



2015 Session Wrap-Up

*Bills that passed the Legislature and impact the
Department of Labor & Industries*

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A letter from Director Joel Sacks

July 2015

The Washington State Legislature ended the 2015 session in July, needing three special sessions to complete the state's business. During the extended session, L&I staff also worked overtime, evaluating more than 350 different bills and completing nearly 600 bill analysis assignments. Overall, 15 bills were passed that impacted L&I, including two agency request measures.

Agency request legislation that passed

SHB 1496 - Helping Workers Heal and Return to Work by significantly expanding incentives for employers to hire injured workers with permanent disabilities (known as "preferred workers") and making permanent certain elements of the 2007 vocational improvement legislation which increased vocational benefits and choices for injured workers.

SB 5468 - Allowing Stay at Work Enhancements and one-time Self-Insured Program investments to be paid by non-appropriated funds will help the department be more responsive to customers by having access to limited and specific administrative funds as needed by increased demand for the Stay at Work Program or by request of the Self-Insured community.

Operating budget

The state's \$38.2 billion budget for the 2015-17 biennium was signed into law just before the start of the new fiscal year. The state's spending plan included several significant budget requests for L&I:

- Established permanent resources for the Logger Safety Initiative.
- Approved funding to develop a modern, mobile-technology system to support field electrical inspections.
- Approved adding the Asbestos Certification Management System to L&I's Web-based system that manages other types of contractor certification, licensing and inspections.
- Authorized L&I to improve the effectiveness of return-to-work efforts by placing a vocational specialist in each claims unit to collaborate with claims staff and coordinate intensive return-to-work counseling services and interventions with vocational rehabilitation counselors, employers, workers and medical providers.
- Approved funding to support the agency request legislation to help workers heal and return to work.
- Approved additional staffing so L&I can continue implementing workers' compensation reforms and make timely Stay-at-Work payments.
- Approved funding for the first phase of L&I's "retire LINIIS" project.

Kudos to L&I staff

In addition to their regular duties, more than 200 L&I staff were involved in the tracking, monitoring and analysis of various bills introduced during the session. As always, the team performed exceptionally during the long session. We are indebted to all those who contributed to this agency-wide effort while also meeting their daily responsibilities to help "Keep Washington Safe and Working."

Sincerely,

Joel Sacks
Director

Agency-Wide or Multiple Divisions

Bill number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Impacted Divisions	Status
ESHB 1078 (Hudgins) Effective 7/24/2015	Enhancing the protection of consumer financial information.	Modifies notice requirements for a person, business, or agency to affected persons in cases of a data breach. Requires disclosure of a security breach of personal information to be made no later than 45 days after the breach was discovered. Makes the failure to notify affected consumers of a security breach a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.	Current agency policy 2.06 addresses the process to notify parties affected by a breach or if confidential records are released in error and is consistent with the requirements of this bill. Policy 2.06 will need to be updated to: include the criteria the notification must meet; the requirements to provide a copy of the notification to the Attorney General if 500 or more consumers were affected: and to require the notice to be provided no more than 45 days after the breach.	Admin Svcs – Chris Freed	All L&I programs	DARM subcommittee meeting twice a month to develop internal formal escalation process and revise our policy & guidelines to meet all the requirements of the bill. Target date for draft documents ready for LT review -- Mar 2016.
SHB 1636 (MacEwen) Effective 7/24/2015	Requiring disability employment reporting by state agencies.	Requires state agencies with 100 or more employees to file an annual report to OFM regarding information on the number of persons with disabilities employed.	L&I provide report to state HR in January 2016	OHR - Heather Normoyle, Staffing Solutions Manager	All L&I programs (email to all employees to confirm disability information)	Committee meeting once per week, Communication plan has been drafted for LT, Support Services and a timeline has been established to complete the project. All employees will receive an e-mail asking them to verify their current Disability status

						information by January 15 th , 2016.
ESB 5964 (Fain) Effective 7/1/2014 <i>*2014 Session carry over</i>	Concerning training public officials and employees regarding public records, records management, and open public meetings requirements.	Requires training for members of a governing body of a public agency on the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. Requires training for public records officers and agency records retention officers on the Public Records Act and records retention and destruction procedures.	L&I public records officers must take training.	Maggie Leland	Public Records Unit (PRU) and Forms & Records	Desk manual will be developed along with mapping out the members of boards and commissions to ensure non-L&I employee members receive the required training.

