



# 2022 Legislative Updates

## Domestic & Sexual Violence Committee

Bill No.	Bill Name	Bill Summary
<a href="#">SHB 1571</a> Chapter 251, Laws of 2022	<b>Protections and services for indigenous persons who are missing, murdered, or survivors of human trafficking</b>	Requires a county coroner or medical examiner with jurisdiction over the remains of a deceased indigenous person to make certain efforts to contact family members and affected tribes of the deceased, and to provide an opportunity for family and affected tribes to conduct spiritual practices or ceremonies, subject to certain limitations, and facilitate return of the remains prior to entrusting the remains to a funeral home. Requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission to provide training to law enforcement officers and county coroners in tribal sovereignty, customs, culture, traditions, and spirituality. Requires the Washington State Patrol to establish a Red Thunder Alert designation as a part of its Endangered Missing Person Advisory plan. Requires the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to establish two grant programs related to services and resources for indigenous survivors of human trafficking. Requires law enforcement authority investigating a missing indigenous person under certain circumstances to search the Jail Booking and Reporting System for the missing person and register to be notified if the missing person is later booked into jail.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">SHB 1593</a> Chapter 196, Laws of 2022	<b>Expanding landlord mitigation program</b>	Expands the Landlord Mitigation Program to allow landlords' claims for damages to residential rental property when a tenant-victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, unlawful harassment, or stalking terminates the tenancy and the tenant or household member has a valid order of protection or reported to a "qualified third party" and provided a written record; the tenant makes the protection order or written record available to the landlord; and the request to terminate is made within 90 days of the reported act or event that led to the protection order or report.  <i>Effective Dates: June 9, 2022 and July 1, 2022 (for landlord mitigation for a tenancy terminated by victim)</i>
<a href="#">HB 1622</a> Chapter 118, Laws of 2022	<b>Increasing availability of SANE education</b>	Requires the Washington State University College of Nursing to establish a sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) online and clinical training program and a regional SANE leader pilot program.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">SHB 1725</a> Chapter 256, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning the creation of an endangered missing person advisory designation for missing indigenous persons</b>	Requires the Washington State Patrol to establish a Missing Indigenous Women and Persons Alert designation as a part of its Endangered Missing Person Advisory plan.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">HB 1748</a> Chapter 208, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning aged, blind, or disabled program eligibility for victims of human trafficking</b>	Makes victims of human trafficking eligible for the Housing and Essential Needs program and the Aged, Blind, or Disabled program and replaces references to "drug or alcohol" with "substance use" for the purposes of these programs.  <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2022</i>
<a href="#">ESHB 1795</a> Chapter 133, Laws of 2022	<b>Prohibiting nondisclosure and nondisparagement provisions from employers regarding illegal acts of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, wage and hour violations, and sexual assault</b>	Makes void and unenforceable provisions in agreements between an employer and employee that prohibit the disclosure of conduct that is illegal discrimination, harassment, retaliation, a wage and hour violation, or sexual assault, or that is against a clear mandate of public policy, occurring in the workplace.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">SHB 1901</a> Chapter 268, Laws of 2022	<b>Updating laws concerning civil protection orders to further enhance and improve their efficacy and accessibility</b>	Adds "coercive control" to the definition of domestic violence and provides definition for "coercive control." Modifies definition of "intimate partner" to exclude people with child in common where conceived by sexual assault. Standardizes process and transfer requirements. Updates petition requirements, e-submission processes, service of process procedures, evidence the court can consider, and training requirements. Removes filing fees from some types of antiharassment cases.  <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2022, except for sections 9-14 relating to service requirements and hearing procedures, and section 47 regarding prior effective dates which take effect immediately, and technical corrections to Section 37 which take effect July 1, 2023</i>
<a href="#">SHB 1961</a> Chapter 141, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning the authority of the courts to waive auditor's fees for filing and recording name change orders</b>	Authorizes courts to waive auditor's fees related to name change orders.  <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2022</i>
<a href="#">ESSB 5245</a> Chapter 82, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning the safety of crime victims</b>	Expands list of crimes for which Department of Corrections is required to provide notification of the parole, release, community custody, work release placement, furlough, or escape of inmates. Provides that victim and witness notifications requirements do not apply to a release ordered pursuant to felony resentencing proceedings.  <i>Effective Date: July 1, 2022</i>
<a href="#">SB 5612</a> Chapter 229, Laws of 2022	<b>Ensuring domestic violence victims and survivors of victims have the opportunity to make a statement during sentencing for all domestic violence convictions</b>	Amends RCW 7.69.030. Previously, victims and survivors of victims were permitted to make a statement at sentencing for felony convictions. This amendment expands to all convictions involving domestic violence, which would include both felony and misdemeanor convictions.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">ESSB 5628</a> Chapter 231, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning cyber harassment</b>	Renames the crime of Cyberstalking, Cyber Harassment. Creates the crime of Cyberstalking.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>
<a href="#">SSB 5631</a> Chapter 51, Laws of 2022	<b>Making human trafficking a disqualifying offense for a commercial driver's license and coming into compliance with the requirements of the federal motor carrier safety administration</b>	Disqualifies a person convicted of human trafficking offenses from holding a commercial driver license for life. Brings the state into compliance with requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.  <i>Effective Date: September 23, 2022</i>
<a href="#">2SSB 5695</a> Chapter 160, Laws of 2022	<b>Concerning the body scanner pilot program at the department of corrections</b>	Requires Department of Corrections (DOC) to establish a comprehensive body scanner program at the Washington Corrections Center for Women and a male correctional facility as part of a pilot program. Requires each person entering the participating facility to undergo security screening with the comprehensive body scanner program. Provides that inmates with body scans for substance-related contraband must, if appropriate, be assessed for and receive substance use disorder treatment.  <i>Effective Date: June 9, 2022</i>