



Prevention Alliance

2024 Session Summary

At 5:55pm on March 7th, the legislature adjourned the 2024 legislative session, Sine Die. The 2024 Washington State legislative session was a short session, which means it lasted for just 60 days and moved at a rapid pace as legislators worked diligently to pass bills and budgets on the compressed timeline of a short session with tight cutoffs. The session adjourned on time.

A total of [379 bills passed the legislature](#) during the 2024 session, and of those, 234 had unanimous votes. For comparison, the [average number of bills passed in a short session](#) is about 315. Some of the main issue areas of focus this session included behavioral health, climate change, housing & homelessness, and K-12 education.

In addition to the work done to pass policy bills, this session also included the business of writing the 2024 supplemental operating, transportation, and capital budgets. Given the fairly modest increases in projected revenue in the [spring quarterly economic & revenue forecast](#), the budgets were true supplemental budgets with modest investments focused on urgent and emergent issues. *For more detail see the [PA Budget Memo](#) on the spring quarterly forecast.*

Summarized on the following pages are the outcomes of the 2024 Prevention Alliance Strategies. The first section of the report includes strategies that successfully passed and/or were funded including both bills and budget items; the second part includes strategies that did not pass this session. The report provides a description of each strategy that was on the 2024 Prevention Alliance Policy Platform followed by a summary of the budget items and/or bills for that strategy.

Prevention Alliance 2024 Strategies that Passed and/or Were Funded

Health Preventive Services: Change the effective date of WA's list of covered services to Jan 2024, and authorize OIC greater flexibility to expand or update the list going forward.

[House Bill 1957](#) - Preserving coverage of preventive services without cost sharing

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Riccelli

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Modifies the requirement for health carriers to cover the same preventive services without cost sharing as required by federal law. Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to adopt rules related to any future preventive services recommendations or guidelines from the United States Preventive Services Task Force, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the United States Health Resources and Services Administration or related rules or guidance.

Budget Impact:

Office of Insurance Commissioner

Preventive Service Coverage: \$49,000 total

Funding is provided for additional reviews of health plan form filings and normal rulemaking to implement ESHB 1957 (Preventive service coverage) which preserves coverage of preventative services without cost sharing. (Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Account-State) (Custom)

Universal Health Coverage: Continue work to ensure all people living in Washington have access to health coverage.

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation:

Health Care for Uninsured Adults:

Additional funding is provided to expand health coverage for Washington residents with incomes at or below 138 percent of the federal poverty level, regardless of immigration status, beginning July 1, 2024.

Health Care Authority – Other: \$25.562M GFS (General Fund- State) (Custom)

Health Care Authority – Community Behavioral Health: \$1.973M GFS (General Fund- State) (One-Time)

Health Benefit Exchange: \$618,000 GFS (General Fund- State) (Custom)

School-Based Health Centers: Expand funding for the SBHC grant program to support access to integrated healthcare in academic settings.

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation:

Department of Health

School-Based Health Centers: \$500,000 GFS

Funding is provided to increase access to health care in academic settings by expanding the school-based health center program through 5 additional grants of \$100,000 each. (General Fund-State) (One-Time)

Community Health Workers in Pediatric Settings: Continue funding for the current workforce for 2 more years and allow for financing of care coordination activities in pediatric settings.

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation:

Health Care Authority – Other

Community Health Workers: \$2.149M GFS (\$2.822M total)

Funding is provided for HCA to continue the grant program to reimburse community health workers whose patients are significantly comprised of pediatric patients under age 18 and enrolled in medical assistance programs. Funding is also provided to establish and reimburse for a community health worker benefit under Apple Health. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

Screening Rates: \$1.75M GFS (\$5M total)

Funding is provided for: 1) an increase in reimbursement rates for primary care providers, beginning January 1, 2025, for postnatal, child, and adolescent mental health screenings sufficient to provide follow up and coordination in primary care settings for children aged 0-21 years and their families; and 2) a funding mechanism for a social determinants of health risk assessment benefit for children and their families. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Ongoing)

Housing Trust Fund: Increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund.