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Division of Occupational Safety & Health

The Department of Labor and Industries' (L&I) mission – “Keep Washington Safe and Working” – puts an important spotlight on the Division of Occupational Safety Health's (DOSH) responsibilities. DOSH efforts prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths through education, consultation, and compliance. The vision is that Washington has the safest workplaces in the nation.

DOSH-related bills that passed the legislature:

Bill Number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
ESB 5577 (Braun) Effective 7/24/15	Concerning pharmaceutical waste.	Requires the DOE to convene a stakeholder workgroup in order to evaluate pharmaceutical waste management policies and encourages DOE to use enforcement discretion until the workgroup completes its evaluation. Requires the stakeholder workgroup to submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2015.	L&I is named as a member of the workgroup	Pam Cant	The workgroup evaluating DOE pharmaceutical waste management has met twice and is now completing the report. L&I recommended that DOE considering the Labor and Industries DOSH “consultation” and related programs as a model for compliance assistance. There are no conflicts for L&I in the report, and the report should be completed and to the Legislature by the deadline.

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Field Services & Public Safety Division

L&I maintains 19 field offices around the state providing information and assistance to employers and workers on wage claims, permits, inspections, and other services administered by L&I. The division also oversees programs involving electrical installations, elevator and boiler safety, factory assembled structures and installer certification programs.

FSPS-related bills that passed the legislature:

Bill number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
SHB 2146 (Condotta) Effective 7/1/15 *2014 <i>Session carry over</i>	Concerning department of labor and industries appeal bonds.	Changes bond amounts to appeal certain decisions of L&I from \$200 to 10 percent of the penalty amount or \$200, whichever is less, with a \$100 minimum.	Change the appeal bond for Contractor Registration, Electrical, and Elevator programs to 10% of the penalty amount, but not less than \$100 dollars.	Field Services and Public Safety Fraud Prevention and Labor & Standards	1/2015 The service request was submitted to Information Services and they are aware of the deadline, letters and applicable changes will be in force by implementation date. At time of implementation, the system will calculate the appeal fee based upon the penalty amount to be not less than \$100 and not more than \$200. 10/2015 – Information Services implemented the applicable changes to system applications and letters by the July 1 deadline. Stakeholders are notified of the changes to appeal bonds amounts by invoice (Elevator) and demand letters (Electrical and Contractor Registration).
E2SHB 2192 (Smith) Effective 6/12/14 *2014 <i>Session carry over</i>	Promoting economic development through enhancing transparency and predictability of state agency permitting and review processes.	Requires state agencies to track and record performance data regarding permit timelines. Requires agencies to post specific permit assistance information on the agency's website. Requires agencies to report performance data regarding permit timeliness in each even-numbered year beginning in 2016 until 2020 to the Governor's Office	By 3/1/16 , report to the Governor's Office the times calculated for the period from 1/1/15 – 1/1/16. Update this information for the previous calendar years by March 1 st of each year thereafter. Before 6/30/15 , Submit an updated inventory of permits, in each required report, and identify any permits	<u>Coordinated</u> by Internal Audit Liaison, Tracy Aga Field Services and Public Safety (Todd Baker) <u>and</u> DOSH (Anne Soiza)	4/2015 – FSPS staff have continually met with ORIA to build a reporting template. They've completed the assessment of what systems are used to track permit data, what reports are available, and what modifications to systems and new reports are needed. Data is available as needed for FAS permits. Modifications to the tracking systems for Boiler and Amusement Ride permits have been made and reports are now available. The report for tracking Elevator permit timeliness is near completion and should be ready for testing in the pre-production environment in April. FSPS is also coordinating efforts with DOSH

		of Regulatory Innovative Assistance (ORIA) and the ORIA is required to publish a comprehensive progress report to the economic development committees of the Legislature and to the Governor.			for the Talkie Tooter permits and FPLS on the Minor Work Permits. 10/2015 – FSPS submitted the agency progress report (Jan – June 30) to ORIA by the July 31, deadline. The next agency progress report is due by March 1, 2016. The tracking of application completion times and permit decision times is in progress. The department will post estimates of application completion and permit decision times required under 43.42A.030 (1)(b) by March 1, 2016, and update this information for the previous calendar year by March 1st of each year thereafter.
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Financial Management Division

