

Washington law says only a licensed clinician can deny prior-authorisation requests

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Making improvements to transparency and accountability in the prior authorization determination process.

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2025 Regular Session

In the Senate

Jan 21

First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care. ([View original bill](#))

Feb 7

Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM. ([Committee materials](#))

Feb 21

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care at 8:00 AM. ([Committee materials](#))

HLTC - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

([View 1st substitute](#))

([Majority report](#))

And refer to Ways & Means.

Minority; without recommendation.

([Minority report](#))

Referred to Ways & Means.

Feb 26

Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. ([Committee materials](#))

Feb 28

Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. ([Committee materials](#))

2026 Regular Session

In the Senate

Jan 12

By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

Jan 27

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:00 PM. ([Committee materials](#))

WM - Majority; 2nd substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

(View 2nd substitute)

(Majority report)

Minority; without recommendation.

(Minority report)

Jan 29

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 6

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 11

2nd substitute bill substituted (WM 26).

(View 2nd substitute)

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 0. (View 1st engrossed)

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In the House

Feb 14

First reading, referred to Health Care & Wellness.

Feb 18

Public hearing in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM. (Committee materials)

Feb 25

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness at 1:30 PM. (Committee materials)

HCW - Majority; do pass with amendment(s).

(Majority report)

Minority; without recommendation.

(Minority report)

Referred to Appropriations.

Feb 27

Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:30 AM. (Committee materials)

Mar 2

Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 10:30 AM. (Committee materials)

APP - Majority; do pass with amendment(s) but without amendment(s) by Health Care & Wellness.

(Majority report)

Referred to Rules 2 Review.

Mar 4

Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.

Committee amendment(s) adopted with no other amendments.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 4.

(View this roll call)

In the Senate

Mar 9

Senate concurred in House amendments.

Passed final passage; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0.

(View this roll call)

Mar 10

President signed.

In the House

Mar 11

Speaker signed.

Other than legislative action

Mar 12

Delivered to Governor. (View bill as passed legislature)

Mar 23

Governor signed.

Chapter 157, 2026 Laws. (View session law)

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