**Legislative session update**



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| ***March 14, 2019***

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| **ESD request bills – All survived 3/13 cutoff** |

**H-2A temporary agricultural program bill** – [E2SSB 5438](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5438&Chamber=Senate&Year=2019):This is ESD’s bill regarding H-2A temporary workers. The bill passed out of the Senate on 3/6/19 with a vote of 26 to 21. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in House Labor and Workplace Standards on 3/19/19.***Paid Family and Medical Leave bill** – [SHB 1399](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1399&Initiative=false&Year=2019):This is ESD’s bill to make necessary technical updates to the Paid Family and Medical Leave law. The bill passed out of the House on 3/1/19 with a vote of 71 to 23. *Most recent activity: The bill had a hearing in Senate Labor & Commerce on 3/14/19.*  **Confidentiality of ESD records and data** – [ESB 5439](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5439&Chamber=Senate&Year=2019):This is ESD’s technical bill to make necessary updates regarding data privacy. The bill passed out of the Senate on 2/27/19 with a unanimous vote. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in House Labor & Workplace Standards on 3/19/19.*

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| **Other notable bills – Survived 3/13 cutoff** |

**Career-connected learning** – [E2SSB 5327](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5327&Chamber=Senate&Year=2019):Under this Governor’s Office request bill, ESD would be a member of a cross-agency work group, administer career-connected learning grants, and collaborate with other agencies to expand career-connected learning. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in House College and Workforce Development on 3/19/19.* **Cloud computing solutions** – [E2SSB 5662](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5662&Initiative=false&Year=2019):Under this bill, ESD and other state agencies would need to adopt cloud computing solutions for any new information technology or telecommunications investments unless they receive a waiver from the Office of the Chief Information Officer. *Most recent activity: Referred to House Innovation, Technology and Economic Development on 3/14/19.***Domestic violence resources in the workplace** – [HB 1533](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1533&Initiative=false&Year=2019):The bill would require ESD to create a poster regarding domestic violence and to make the poster available to employers. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in Senate Labor & Commerce on 3/21/19.* **Immigrants in the workplace** – [E2SSB 5497](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5497&Initiative=false&Year=2019) Under this bill, ESD would need to review its confidentiality policies. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in House Civil Rights and Judiciary on 3/22/19.***Long-term care trust** –[2SHB 1087](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1087&Initiative=false&Year=2019):The bill creates a state program to provide long-term care benefits with funding from employee payroll premiums, which ESD would assess and collect. The bill passed out of the House on 2/21/19 with a vote of 63 to 33.*Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in Senate Health & Long-Term Care on 3/15/19.* **Non-union apprentice work search** – [SB 5398](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5398&Chamber=Senate&Year=2019):The bill provides a work search waiver to non-union electrical apprentices. The bill passed out of the Senate on 3/4/19 with a vote of 47 to 0. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for a hearing in House Labor & Workplace Standards on 3/18/19.*

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| **Officially dead, but moving again (“necessary to implement the budget”)** |

**Working Families Tax Credit** – HB 1527:Low- and moderate-income families could apply to ESD for a rebate of up to ten percent of their federal Earned Income Tax Credit. *Most recent activity: Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Finance on 3/14/19.*

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| **Notable bills – Died at 3/13 cutoff** |

**Employer /employee status** – [SHB 1515](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1515&Initiative=false&Year=2019) **Limiting overtime for correctional officers** – [SHB 1345](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1345&Initiative=false&Year=2019) **Protecting personal information** – [2SSB 5064](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5064&Initiative=false&Year=2019)**Railroad bill** – [HB 1843](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1843&Initiative=false&Year=2019)**Unemployment insurance and caregivers** – [HB 1445](https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1445&Initiative=false&Year=2019) |