L&I's Financial Management section oversees the agency's budget; accounting; risk management and internal safety; crime victims' program, administrative services and actuarial services. This section also oversees the agency's lean efforts, performance management, and research. The Department's 2013-15 carry forward level (CFL) biennial budget is \$635.6 million, and is primarily funded through the collection of worker's compensation premiums paid by employers and employees, as well as revenues generated through user fees for services such as contractor licensing, plumber certification, and inspections of elevators, boilers and electrical work.

Financial Management-related bills that passed the legislature:

Bill Number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
HB 1047 (Goodman) Effective 7/24/15	Concerning state agencies continuity of operations planning requirements.	Requires state agencies to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan that is updated and exercised annually.	Report quarterly to the Emergency Management Division	Scott Loerts	The last report was provided for Quarter 2.
SHB 1604 (Reykdal) Effective 7/24/2015 Expires 1/31/2016	Creating a work group on occupational disease exposure for firefighters.	Requires L&I to convene a work group to discuss establishing policies and procedures for the mandatory reporting of hazardous exposures suffered by firefighters.	L&I must report recommendations for legislation or rule-making to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2016.	SHARP– Dave Bonauto	Completed. Report located here .

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SSB 5897 (Cleveland) Effective 7/24/15	Concerning funding for medical evaluations of suspected victims of child abuse.	L&I must pay, secondary to other insurance, all costs incurred by the medical examination of a suspected victim of Assault of a Child when the examination is conducted within 75 days of the filing of a dependency petition if funding is provided. The act expires June 30, 2019.	To pay child physical abuse exams, secondary to any insurance available. To pay for these exams only if conducted within 75 days of a dependency hearing.	Maty Brimmer, Wendy Wilson, Chelle Darin	CVC established a process to monitor and track these bills. To date 98 bills have been received. Because of the payment being contingent on CVC being a secondary insurance and the need for a dependency hearing to be scheduled CVC has paid on only two (2) bills. We continue to track and monitor.

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Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards Division

Fraud Prevention and Labor Standards (FPLS) oversees a variety of programs designed to ensure that businesses, workers and medical providers all play by the rules. Programs under this group include: Employment Standards; Prevailing Wage; Contractor Compliance; Plumber Certification; Apprenticeship; and Fraud Prevention programs. L&I's Fraud Prevention efforts assessed \$24.6 million in unpaid employer premiums plus penalties in fiscal year 2012. The program brings in nearly \$9.30 for every dollar spent to fight fraud.

FPLS-related bills that passed the legislature:

Bill Number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
SHB 1749 (MacEwen) Effective 7/24/15	Concerning contractor registration requirements for owners of property.	Provides that a property owner who improves and offers to sell property without occupying it for more than one year is not required to register as a contractor if the owner contracts with a general contractor.	Inform all staff of the new definition and the effective date.	Dean Simpson	Complete

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SSB 5030 (Pedersen) Effective 1/1/16	Addressing the limited liability company act.	Adopts numerous revisions to the Washington Limited Liability Company Act.		Diane Bren	Currently, Collections, Employer Services and the AGO's are coordinating regarding the implications to Collections actions that have been taking place. Additionally, SB 5387 is incorporated with SSB 5030, and cannot be implemented without it. This factor is also being discussed.
ESB 5893 (Fain) Effective 7/24/2015	Addressing the nonemployee status of athletes in amateur sports.	For the purposes of the Minimum Wage Act and Industrial Welfare Act, the term employee does not include an individual who is 16-20 years old, in the individual's capacity as a player for a junior ice hockey team that is a member of a regional, national, or international league and that contracts with an arena owned, operated, or managed by a public facilities district.	None	Tisa Soeteber	The bill clarified that hockey players are not "employees". We had four outstanding child labor investigations which were closed with "no action," and all parties were notified.