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation:

Housing Trust Fund: \$127.539 million (Capital Budget)

Funding is provided for the Housing Trust Fund, which is a competitive grant program that funds the construction and renovation of affordable housing units to serve low-income and special needs populations, including, but not limited to, people with chronic mental illness, people with developmental disabilities, farmworkers, people who are homeless, and people in need of permanent supportive housing.

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT): For the ESIT Program, change the day of the monthly count from the first to the last day of the calendar month so providers are reimbursed for the first month of services.

[House Bill 1916](#) (Senate Bill 5933) - Concerning funding for the early support for infants and toddlers program

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Senn (Sen. Frame)

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Changes the definition of when a child is receiving early intervention services for the purposes of Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program funding. Specifies that a child must receive services within the same month as the monthly count day instead of the month prior, and that the monthly count day is the last business day of the month instead of the first business day.

Budget Impact:

Department of Children, Youth & Families – Early Learning

ESIT Monthly Count: \$4.291M GFS

Funding is provided for implementation of SHB 1916 (Infants and toddlers program), which requires DCYF to count children receiving Early Support for Infants and Toddlers

(ESIT) services within the same month as the monthly count day. The monthly count day is the last business day of the month. (General Fund-State) (Ongoing)

Updating Vaccine Statutory Definition: Broadens the definition of “vaccine” within the WA Vaccine Association statute to ensure coverage of all vaccines.

[Senate Bill 5982](#) (House Bill 2157) - Updating the definition of "vaccine" in RCW 70.290.010 to include all federal food and drug administration-approved immunizations recommended by the centers for disease control and prevention

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Cleveland (Rep Harris)

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Changes the definition of "vaccine" for purposes of the Washington Vaccine Association.

Epi-Injector Standing Order: Statewide standing order for epinephrine and epinephrine injectors use by school nurses or other trained personnel

[House Bill 1608](#) - Expanding access to anaphylaxis medications in schools

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Bronoske

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Requires the Secretary of Health or designee to issue a statewide standing order prescribing epinephrine and epinephrine autoinjectors to any school district or school for use by a school nurse or other trained school personnel for any student or individual experiencing anaphylaxis. Amends requirements related to school supplies of autoinjectors to also include epinephrine and to reference the statewide standing order.

Cost Controls for Certain Prescription Drugs: Requires health plans to cap the out-of-pocket cost for a 30-day supply of asthma inhalers and epinephrine autoinjectors at \$35.

[House Bill 1979](#) - Reducing the cost of inhalers and epinephrine autoinjectors

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Paul

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Requires health plans, including health plans offered to public and school employees, to cap the total out-of-pocket cost for a 30-day supply of at least one inhaled corticosteroid and one inhaled corticosteroid combination product and at least one epinephrine autoinjector product containing at least two autoinjectors at \$35.

Local Revenue Options: Standardizing limitations on voter-approved property tax levies.

[House Bill 2044](#) – Standardizing limitations on voter-approved property tax levies

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Duerr

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Removes the restriction on levy lid lift funds supplanting existing funds.

Authorization for County Hospital Expenses: Expand the current authorization for county-owned hospital levies to also include operating and capital expenses.

[House Bill 2348](#) - Concerning county hospital funding

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Street

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Reduces the maximum levy rate for the county hospital levy from \$0.50 to \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Expands the permissible uses of a county hospital levy. Makes the county hospital levy a separate, standalone property tax that is not part of a county's current expense levy. Places the county hospital levy outside of an aggregate \$5.90 property tax rate cap for local taxing districts.

Child Welfare Prevention: Support efforts that help families address issues that put children at risk of out of home placement.

[Senate Bill 6068](#) - Reporting on dependency outcomes

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Boehnke

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Directs the Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with other agencies and entities with relevant data or expertise, to identify measures of relational permanency and child well-being and report its findings to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, subject to appropriations.

