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## 2025 Legislative Session

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# WMC and Session Involvement

The Washington Medical Commission is the state regulator for allopathic physicians and physician assistants.

The WMC **does not** lobby or have a political action committee (PAC).

The WMC **does participate** in the legislative session.

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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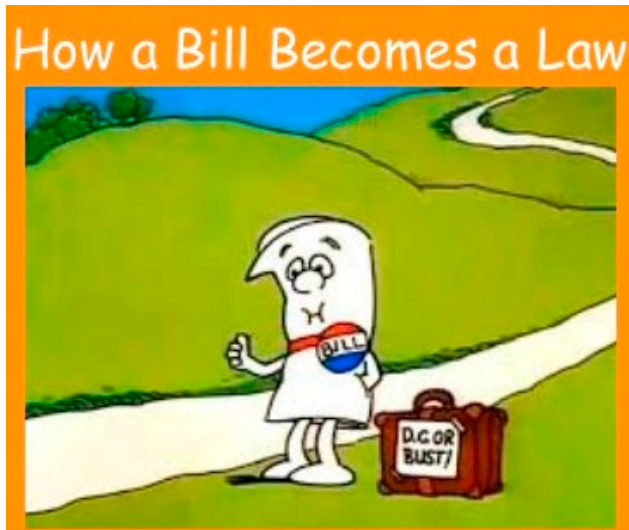


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PBS Video – How a bill becomes a law

Explanatory video also available in English and Spanish at [leg.wa.gov](http://leg.wa.gov)



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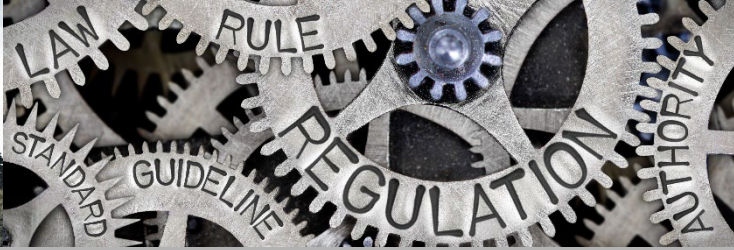


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# Cut-off Dates

Terms -

- Policy Cut off
- Fiscal cut off
- House of Origin
- NTIB
- Sine Die
- Jan 13 – Session begins
- Feb 21 - Policy Committee
- Feb 28 - Fiscal Committee
- March 12 - House of Origin
- April 2 - Policy Committee - Opposite House
- April 8 - Fiscal Committee - Opposite House
- April 16 -Opposite House
- April 27 – Sine Die



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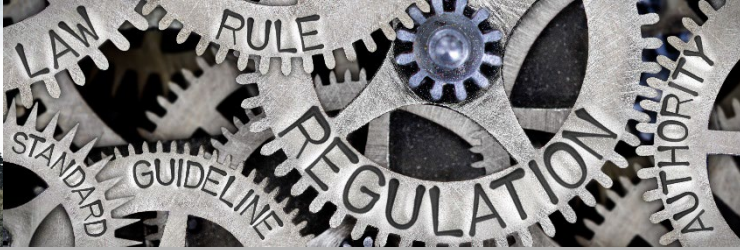


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# By the numbers

## Statistical Report: All Bills (2023-24)

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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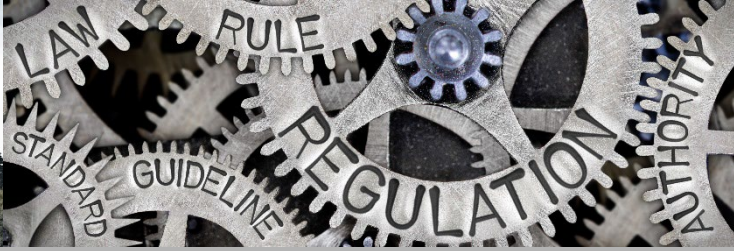


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# Concepts that the WMC tracks

- 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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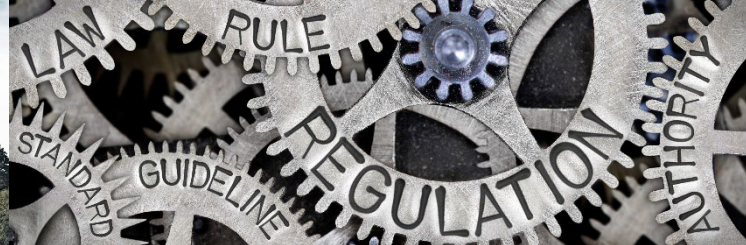