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Government Affairs & Policy Division

The Governmental Affairs and Policy Division supports the mission of the agency by providing legislative and policy assistance to the Director and agency leadership. The Division manages the agency's legislative agenda and strategy to ensure that L&I has successful legislative sessions. The Division leads policy efforts, manages special projects, helps small businesses resolve specific problems, and oversees a variety of efforts to include the voices of customers and front line staff to improve L&I's operations and services.

GAPD-related bills that passed the legislature:

Issue	Bill number	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
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Insurance Services Division

L&I's Insurance Services division operates America's sixth largest workers' compensation system. Our customers are the state's 3.2 million workers and more than 168,000 employers. The Division collects more than \$1.5 billion in yearly premiums and pays about \$1.4 billion in yearly benefits.

Activities of the program generally fall into two categories, State Fund and self-insured:

- The State Fund includes providing benefits to covered workers experiencing job-related accidents or illnesses and providing services to employers, enabling them to meet their obligations under the law. Services to employers include establishing premium rates at the lowest level necessary to maintain actuarial solvency.
- Regulating the activities of employers who qualify to self-insure their workers' compensation claims.

Insurance Services-related bills that passed the legislature:

Bill number	Issue	Short bill description	L&I tasks in the bill	L&I staff lead	Status
SHB 1496 (Sells) Effective 7/24/2015 Except: Sec 1, 2, 6 applies to claims open on or after 1/1/2016 Sec 5 applies to claims starting voc plan development on or after 7/31/2015	Addressing vocational rehabilitation by making certain recommendations from the vocational rehabilitation subcommittee permanent and creating certain incentives for employers to employ injured workers with permanent disabilities.	Makes permanent the provisions of the vocational rehabilitation pilot program, with some changes. Provides financial benefits, such as partial wage reimbursement, for employers who employ an injured worker receiving vocational services.		Vickie Kennedy and Ryan Guppy (Rishel Kidd)	The Preferred Worker project kick-off occurred on 7/9/2015. The project team has been meeting weekly to determine future state business requirements and processes. The project team has designed a future state that includes data collection, quality assurance, reporting on performance measures, and establishing an electronic process for nearly all the current hardcopy process steps. Existing correspondences and publications are being edited to include the new program benefits and new orders are being developed. Draft rule language for changes to Option 2 benefits was provided to the business/labor advisory group for comment. A public hearing on the rules was conducted in late October and final rule language is currently under consideration. In September, L&I

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					executives met with the advisory group to discuss rules needed for the ne Preferred Worker Program. Rules and policy work includes CR101 being filed on 8/4/2015 and a projected filing of CR102 on 12/8/15 and CR102 on 2/23/2016.
ESSB 5084 (Becker) Effective 7/24/2015	Modifying the all payer claims database to improve health care quality and cost transparency by changing provisions related to definitions regarding data, reporting and pricing of products, responsibilities of the office of financial management and the lead organization, submission to the database, and parameters for release of information.	Requires health carriers, third-party administrators, and L&I to submit claims data to the all-payer health care claims database. Requires OFM to use a competitive procurement process to select a lead organization to manage the database, and modifies requirements applicable to the lead organization. Requires the lead organization to select a data vendor, and establishes responsibilities for the data vendor. Modifies standards for reports and release of data from the database.		Karen Jost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 staff participated in a July meeting to provide input to OFM for their vendor RFP • Agency rules and definitions were provided as background information for white papers on the APCD • Matthew Marshall and Michael Scheider (Information Services) were asked to provide information regarding our data security policies • Karen Jost has agreed to participate in the RFP scoring process • Karen Jost provided input on draft rules (10/23/15)
SB 5468 (King) Effective 7/24/2015	Authorizing the use of non-appropriated funds on certain administrative costs and expenses of the stay-at-work and self-insured employer programs.	Allows L&I to make administrative expenditures related to the self-insured employer and Stay at Work programs without an appropriation. Requires the Director of the Department to appoint a Stay at Work advisory committee to make recommendations on		Vickie Kennedy coordinating with Rand Warick	Draft agreement with WSIA outlining the cost to implement of technology to support self-insurance audit reform is underway. This is a one-time project requested by the self-insurance community that would be considered for funding under the provisions of SB 5468. For the Stay at Work Program, a new project,