Budget Impact:

Administrative Office of the Courts

Dependency Outcome Reporting: \$248,000 total

Funding is provided to implement E2SSB 6068 (Dependency outcome reporting), which requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit a report, in consultation with other agencies and entities with relevant data or expertise, to identify measures of relational permanency and child well-being. The report is due by July 1, 2025. (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State) (One-Time)

[Senate Bill 6109](#) - Supporting children and families

Prime Sponsor: Sen. C. Wilson

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Includes child abuse or neglect resulting from a high-potency synthetic opioid in a non-exhaustive list of what may establish the basis for a determination of imminent physical harm when a child is removed from a parent by court order, law enforcement, or a hospital. Requires courts to give great weight to the lethality of and public health guidance regarding high-potency synthetic opioids during certain stages of child welfare proceedings where the court is determining whether a child should be removed from a parent. Directs the provision of services to children impacted by high-potency synthetic opioids. Defines high-potency synthetic opioids.

Budget Impact:

Key components of SB 6109 related to child welfare prevention:

- **Home Visiting: \$1.6M total**
- **Contracted Child Care Slots: \$1.579M total**

High-Potency Synthetic Opioids – *Below is a full overview of funding provided for implementation of SB 6109 (items specifically relation to prevention listed above are included within these buckets)*

Funding is provided to implement E2SSB 6109 (Children and families), which includes child abuse or neglect resulting from a high-potency synthetic opioid in a list of what may establish the basis for a determination of imminent physical harm when a child is removed from a parent by court order, law enforcement, or a hospital, and also provides for various services to families impacted by high-potency synthetic opioids.

Department of Children, Youth & Families – Children & Families Services: \$3.49M total (General Fund-Fam Supt; Opioid Abatement Settlement Account-State) (Custom)

Department of Children, Youth & Families – Early Learning: \$3.179M total (Opioid Abatement Settlement Account-State) (One-Time)

Department of Health: \$384,000 total (Opioid Abatement Settlement Account-State) (Ongoing)

Administrative Office of the Courts: \$479,000 total (Opioid Abatement Settlement Account-State) (Custom)

Office of Public Defense: \$1.108M total (Judicial Stabilization Trust Account-State) (Custom)

Office of Civil Legal Aid: High-Potency Synthetic Opioids: \$156,000 GFS (General Fund-State) (Custom)

Behavioral Health: Support efforts relating to community behavioral health and crisis response.

[House Bill 1929](#) (Senate Bill 6050) - Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Cortes

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Creates the Post-Inpatient Housing Program for Young Adults to provide supportive transitional housing with behavioral health supports for persons 18 to 24 years old who are exiting inpatient behavioral health treatment. Requires the Health Care Authority provide funding for community-based organizations to operate at least two residential programs with six to ten beds each to serve participants for up to 90 days.

Budget Impact:

Health Care Authority – Community Behavioral Health

Young Adult Discharge Program: \$1.45M GFS (\$1.476M total)

Funding is provided for implementing a post-inpatient housing program for young adults in accordance with the provisions of 2SHB 1929 (Post inpatient housing). (General Fund-State; General Fund-Medicaid) (Custom)

House Bill 1946 - Creating the Washington health corps behavioral health scholarship program

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Eslick

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Establishes the behavioral health scholarship program under the Washington Health Corps.

Budget Impact:

Student Achievement Council

Behavioral Health Conditional Scholarships: \$150,000 GFS

Funding is provided for implementation of HB 1946 (Behav. health scholarship) which expands uses for the Behavioral Health (BH) Scholarship Program within the Washington Health Corps. (Workforce Education Investment Account-State) (Custom)

House Bill 2088 - Extending liability protections for responders dispatched from mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Orwall

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Provides covered entities and personnel with immunity from civil liability for negligent acts and omissions while providing: (1) specified crisis care services under clinical supervision to persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis, if the act or omission is done or omitted in good faith within the scope of the individual's employment responsibilities; (2) transportation of patients to specified services.

