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2024 Legislative Session

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WMC Session Involvement

The goals of the Washington Medical Commission (WMC) during the legislative session are:

- To protect the public by ensuring quality healthcare is provided by physicians and physician assistants;
- To ensure practitioners have the legal and regulatory infrastructure to provide quality health care to Washington citizens.



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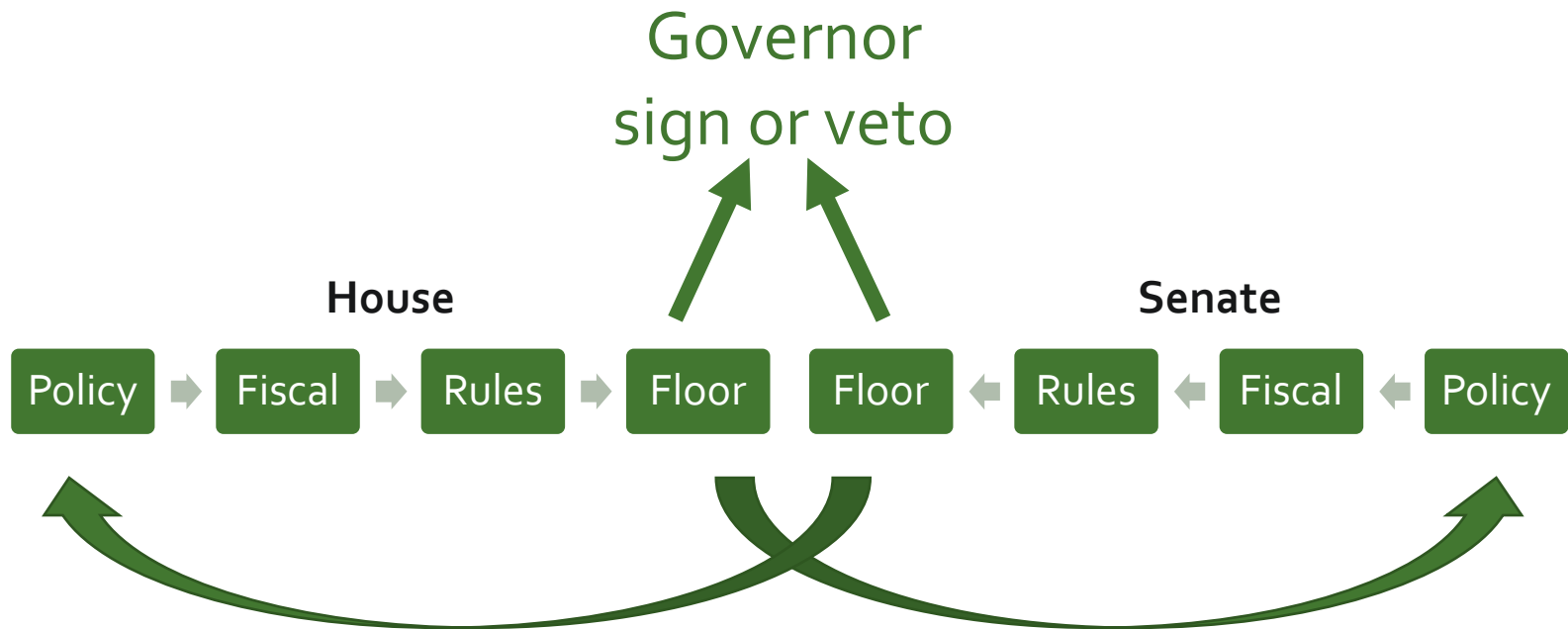