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		Department proposals to spend non-appropriated funds			“Stay at Work Demand” is underway that should ultimately support growth in employer need for and participation in this program. This anticipated growth is data necessary for an external advisory committee to consider requests to spend non-appropriated funds.
ESB 5510 (Braun) Effective 7/24/2015 Expires 12/31/2016	Simplifying and adding certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits by creating a working group to develop recommendations.	Directs L&I to convene a work group to develop recommendations for the legislature on calculation of wages.	The work group must convene no later than August 1, 2015, and report to the legislature by February 1, 2016. The work group must issue a final report that includes any legislative proposals no later than September 1, 2016.	Vickie Kennedy	The group has been formed with two business, two labor, and two L&I representatives. Several meetings have occurred, and more are scheduled. The discussions have focused on a variety of workers' compensation benefits and issues: time-loss compensation and how they are calculated, along with pension benefits, as a couple of examples. The initial focus is on data to confirm areas where inconsistency and confusion likely occurs, and where changed in Washington's approach may result in more appropriate or equitable benefits.
ESSB 5550 (Habib) Effective 7/24/2015	Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.	Establishes automotive insurance requirements for drivers and entities that provide commercial transportation services. Exempts for hire, limousine and taxicab drivers, and drivers for commercial transportation services providers from mandatory industrial insurance coverage.	Amend reporting and classification rules to implement changes.	Mike Ratko (Audrey Pitchford)	Completed: Emergency and permanent rulemaking effective October 15, 2015. Completed: Outreach to the industry and L&I staff educating about the repeal of mandatory workers' compensation coverage and offering elective coverage. Letters and fact sheets sent to all affected employers regarding law changes and rulemaking activities. Completed: Updated

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		Repeals statutes requiring mandatory industrial insurance coverage for commercial transportation drivers. Creates a new chapter in Title 48 RCW.			computer system accordingly. Since law change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,100 Accounts closed • 38 Accounts have elected coverage • 33 claims received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 17 accepted (employer-employee) ○ 16 rejected (no optional coverage) • No claims received yet for accounts with elective coverage
ESB 5935 (Parlette) Effective 7/24/2015	Concerning biological products.	This bill authorizes pharmacists to substitute “interchangeable biological products” for brand-name biologicals. Biological products are used in the treatment of conditions (e.g. Enbrel for rheumatoid arthritis, Copaxone for multiple sclerosis) not typically considered to be industrial injuries or occupational diseases.	The department would need to amend current substitution rule (WAC 296-20-03011) to also include interchangeable biological products to cover the rare occasions for when treatment is authorized.	Jaymie Mai	Discussing with other state agencies for a coordinated rulemaking

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L&I reports/studies due to the Legislature/Governor

Date (for sorting)	Submittal Due Date	Report Description	Statute	Submitted to	Division	Assigned Staff
	Quarterly - Ongoing	Results WA	RCW 43.17.385(5)	Governor	Financial Management	Research and Data Services – submitted through online system
10/1/15	October 1, annually	Report on Office of the Ombuds for Self- Insured Injured Workers	RCW 51.14.400	Governor	Ombuds Office	Donna Egeland
11/1/15	Annually November 1	Provide a list of each business license issued by the agency, description of the persons and specific activities for which the license is required, the time period for which the license is issued and any issuance, renewal, or reissuance requirements, and other information DOR determines necessary.	RCW 19.30.035	Department of Revenue	Director's Office	Communications
11/1/15	End of each biennium (approx. Nov 2015, OFM notifies L&I)	Boards & Commissions Report	RCW 43.88.515	OFM	Government Affairs & Policy	Government Affairs
11/2/15	Due Nov 2, 2015 January 31 of each even- numbered year	Significant Legislative Rules Report	RCW 34.05.328	Due to ORIA for legislative submittal	Government Affairs & Policy	Executive Policy