House Bill 2256 - Addressing the children and youth behavioral health work group

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Callan

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Modifies membership and requirements for the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group (Work Group). Delays the deadline for the work group Strategic Plan Advisory Group to submit a draft strategic plan regarding behavioral health from October 1, 2024, to August 1, 2025. Extends the expiration of the Work Group from December 30, 2026, to December 30, 2029.

[Senate Bill 5853](#) - Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Dhingra

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Authorizes 23-hour crisis relief centers to serve nonadult clients and establishes guidelines for centers serving this population. Aligns the definition of "mental health professional" for purposes of provisions governing treatment of minors with the definition applicable to the treatment of adults and makes other changes to incorporate references to these centers and similar facilities in current law provisions.

Budget Impact:

Department of Health

Behavioral crisis services/minors: \$134,000 total

Funding is provided to implement E2SSB 5853 (Behav crisis services/minors), which authorizes 23-hour crisis relief centers to serve non-adult clients. (General Fund-State; General Fund-Local) (Custom)

Gun Violence Prevention: Support efforts to reduce gun violence.

[House Bill 1903](#) - Reporting lost or stolen firearms

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Berry

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Creates a civil infraction for the failure to report the loss or theft of a firearm to law enforcement within 24 hours. Requires law enforcement to enter lost and stolen firearms into the national Crime Information Center database. Requires licensing authorities, when issuing a firearm dealer's license, to issue dealers signage related to the possible civil and criminal penalties related to the failure to report a lost or stolen firearm and the unsafe storage of a firearm.

[House Bill 2021](#) (Senate Bill 6001) - Concerning the disposition of privately owned firearms in the custody of state or local government entities or law enforcement agencies

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Senn (Sen. Lovick)

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Authorizes Washington State Patrol to destroy forfeited firearms. Authorizes local governments and law enforcement agencies to trade or auction antique firearms to museums or historical societies. Creates requirements for the disposition of firearms obtained through a firearm buy-back program.

[House Bill 2118](#) (Senate Bill 6266) - Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Walen (Sen. Pedersen)

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Requires employees of firearm dealers to undergo yearly background checks. Requires firearm dealers to adopt specified security features, alarm and surveillance systems, and safe storage and record keeping practices. Requires firearm dealers to review and respond to trace requests within 24 hours; notify law enforcement of any loss, theft or unlawful transfer of a firearm within 24 hours; and provide an annual report to the attorney general. Mandates minimum insurance coverage requirements for firearm dealers. Authorizes law enforcement agencies to investigate breaches of dealer licensing conditions. Maintains recordings of points of sale and areas where firearms are stored for a period of 90 days and all other required areas for a period of 45 days.

[Senate Bill 5444](#) - Restricting the possession of weapons, excluding carrying a pistol by a person licensed to carry a concealed pistol, on the premises of libraries, zoos, aquariums, and transit facilities

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Valdez

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Prohibits individuals from entering certain designated places while knowingly possessing a weapon.

[Senate Bill 5985](#) - Concerning firearms background check program

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Hansen

Status: Passed

Summary of Final Version of Bill: Updates statutes concerning firearms background checks to refer to the Washington State Patrol firearms background check program.

Guaranteed Basic Income: Continue to pursue the implementation and socialization of a guaranteed basic income (GBI).

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation: While [House Bill 1045](#) (*Creating the evergreen basic income pilot program*) did not pass this session, the following funding was provide in the final budget.

Department of Commerce – Community Services & Housing

Design Youth Direct Cash Program: \$550,000 GFS

Funding is provided for COM to collaborate with people with lived experience of homelessness and other stakeholders to design a direct cash assistance program to serve youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or housing instability. (General Fund-State) (One-Time)

Free School Meals: Make school meals available to all requesting students without charge by having school meals included as part of the state's statutory program of basic education.

Budget Items Not Tied to Legislation: While [House Bill 2058](#)/[Senate Bill 5964](#) (*Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools*) did not pass this session, the following funding was provide in the final budget.

