

2024 Behavioral Health Legislative Recap

Policy Bills – Behavioral Health



BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH COVERAGE



WORKFORCE AND
TRANSPORTATION



TREATMENT
SUPPORTS



CRISIS SYSTEM
ENHANCEMENTS



CHILDREN AND
YOUTH



PREVENTION

EHB 2088

- ▶ Extending liability protections for responders dispatched from mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams.
- ▶ Provides covered entities and personnel with immunity from civil liability for negligent acts and omissions.



Workforce and Transportation

- ▶ **E2SHB 2247** Addressing behavioral health provider shortage
- ▶ **SSB 5920** Lifting certificate of need requirements for psychiatric hospitals and beds.

2SHB 1877

- ▶ Improving the Washington state behavioral health system for better coordination and recognition with the Indian behavioral health system
- ▶ Includes tribes, Indian health care providers, and tribal entities in processes under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) in multiple ways.



Children Youth and Families

- ▶ **2SHB 1929** Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment.
- ▶ **ESHB 2256** Addressing the Children Youth Behavioral Health Work Group
- ▶ **E2SSB 5853** Extending the crisis relief center model to provide behavioral health crisis services for minors
- ▶ **2E2SSB 5580** Improving maternal health outcomes

Behavioral Health Services

- ▶ **E2SSB 6251** Coordinating regional behavioral crisis response and suicide prevention services.
- ▶ **2E2SSHB 1541** Establishing the nothing about us without us act.
- ▶ **SSB 5588** Concerning the mental health sentencing alternative
- ▶ **E2SSB 6109** Supporting Children and Families

2SSB 6228

- ▶ Concerning Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
- ▶ Requires the length of an initial authorization for inpatient or residential substance use disorder treatment approved by the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB), private health insurers, and Medicaid managed care organizations to be no less than 14 days from the date of admission



Behavioral Health Services

- ▶ **E2SHB 1956** Addressing Fentanyl and other substance use prevention education
- ▶ **2SHB 2112** concerning opioid and fentanyl prevention education and awareness at institutions of higher education
- ▶ **ESB 5906** Implementing a statewide drug overdose prevention and education campaign
- ▶ **SHB 2396** Concerning fentanyl and other synthetic opioids
- ▶ **SSB 6099** Creating the tribal opioid prevention and treatment account

2024 Budget Community Behavioral Health

New Budget Items

- ▶ ORCA center in Seattle- \$1,675,000 (GFF) \$175,000
- ▶ Long-acting injectable buprenorphine- \$3,000,000
- ▶ Washington Addiction medicine training- \$400,000
- ▶ Youth digital behavioral health pilot-\$ 561,000 (GFF) \$184,000
- ▶ Young adult behavioral health tech panel- \$200,000
- ▶ CCBHC expansion grants- \$5,000,000
- ▶ Behavioral health comparison rate project- \$250,000

New Budget Items

- ▶ City of Maple Valley community resource coordination - \$200,000
- ▶ 23-hour crisis relief center grants- \$1,000,000
- ▶ Crisis stabilization in Island County- \$500,000
- ▶ Health engagement hub pilot- \$3,000,000
- ▶ Community based teams serving people with OUD- \$1,500,000
- ▶ High THC Cannabis- \$328,000
- ▶ Occupational therapy for BH clients- \$750,000

New Budget Items

- ▶ King County 180-day commitment hearings- \$900,000
- ▶ North Kitsap Recovery Resource Center- \$250,000
- ▶ Opioid Treatment Center flood rehabilitation- \$250,000 (GFF)
\$750,000
- ▶ Harm reduction vending machines-\$900,000
- ▶ Rapid Methadone induction pilot- \$2,000,000
- ▶ Street medicine- \$3,700,000
- ▶ Innovative care education- \$200,000

New Budget Items

- ▶ 1915i State Plan- \$39,101,000 (GFF) \$33,435,000
- ▶ Community prevention and wellness initiatives- \$1,500,000
- ▶ Oxford House expansions- \$750,000
- ▶ Tribal Fentanyl Summit- \$500,000
- ▶ Icelandic model for tribal prevention- \$1,000,000
- ▶ Tribal opioid prevention- \$2,000,000
- ▶ Tribal opioid task force \$480,000

Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health

- ▶ \$100,000(GSF-FY24) \$3,502,000(GFS-FY25)
- ▶ Funding is provided for an evaluation of beds, conducting a provider interest survey and contracting for 40 community operated beds at the Olympic Heritage Behavioral Health facility.

Other Related Budget Items

- ▶ Non emergent medical transportation NEMT Broker Rates- \$2,854,000 (GFF) \$4,208,000
- ▶ Foundational Community Supports – Software for payment streamlining- \$50,000, (GFF) \$450,000
- ▶ SUPP program rate increases- \$1,615,000 (GFF) \$3,911,000
- ▶ Extending the Community Health Worker Grants and establishing a CHW Medicaid benefit- (FY24)\$4,109,000 (FY25) \$4,204,000
- ▶ DSHS Essential Health Worker Trust- \$830,000 (GFF) \$80,000

Questions?

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