



Bill Tracking – Washington State Legislature 2020

Note: Bills in gray type are considered no longer eligible for consideration this legislative session.

Issue	Bill Numbers	Brief Summary	Position	Latest Status
Structured Settlements	6372	Removes the age restriction and accepted claim restriction to entering into a structured settlement, consistent with 2019 recommendation of the Upjohn Institute in their latest study of structured settlements in Washington	Support	Set for public hearing on 1/28 in the Senate Labor Committee
Self-Insurance Allowance Orders	6373	Gives direct allowance order authority to self-insurers, consistent with a 2015 recommendation of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) in their performance audit of the system.	Support	Set for public hearing on 1/28 in the Senate Labor Committee
Employer Penalties, Insurance Bad Faith, Self-	2409	Increases most employer penalties in Title 51 Makes self-insurance delay/denial benefit “per occurrence” not per order	Oppose High Priority	Set for public hearing on 1/21 in House Labor Committee

Insurance Licensure		Creates administrative cause of action for insurance bad faith in claims handling against all employers Requires self-insured TPAs to become licensed		
IMEs	6440 2689	Places significant restrictions on the use of IMEs by the Department or self-insured employers, regulates conduct of the IME provider, and provides new accommodations to claimants	Oppose High Priority	Set for public hearing on 1/28 in Senate Labor Committee
Captive Insurers – OIC Tax Bill	2291 6241	Recognizes employer use of captive insurers in Washington, subjects all national risk including workers’ compensation to 2 percent premium tax	Oppose as written	Work session scheduled for 1/21 in Senate Financial Institutions Committee
Captive Insurers – Employer Community Bill	6331 2493	Allows employer use of captive insurers in Washington, provides for registration fee	Support	Work session scheduled for 1/21 in Senate Financial Institutions Committee
Mandatory WISHA training for construction workers	2564	Requires any construction worker or supervisor to participate in mandatory workplace safety and health training	Monitor	Set for public hearing on 1/21 in House Labor Committee

Public
Employee
Shared Leave

[2304](#)

Allows public employees who can access the state's shared leave program to use that leave to top off their time loss benefits if on workers' comp.

Monitor

In Senate Law &
Justice Committee