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*Washington State*



***2026 Legislative Session  
Update***



**What is Happening?**



## Key Dates

- 60 Day Session
- 1/3 of the way through the session
- First cut off Wednesday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- Fiscal cut off Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup>- voted out of house of origin



## 2026 Legislative Session



HEARINGS



BUDGET SIDE BY SIDE



BILLS OF INTEREST

<https://arcwa.org/advocacy/bill-tracker/>

# Bills

Preservation of records- date extension (HB 2252 SB 5863)

Removing “School” from RHCs (HB 2319)

RHC Compliance transparency(HB 2350)

Lowering the age for employment on a waiver 5681

Eliminating the Community Protection Program (HB 1390)

End Isolation/ Restrict Restraint (HB 1795)

Reducing red tape for supported Living(HB2230/6024)

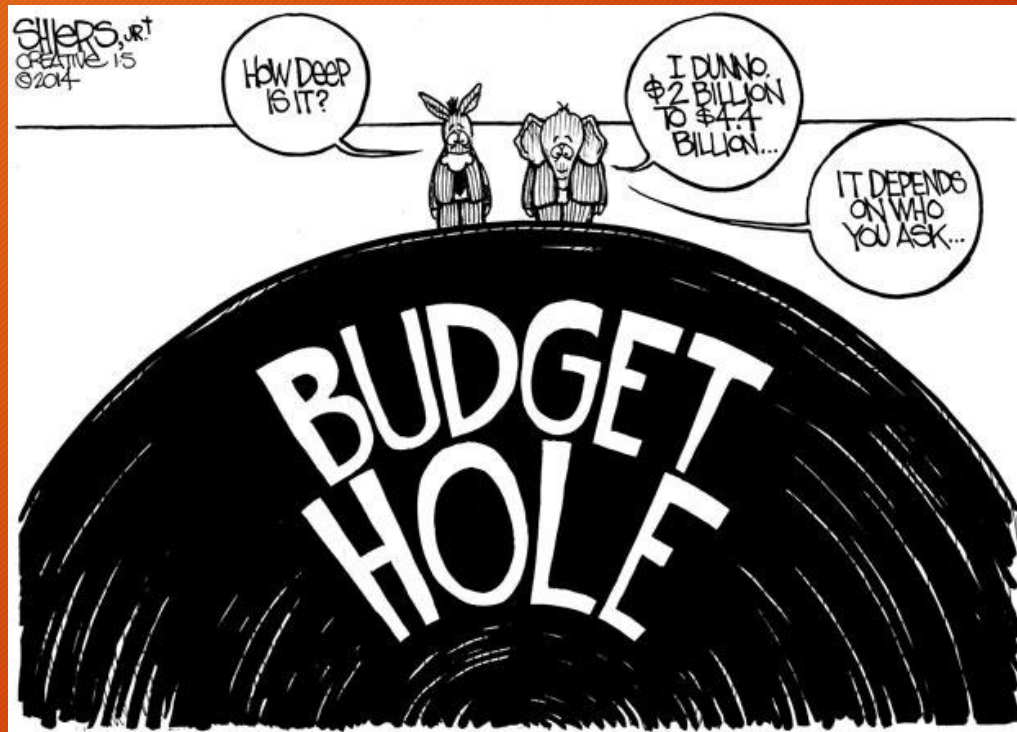
Increasing data on facilities (2200)

Eliminating the Waitlist for IFS (6163)



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# The Dilemma



# What Legislators are Facing

- Inflation
- Revenue is down
- Back-filling SNAP
- Loss of Medicaid funding
- Growing caseloads



# Protect Critical Services



Maintain  
Eligibility  
for DD  
Services

Preserve  
Personal  
Care  
Hours

Keep  
Waiver  
Services  
Intact

Sustain  
Provider  
Rates

# Governor's Budget

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Beginning in 2028

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5000 people off of Long-Term Care Services

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2000-2500 are individuals with I/DD currently receiving services

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Narrows eligibility for the waiver (from 1 need to 6)

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Narrows eligibility for Personal Care



# What does it mean?



**erode** already-insufficient disability services



**force** people to live in expensive institutional care



**cause crises** that shift costs to other systems



**violate** the rights of people with disabilities to live in their communities

# NO CUTS TO MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE ELIGIBILITY!

## Messaging



**Protect**  
Disability Services



**Protect**  
Community Living



**Protect**  
Disability Rights

# Thank You!



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