

NFIB Upcoming Events Report

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/10 @ 4:00pm

[SSB 5062](#) Establishing a child care workforce standards board. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Governor-appointed board would set wages, benefits, worker qualifications and training requirements, and safety standards for all childcare facilities and workers in the state.

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual - 2/11 @ 8:00am

[HB 1356](#) Concerning K-12 funding. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

[HB 1334](#) Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Both bills would increase the property tax cap.

Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual - 2/11 @ 10:30am

[SB 5578](#) **Concerning labor standards.** ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

\$25 minimum wage, 3 weeks paid vacation minimum, plus 5 days bereavement leave each year.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual - 2/11 @ 10:30am

[HB 1672](#) Addressing technology used by employers in the workplace. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Severely restricts use of technology to measure worker productivity, track attendance, determine employee or vehicle location, or monitor use of unauthorized websites or online tools. Includes cumbersome notice requirements when installing or changing technology used for these purposes.

[HB 1747](#) Expanding protections for applicants and employees under the Washington fair chance act. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Prohibits background checks or inquiring about criminal history until an offer is made to the applicant.

[HB 1764](#) **Concerning labor standards.** ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

\$25 minimum wage, 3 weeks paid vacation minimum, plus 5 days bereavement leave each year.

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual - 2/11 @ 1:30pm

[HB 1706](#) Aligning the implementation of application programming interfaces for prior authorization with federal guidelines. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Delays implementation of previously approved timeline for insurers to convert prior authorization (medical procedure approval or denial) to email or online portal in place of the current fax or mail practices.

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR C and Virtual - 2/11 @ 1:30pm

[HB 1777](#) Concerning the requirements and process for approving and registering apprenticeship programs. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **PRO**

Improves likelihood that a non-union apprenticeship program might win state approval despite union objections.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR D and Virtual - 2/12 @ 8:00am

[HB 1788](#) Concerning workers' compensation benefits. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Requires employers to continue providing health insurance to an injured worker and dependents (if applicable) and adds a new benefit to pay worker share of health insurance premium.

Health & Long-Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/13 @ 8:00am

[SB 5493](#) Concerning hospital price transparency. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **PRO**

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual - 2/13 @ 1:30pm

[HB 1867](#) Allowing counties or cities to impose a real estate excise tax for the purpose of developing affordable housing, subject to the will of the voters. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **CON**

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual - 2/14 @ 10:30am

[SB 5680](#) Establishing a right to repair for mobility equipment for persons with physical disabilities. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)). (If measure is referred to committee.) **PRO**

Requires manufacturers to sell parts, tools, and instructions to independent repair shops or wheelchair owners, at a reasonable price, to allow owner or repair shop to service and repair motorized wheelchairs.

State Government, Tribal Affairs & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual - 2/14 @ 10:30am

[SB 5434](#) Establishing balanced legislative oversight of gubernatorial powers during a declared emergency. ([Testify / Sign-In](#)) **PRO**