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# 2024 and 2025 Bills

## 2024

- HB 1300 – Assisted reproduction fraud
- HB 1917 – PA Compact
- HB 1972 – Physicians health program fees
- HB 2041 – PA Practice
- SB 5184 – Anesthesiologist assistants
- SB 5481 – Uniform telehealth act
- SB 5821 – Audio-only telemedicine



## 2025

- Authority regarding coroners and medical examiners
- PRA exemption of medical records and sensitive licensee data



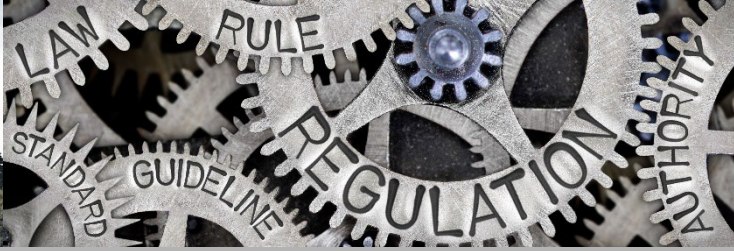
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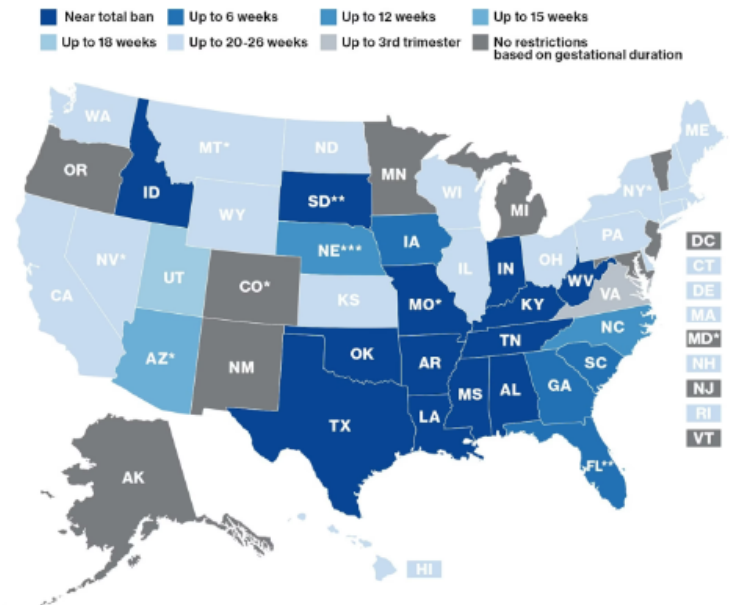


# Changes in Leadership

- New President – Republican
- Congress – Republicans in full control of the House and Senate for the first time since 2019.
- New Governor – Democrat
- Legislature – both houses controlled by Democrats.
- New Chair of House Health Committee - Democrat

## Abortion Access in the United States Post-Election

AS OF NOV. 11, 2024



\*Ballot measure passed enshrining abortion rights in state constitution or further protecting abortion rights.  
 \*\*Ballot measure failed enshrining abortion rights in state constitution or further protecting abortion rights.  
 \*\*\*Nebraska had competing ballot measures with the one banning abortion after the first trimester passing.

SOURCE: STATE LAWS, BALLOT MEASURE RESULTS, GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE



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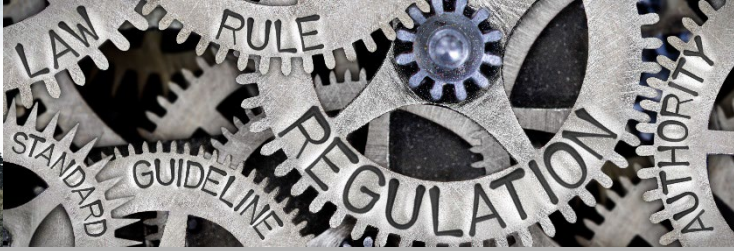
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# Questions? Clarifications?



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# Thank you

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