor: Senator Kohl-Welles

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

Clinical Linkages

"Clarifying the authority of a nurse working in a school setting"

SHB 1790 & SB 5765

Sponsor: Representative Springer

Sponsor: Senator Jayapal

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Concerning the reimbursement rate primary care providers receive to participate in medicaid"

HB 2515 & SB 6272

Sponsor: Representative Pettigrew

Sponsor: Senator Becker

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **Dead**

"Increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth"

E2SHB 2439

Sponsor: Representative Kagi

Healthy Gen's Position: Support

Status: **HB 2439 signed into law by the Governor on 3/31**

Marijuana

"Creating a two-year pilot program authorizing up to five qualified licensed marijuana retailers to deliver marijuana to Washington residents in a city with a population of over six hundred fifty thousand"

HB 2368

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Healthy Gen's Position: Oppose

Status: **Dead**

"Reducing the tax on useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-infused products"

HB 2347

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Healthy Gen's Position: Oppose

Status: **Dead**

"Facilitating the orderly development of the legal marijuana market and eliminating the illicit marijuana market"

HB 2998

Sponsor: Representative Hurst

Status: **Dead**

Noteworthy

"Concerning mitigation of the adverse impacts of

sugar-sweetened beverages"

HB 2798

Sponsor: Representative Robinson

Status: **Dead**

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