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Community Eligibility Provision: \$45M GFS

Funding is provided for additional reimbursements to school districts participating in the federal Community Eligibility Provision for meals not reimbursed at the federal free meal rate. (General Fund-State) (Custom)

Prevention Alliance 2024 Strategies that Did Not Pass and/or Were Not Funded

For bills that did not pass, if there was a companion bill, the bill that is listed first is the legislation that made it furthest in the process. The status reflects where the bill that made it the furthest died.

Affordable Housing: Increasing the supply of affordable and workforce housing.

[House Bill 2276](#) ([Senate Bill 6191](#)) - Increasing the supply of affordable and workforce housing

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Berg, Sen. Frame

Status: House Rules (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Increases the "ceiling" for the Tier 1 1.1 percent state real estate excise tax (REET) from \$525,000 to \$750,000 beginning January 1, 2026. Imposes a new real estate transfer tax (RETT) of 1 percent on the value of the selling price over \$3.025 million. Directs the revenue from REET and RETT to be distributed to ensure the accounts currently receiving REET moneys are kept whole and to provide specific funding to the Washington Housing Trust Fund, Apple Health and Homes Account, the Affordable Housing for All Account, the new Developmental Disabilities Housing and Services Account, and the new Housing Stability Account. Creates a REET exemption for certain sales or transfers of properties that qualify for a property tax exemption that will be used for a community purpose.

ARNP Parity: Require reimbursement parity for ARNPs.

[Senate Bill 5373](#) ([House Bill 1495](#)) - Requiring equal reimbursement for advanced registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians.

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Randall, Rep. Simmons

Status: Senate Ways & Means (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Requires health carriers to reimburse advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same rate as physicians for providing the same service in the same service area.

Biomarker Testing: Require coverage for medically necessary biomarker testing by private and public health plans.

[House Bill 1450](#) ([Senate Bill 5074](#)) - Concerning coverage for biomarker testing

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Stonier, Sen. L. Wilson
Status: House Appropriations (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Requires health plans, including plans offered to public and school employees and Medicaid, to provide coverage for biomarker testing when supported by medical and scientific evidence.

Child Welfare Prevention: Support efforts that help families address issues that put children at risk of out of home placement.

[House Bill 1873](#) - Concerning office of public defense social service workers for parents in child welfare cases

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz-Self
Status: House Human Services, Youth, and Early Learning (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Creates a pilot project administered by the Office of Public Defense (OPD) that provides indigent parents in dependency and termination cases with voluntary access to a social service worker contracted by OPD beginning at a shelter care hearing.

Gun Violence Prevention: Support efforts to reduce gun violence.

[House Bill 1902](#) ([Senate Bill 6004](#)) - Enhancing requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Berry, Sen. Liias
Status: House Civil Rights and Judiciary (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Provides that a dealer may not transfer a firearm to a purchaser or transferee unless the person has a valid permit to purchase firearms. Establishes requirements for the application, issuance, and revocation of permits to purchase firearms. Provides that proof of completion of required firearms safety training must be provided to obtain a permit to purchase firearms, updates training program components, and requires the Washington State Patrol to certify training programs. Amends numerous other provisions of law to incorporate permits to purchase firearms consistent with requirements relating to concealed pistol licenses. Addresses background check procedures when a person applying for the transfer of a firearm has outstanding warrants, open criminal charges, or pending criminal or commitment proceedings.

[House Bill 2054](#) - Concerning bulk purchases and transfers of firearms

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Farivar
Status: House Civil Rights and Judiciary (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Prohibits firearms dealers from delivering more than one firearm to a purchaser or transferee within any 30-day period, subject to various exceptions.

[House Bill 2197](#) - Concerning the availability of prevention services under medical assistance programs

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Orwall

Status: House Rules X (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Directs the Health Care Authority to seek federal Medicaid funding for the provision of hospital-based community violence prevention services. Requires the Department of Health to establish training program standards for programs that train and certify health care providers to provide community violence prevention services.

