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CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES		
Bill # & Status	Brief Description	Key Components
<u>ESHB 1336</u> 	Creates and expands unrestricted authority for public entities to provide telecommunications services to end users <i>Eastside Sponsors: None</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes PUDs, port districts, second-class cities, towns, and counties to provide retail telecommunications services • Allows a county, city, or town planning under the GMA to receive financial assistance for a public works project that increases access to broadband
<u>E2SSB 5194</u> 	Provides for equity and access in the community and technical colleges <i>Eastside Sponsors: None</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires development of a DEI strategic plan • Defines required elements of Guided Pathways implementation and requires a WSIPP evaluation • Hires 200 FTE faculty over 3 yrs. • Creates a grant program for additional mental health counselors • Modifies residency requirements
<u>HB 1318</u> 	Companion to 5194 <i>Eastside Sponsors: Duerr</i>	
<u>E2SSB 5052</u> 	Creates health equity zones <i>Eastside Sponsors: Kuderer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Dept. of Health, subject to funding, to designate health equity zones statewide and develop projects that meet the needs of each zone • Allows communities to self-identify as a health equity zones and develop projects
SUPPORT ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND HEALTH SERVICES		
<u>SHB 1151</u> 	Bolters economic recovery <i>Eastside Sponsors: Callan, Senn</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 1991 standard of need for cash assistance programs • Extends eligibility transitional assistance to mitigate the "cliff effect" by providing a small one-time cash benefit and 5 additional months of food benefits • Adapts the Disaster Cash Assistance Program so benefits can be given more than once in 12 months
<u>ESHB 1297</u> 	The Tony Lee Working Families Tax Credit/Recovery Rebate <i>Eastside Sponsors: Thai (prime), Senn, Goodman, Kloba, Ramos, Callan, Slatter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refunds a portion of the state sales tax (\$300-\$1,200 depending on family size) to eligible individuals and families • Individuals who file taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) in lieu of a Social Security Number are added to those who qualify • Receiving EITC is not required and remittance of 10% of the granted EITC is eliminated
<u>SB 5387</u> 	Companion to 1297 <i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer</i>	

<p>EHB 1342</p> 	<p>Eliminates school lunch copays</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Callan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates lunch copays for students who qualify for reduced-rice lunches under the National School Lunch Program
<p>2SSB 5214</p> 	<p>Makes policy changes to TANF due to COVID</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer, Stanford</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TANF recipients may qualify for a hardship extension to the 60-month lifetime TANF limit if they received a TANF cash grant during a month on or after 3/1/20 when the state's unemployment rate was at or above 7% The extension is equal to the number of months that the person received a TANF grant during a month of high unemployment, and the extension must be applied sequentially to any other extensions
<p>MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF AND ONE-TIME BY MAKING HOUSING MORE ACCESSIBLE</p>		
<p>HB 1035</p> 	<p>Provides local governments with options to grant rent relief and preserve affordable housing in their communities</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Kloba (prime), Duerr, Callan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes cities and counties to create an affordable housing incentive program Authorizes an affordable housing incentive program to provide a six-year property tax exemption to certain qualifying properties
<p>E2SHB 1069</p> 	<p>Provides local government fiscal flexibility</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Duerr, Kloba, Senn, Callan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives cities and counties fiscal flexibility in using certain taxes to reduce interactions with the criminal justice system, including by reducing homelessness or improving behavioral health
<p>ESHB 1070</p> 	<p>Modifies allowed uses of local tax revenue for affordable housing</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Walen, Ramos, Kloba, Goodman Callan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands uses of revenues from the housing and related services local sales and use tax to include acquiring facilities and land for affordable housing, housing-related services, and behavioral health services Expands uses of revenues from the state-shared lodging tax to include housing and facilities for homeless youth for counties with a population of at least 1.5M
<p>E2SHB 1083</p> 	<p>Provides relocation assistance for tenants of closed or converted manufactured or mobile home parks</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Kloba</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the maximum amount eligible tenants may receive in relocation assistance Requires eligible tenants to transfer the home title to the park-owner, relocate, demolish or dispose of home within 90 days Authorizes park-owners to seek reimbursement for costs incurred when tenants do not relocate, demolish, or dispose of homes within 90 days of receiving initial cash assistance
<p>HB 1101</p> 	<p>Converts unused public buildings to housing for homeless persons</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: None</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a grant program for converting unused public buildings to housing for homeless persons