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12/1/15	December 1, annually *If no grant money, no report*	Grants for pre-apprenticeship	RCW 49.04.190(3)	Senate Commerce & Labor; House Labor, & Senate Early Learning & K-12 & House Education	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Apprenticeship
12/1/15	December 1, annually	Report on registration of contractors	RCW 18.27.342	Senate Commerce & Labor; Senate Ways & Means, House Labor, House Appropriations	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Contractor Registration
12/1/15 Final report approved by OFM ~ 12/15	December 1, annually	Report on wage investigations and proceedings	RCW 49.12.180	Governor	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Employment Standards
12/1/15 Final report approved by OFM 12/15	December 1, annually	Underground economy benchmark report in coordination with ESD and DOR	RCW 18.27.800	House Labor, Senate Commerce & Labor	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Fraud
12/1/15	December 1, annually through 2016	Report on Implementation of the provider network and COHE	RCW 51.36.010 (11)	House Labor; Senate Commerce & Labor	Insurance Services	Health Services Analysis – Karen Jost/Leah Hole-Marshall
12/1/15	In calendar years 2015, 2019 & 2023	Independent study of Claim Resolution Structured Settlement Agreements Approved by the Board	RCW 51.04.069	Appropriate legislative committees	Insurance Services	Debra Hatzialexiou
1/1/16	January 1, 2016	Report on results of work group on occupational disease exposure for firefighters to include recommendations for legislation or rulemaking.	SHB 1604 (Reykdal)	Appropriate legislative committees	SHARP – lead	Maggie & Communications
1/1/16	Annually, no date specified. January preferred.	Annual Report of the Department	RCW 43.22.330	Governor	Communications	Web Services

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1/1/16	Annually, no date specified, but in January prior to session (Jan 1).	Annual Worker's Compensation Fraud Report	RCW 43.22.331	Senate Commerce & Labor, Senate Ways & Means, House Labor &, House Appropriations	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Fraud
1/1/16	Annually	Report of Prevailing Wage Determinations	Voluntary	Governor, House Labor; Senate Commerce & Labor; OFM	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards	Prevailing Wage
1/31/16	Annually January 31	Requiring disability employment reporting by state agencies. Requires state agencies with 100 or more employees to file an annual report to OFM regarding information on the number of persons with disabilities employed	SHB 1636 (MacEwen)	HR director, with cc to the director of the DSHS's division of vocational rehabilitation and the governor's disability employment task force.	OHR	Dave Puente
2/1/16	February 1, 2016. Final report no later than September 1, 2016.	Simplifying and adding certainty to the calculation of workers' compensation benefits by creating a working group to develop recommendations. for the legislature on calculation of wages.	ESB 5510 (Braun)	Appropriate legislative committees	Insurance Services	
3/1/16	March 1, 2016 for Jan 2015 - 2016	Inventory of permits	RCW 43.17.385 (5)	Office of Regulatory Assistance	Director's Office	Internal Audit, Tracy Aga
12/1/16	December 1, 2016	Medical management best practices	Full report	Legislature	Insurance Services	
12/31/17	December 31, 2017	Farm internship program	RCW 49.12.470 (12)	Appropriate legislative committees	Fraud Prevention & Labor Standards and Insurance Services	Employment Standards Tisa Soeteber

Date (for sorting)	Submittal Due Date	Report Description	Statute	Submitted to	Division	Assigned Staff
12/1/18	December 1, 2018	Results of study of injured workers whose employers participate in the incentives provided in RCW 51.32.095(4) to determine the impact on return-to-work outcomes, long-term disability, and claim costs.	SHB 1496 (Sells)	Appropriate legislative committees	Insurance Svcs	

Pursuant to [RCW 43.01.036](#) all reports shall be submitted electronically to the chief clerk of the House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate.

Notes:

Information on where the report on Medical Management Best Practices is required:
<http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/lbns/2013operating1315.pdf> (page 181)

11. **Medical Management Best Practices** - Funding is provided for a pilot project to provide additional clinical staff to bring the current ratio of Occupational Nurse Consultants to claim managers from 1:23 to 1:10. The addition of clinical staff is intended to provide the medical expertise and intervention that will help claimants return to work. L&I shall report back to the Legislature by December 1, 2014 on the impact of this pilot project on claimants' return to work. (Accident Account-State, Medical Aid Account-State)