[Senate Bill 5963](#) - Concerning insurance requirements relating to the ownership of certain deadly weapons

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Kuderer

Status: Senate Law and Justice (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Requires individuals who own a firearm to keep and maintain a residential dwelling insurance policy that covers losses or damages resulting from the accidental or unintentional discharge of the firearm. Requires surplus line insurance brokers and insurance producers to inform customers of the requirement to keep and maintain an insurance policy that covers losses or damages resulting from the accidental or unintentional discharge of the firearm.

Guaranteed Basic Income: Continue to pursue the implementation and socialization of a guaranteed basic income (GBI).

While the legislation listed below did not pass this session, some related funding was provided in the final budget (listed in the section above with priorities that passed)

[House Bill 1045](#) - Creating the evergreen basic income pilot program

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Berry

Status: House Appropriations (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Establishes the Evergreen Basic Income Pilot Program (pilot program), providing 24 monthly payments to up to 7,500 qualifying participants in an amount equal to 100 percent of the fair market rent for a two-bedroom dwelling unit in the county in which a participant resides. • Creates a board of directors to administer, coordinate, and establish policies for the pilot program. Designates that persons receiving funds through the pilot program are eligible for certain assistance programs, and contains provisions to minimize the impact of receipt of basic income funds on income calculation for other assistance programs and determination of child support obligations.

[Senate Bill 6196](#) - Creating the evergreen basic income pilot program

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Kauffman

Status: Senate Human Services (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Establishes the Evergreen Basic Income Pilot Program (pilot program), providing 24 monthly payments to up to 7500 qualifying participants in an amount equal to 100 percent of the fair market rent for a two-bedroom dwelling unit in the county in which a participant resides. Creates a board of directors to administer, coordinate, and establish policies for the pilot program. Designates that persons receiving funds through the pilot program are eligible for certain assistance programs, and contains provisions to minimize the

impact of receipt of basic income funds on income calculation for other assistance programs and determination of child support obligations.

Free School Meals: Make school meals available to all requesting students without charge by having school meals included as part of the state's statutory program of basic education.

While the legislation listed below did not pass this session, some related funding was provided in the final budget (listed in the section above with priorities that passed)

[House Bill 2058 \(Senate Bill 5964\)](#) - Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Riccelli, Sen. Nobles

Status: House Appropriations (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Requires all school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to provide breakfast and lunch without charge to any requesting students, beginning with the 2024–25 school year. Modifies funding provisions for the Learning Assistance Program and National Board Certification bonuses for the 2024–25 through 2027–28 school years for school districts and schools subject to the meal provision requirements. Makes all provisions null and void if funding is not provided in the operating budget.

Local Revenue: Advocate for local government revenue, specifically lifting the arbitrary cap on property taxes.

[Senate Bill 5770](#) - Providing property tax reform.

Prime Sponsor: Sen. Pedersen

Status: Senate Rules “X” file (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Increases the property tax revenue limit for local property taxes. Exempts property owners qualifying under the retired persons property tax relief program from 25 percent of part one of the state levy. Eliminates non-supplant restrictions applicable to local government taxing districts located in a county with a population of 1.5 million or more. Modifies the portion of a county current expense levy allocated in statute to funding county-owned hospitals.

Medicaid Rates: Increase in Medicaid rates to at least Medicare levels, using the revenue generated by the establishment of a covered lives assessment.

[House Bill 2476 \(Senate Bill 6309\)](#) - Creating a covered lives assessment professional services rate account

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Macri, Sen. Randall

Status: House Appropriations (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Establishes the Covered Lives Assessment Professional Services Rate Account. Creates a covered-lives assessment on Medicaid managed care organizations and health carriers. Increases Medicaid professional services rates to equivalent Medicare rates.

Social Emotional Learning: Improve social, emotional and behavioral health skills taught in schools.

[House Bill 2239](#) - Supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills

Prime Sponsor: Rep. Timmons

Status: Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education (Dead)

Summary of Latest Version of Bill: Encourages school districts and public schools to provide instruction on skills that promote social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health and wellness. Directs, subject to appropriation, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually distribute funding to support this instruction and to submit an outcomes report.