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Legislative Branch Process



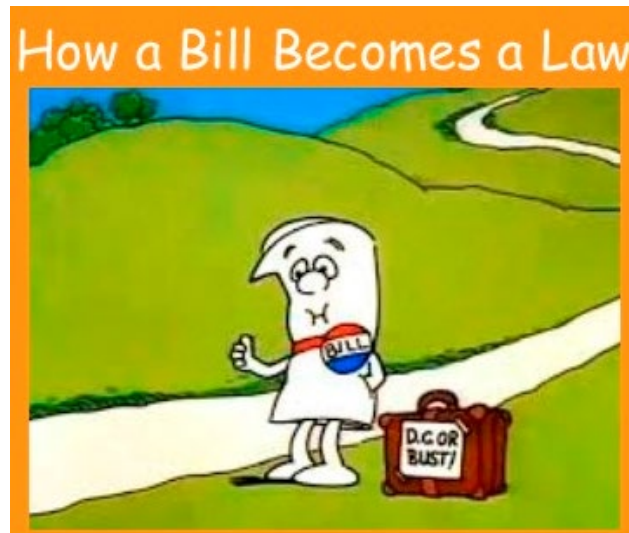
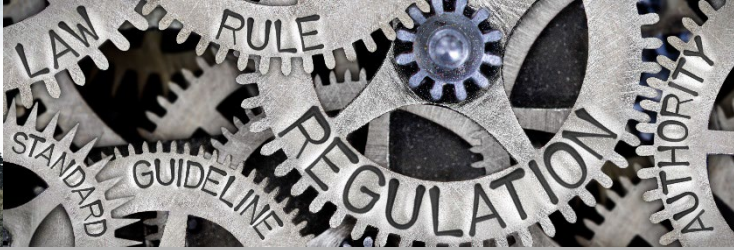
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WA Legislature –
leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Bill2Law.aspx

PBS Video – How a bill becomes a law
<https://youtu.be/66f4-NKEYz4>



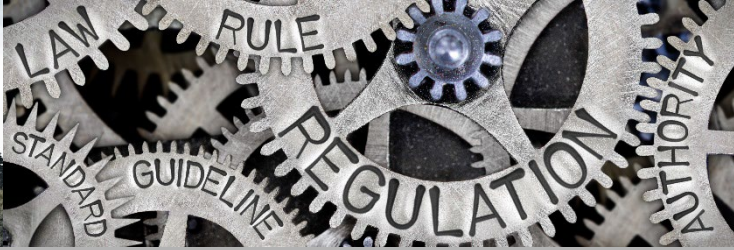
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Mad Dash to...

- Policy Cut off
- Fiscal cut off
- House of Origin
- Opposite House
- NTIB
- Sine Die

2024 Session Cutoff Calendar

[2024 Cutoff Calendar \(PDF\)](#)

January 8, 2024	First Day of Session
January 31, 2024	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 5, 2024	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
February 13, 2024	Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
February 21, 2024	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 26, 2024	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 1, 2024*	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
March 7, 2024	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After 5:00pm on the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.



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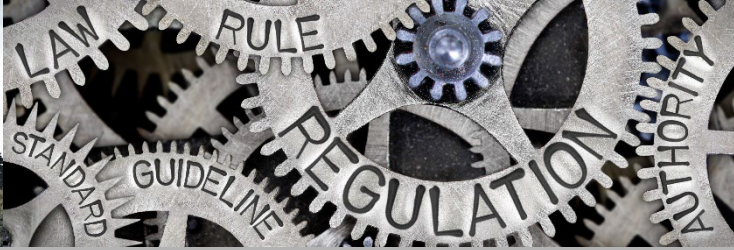


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2023-2024 biennium by the numbers

Statistical Report: All Bills (2023-24)

Overall bills introduced = 3,481
 Bills likely to remain = unknown
 Department of Health = 174
 WMC tracked bills = 63

House	Count	Senate	Count
House Introduced	1807	Senate Introduced	1674
House Rules Review (2nd)	275	Senate Rules White (2nd)	145
House Rules Consideration (2nd)	9	Senate Rules Green (2nd)	0
All House Rules	363	All Senate Rules	244
House Second Reading	53	Senate Second Reading	75
House Suspension Calendar	0	Senate Rules White (3rd)	20
House Rules Review (3rd)	0	Senate Rules Green (3rd)	0
House Rules Consideration (3rd)	20	SGAs in Senate Rules	70
House Third Reading	8	Senate Third Reading	6
House Bills on Reconsideration	0	Senate Bills on Reconsideration	0
Passed House	536	Passed Senate	574
House Passed House	323	Senate Passed Senate	301
House Bills Passed Senate	273	Senate Bills Passed House	213



