

2026 Session Wrap Up

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Things to think about:

- This was a short 60-day session
- Known as a supplemental session or one where small changes to the budget are made (adjustments).
- Since the first day of session it was widely known that there was not going to be money available.

What Legislators Had to Deal With When thinking about this Session?

- Inflation is still an issue
- Revenue in our state is down
- New SNAP costs
- Loss of Medicaid funding
- Growing caseloads
- Employment is cooling

Concerns for Our Community

- Maintaining Eligibility for DD Services
- Preserving Personal Care Hours
- Keep Waiver Services the same
- Sustaining Provider Rates

Celebrations!

- No changes to eligibility
- No cuts to early supports for infants and toddlers
- Provider Rates were not lowered
- No cuts to therapies
- No cuts to Medicaid for schools
- \$ for a comprehensive plan- Dan Thompson Account

Concerns

- Employment and Day and IFS Underspend
- Next year HRI impacts
- Medicaid "Fraud" . Washington has received a letter concerning fraud. Mostly documentation errors. Other states have had Medicaid funding withheld so that is a concern.
- Social Security

Bills That Have Passed-Civil Rights

Bill Number	Title	Brief Description	Sponsor	Status
SB 5863	An ACT Relating to the preservation and inspection of state historical records	Preservation of records at Lakeland Village	Kauffman	Delivered to the Governor
SHB 2350	Increasing transparency regarding Residential Habilitation Center compliance with certain federal requirements		Farivar	Delivered to the Governor
SHB 1390	Repealing the Community Protection Program		Goodman	Delivered to the Governor

Bills That Have Passed-Education

Bill Number	Title	Bill Description	Sponsor	Status
ESHB 1795	Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs		Callan	Delivered to the Governor

Bills that Have Passed-Services & Supports

Bill Number	Title	Bill Description	Sponsor	Status
SHB 2230	Streamlining monitoring and oversight activities related to community residential service business providers.		Zahn	Governor Signed

Provisos Requested

Bill Number	Title	Bill Description	Sponsor	Status
	Funding for a comprehensive plan for Community Based Services	From the Dan Thompson Account	Senate-\$250,000 from DT	

CAC Successes-Letters

- [Budget Letter](#)-January 12, 2026
- [R-Word Letter](#)-March 6, 2026
- [Proposed Budget Cuts \(Underspend\) Letter](#)

Thank you for all of your advocacy this year!

What do you do now?

- Thank your legislators!
- Meet with legislators for a coffee or a snack. They have so much more time to meet now that session is over.
- Work with others and think about what should be done next year.
- Refine your ideas
- Work on Federal issues
- Take a break, rest and relax!