<p><u>ESHB 1108</u></p> 	<p>Maintains funding and assistance for homeowners navigating foreclosure</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Kloba</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the mediation and certain other pre-foreclosure requirements under the Deeds of Trust Act and the Foreclosure Fairness Act (FFA) to residential real property of up to 4 units and removes the requirement that a property be owner-occupied • Modifies the remittance exemption under the FFA for the 2021-2022 calendar yrs. to provide that whether or not a beneficiary must remit a fee is determined by the number of notices of trustee's sale that were recorded on its behalf in 2019 • Shifts the remittance requirement and exemption to be based on the number of issued notices of default rather than notices of trustee's move
<p><u>SHB 1166</u></p> 	<p>Expands access to the homeless and foster care college students pilot program</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Ramos, Callan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends and expands the number of pilot programs at the community and technical colleges and the four-year higher education institutions to provide assistance to homeless students and students who were in foster care
<p><u>E2SHB 1220</u></p> 	<p>Supports emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Kloba</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the housing goals of the GMA to include planning, accommodating for affordable housing • Requires GMA jurisdictions to identify policies that create racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion and to identify and implement policies to undo that harm • Prevents cities from banning transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing in zones where residential dwelling units or hotels are allowed • Prevents cities from banning indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing in zones where hotels are allowed unless the city has an ordinance authorizing such shelters and housing in a majority of zones within 1 mile of transit
<p><u>ESHB 1236</u></p> 	<p>Just Cause Eviction</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Thai, Slatter</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies exclusive causes for eviction, refusal to renew, and ending a tenancy under the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act and makes other changes to rights and remedies
<p><u>SSB 5012</u></p> 	<p>Provides a local government option for funding essential affordable housing</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Kuderer, Stanford</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes local governments to levy a special excise tax up to 10% on the furnishing of lodging of short-term rentals and use those revenues for affordable housing programs
<p><u>SB 5117</u></p> 	<p>Provides rental vouchers to eligible offenders</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows Dept. of Corrections to extend the rental voucher period from 3 – 6 mos. if rental assistance will result in an approved release plan for the eligible incarcerated individual, subject to appropriations
<p><u>SB 5139</u></p> 	<p>Limits rent increases after expiration of the governor's eviction moratorium</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits increases in rent, other charges for 6 mos. after expiration of the eviction moratorium • Limits rent increases for 6 mos. to 3 percentage points above the CPI and based on monthly rent as of 3/1/20

<p>E2SSB 5160</p> 	<p>Provides right to counsel in evictions cases during public emergencies and landlord access to state rental assistance <i>Eastside Sponsors: Kuderer (prime)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides certain tenant protections during the public health emergency • Provides for legal representation in eviction cases • Establishes an eviction resolution pilot program for nonpayment of rent cases • Authorizes landlord access to certain rental assistance programs
<p>SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES</p>		
<p>HB 1218</p> 	<p>Improves health, safety, and quality of life for residents in long-term care facilities <i>Eastside Sponsors: Slatter, Callan, Goodman</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires long-term care facilities to have disaster preparedness plans • Provides residents with the right to visitation during times when visitation is limited • Improves communications, resident information, and notice of sanctions
<p>SB 5020</p> 	<p>Penalizes unsupported prescription drug price increases <i>Eastside Sponsors: Kuderer, Stanford</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Health Care Authority to assess a penalty against a drug manufacturer on revenue generated from a price increase on a prescription drug that is not supported by clinical evidence • Prohibits manufacturers from withdrawing a drug from the market to avoid paying the penalty
<p>SJR 8200</p> 	<p>Invests funds for long-term care <i>Eastside Sponsors: Mullet</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposes a constitutional amendment to allow funds for long-term care services and supports to be invested as provided by law
<p>STRENGTHEN EARLY LEARNING AND YOUTH SERVICES</p>		
<p>SB 5023</p> 	<p>Concerns Working Connections Child Care eligibility and unemployment <i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer, Stanford</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits the Depart. of Children, Youth, and Families from counting certain federal unemployment benefits when determining eligibility and co-payment for the Working Connections Child Care program
<p>SB 5044</p> 	<p>Concerns professional learning, equity, cultural competency, and dismantling institutional racism in the public school system <i>Eastside Sponsors: Wellman, Stanford</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds DEI and anti-racism to existing cultural competency standards and training for school board directors, district staff, and school staff. • Directs school districts to prioritize one of three professional learning days to focus first on these topics
<p>SSB 5030</p> 	<p>Improves school counseling programs <i>Eastside Sponsors: Mullet (prime, Wellman, Kuderer)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires school districts to develop and implement a written plan for a comprehensive school counseling program by the beginning of the 2022-23 school year

<p>E2SSB 5237</p> 	<p>Expanding accessible, affordable child care and early childhood development programs</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Dhingra, Kuderer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishes a new account for child care and early learning purposes and includes a non-exhaustive list of spending goals and strategies• Expands eligibility and decreases copayments in the Working Connections Child Care Program and expands eligibility in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program• Provides for increased rates, training, grants, supports, and services for child care and early learning providers• Increases supports for families of children from birth to age 3, as well as for providers
<p>2SHB 1213</p> 	<p>Companion to 5237</p> <p><i>Eastside Sponsors: Senn (prime), Ramos, Duerr, Callan. Thai, Slatter, Goodman</i></p>	