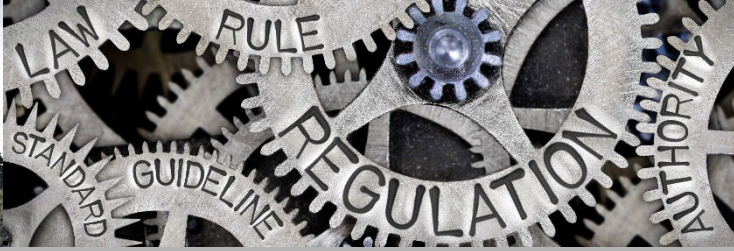
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Concepts that the WMC tracks

- Legislating the practice of medicine
- Changes to RCW 18.130
- Scope of practice bills
- Workgroups where WMC must manage and report out
- New licensing categories or restrictions
- Dangers to the public
- Telemedicine
- Discipline of doctors or PAs, new additions to the UDA
- Drug use and prescriptions
- Continuing medical education requirements
- WMC regulatory or rulemaking authority
- Abortion laws
- Vaccines
- State budget changes and account sweeps



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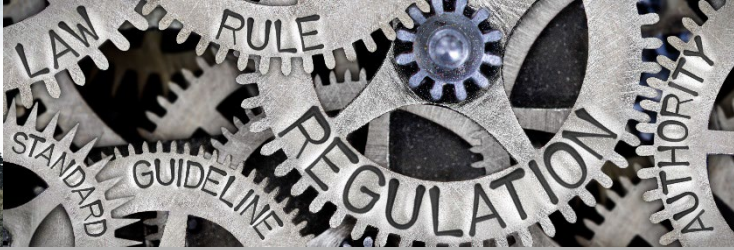


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WMC Legislative Program Principles

- **Authorizing Environment:** Medical Practice Act, Uniform Disciplinary Act
- **WMC:** Rules, Interpretive Statements, Bylaws, Policies, Guidelines, position statements, procedures
- **Additional:** WMC Functionality, staff mandates (union), and budgetary needs
- **Legislative Subcommittee**
- **Clinical specialist consults**
- **Overall Priority:** Preserve patient safety in the health care system while presenting the WMC as a credible and responsive authority in medicine and regulation.



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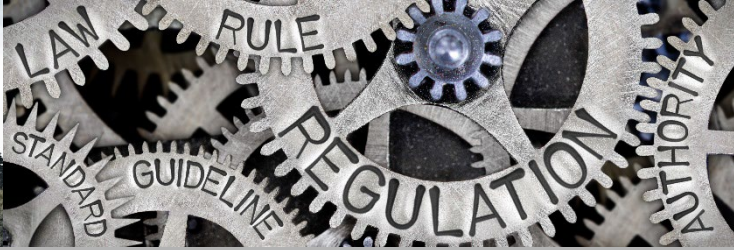


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Key 2024 Bills still moving

- SHB 1300 - Assisted reproduction fraud (reintroduced)
- HB 1917 - Physician assistant compact
- SHB 2041 - Physician assistant collaborative practice
- HB 1972 - Increasing licensure fees that support WPHP
- HB 2122- Physician wellness programs
- HB 2115 - Prescription labels for abortion medications
- SB 5184 – Licensing anesthesiologist assistants
- SB 5481 – The uniform telemedicine act (reintroduced)
- SB 5821 – Defining “established relationship” for the purposes of coverage for audio-only telemedicine



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Questions? Clarifications?



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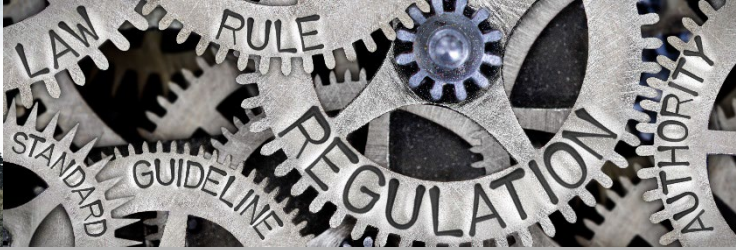


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