

WashingtonState
Telehealth Collaborative

AGENDA

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 10 am – 12 pm | Zoom

	Topic	Purpose/Goal	Proposed Process	Estimated Time
1.	Welcome, Attendance, and Review of Meeting Minutes Jan 2021	Members to review and approve Jan 2020 meeting minutes	Chair to take attendance of Collaborative Members	10:00-10:10 (10 min)
2.	Policy Updates - Audio Only - Digital Equity - Nurse Licensing Compact	Share updates on telemedicine legislation the 2021/22 session. Identify action items to support or	Chair to facilitate discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telemedicine Policy • Broadband Access and Digital Equity • Nurse Licensing Compact • Other 	10:10-10:50 (40 min)
3.	Collaborative Updates	Share data and information on state telemedicine trainings. Outline issues for Collaborative this year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 min – Nicole LaGrone to share data and insights from state telemedicine training. • 10 min – updates from state Behavioral Health training • 5 min – Group discussion on training implementation within healthcare systems . Any issues? Clarification needed? • 5 min - Chair to present upcoming telemedicine policy issues and direction of Collaborative • 10 min – Group discussion on other policy issues and direction of Collaborative 	10: 50 -11:30 (40 min)
4.	Interstate Licensing Policy	Identify actions or recommendations regarding interstate licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interstate Licensing Policy Presentation – 10 min • Group Discussion on State vs. Federal policy proposals and recommendations - 15 	11:30 -11:55 (25 min)
5.	Public Comment and Announcements	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming NRTRC Conference 	11:50-12:00 (5 - 10 min)

Call In: **Phone: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 664 674 162**

Zoom Link: <https://uw-phi.zoom.us/j/664674162>

2020-2021 Session Telemedicine Bill Summary

Telemedicine

Bill # & short title	Summary	Status
HB 1196 , Audio-only telehealth (Riccelli)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires reimbursement for audio-only telemedicine services. Expands the definition of telemedicine for purposes of hospital privileging to include audio-only telemedicine services. Requires the Insurance Commissioner to study and make recommendations regarding telemedicine 	Passed House 94-3
SSB 5423 , Concerning Telemedicine consultations (Rivers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows a licensed out-of-state practitioner to consult through telemedicine with a practitioner licensed in Washington State regarding the diagnosis or treatment of a patient within Washington State. 	Referred to House Health and Wellness Cmte
HB 1378 , Concerning the supervision of medical assistants (Ybarra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows medical assistants assisting with a telemedicine visit to be supervised through interactive audio and video telemedicine technology 	Referred to Senate Health and Long Term Care Cmte

Broadband Access

Bill # & short title	Summary	Status
HB 1457 , Broadband/state highways (Wylie)	<p>Facilitating the installation of broadband facilities on limited access highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes it the policy of the state that limited access highway rights-of-way be used to accommodate the deployment of broadband facilities as a critical part of the state's infrastructure. Requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to adopt and maintain an agency policy to proactively provide broadband facility owners with information about planned highway projects to facilitate broadband installation cooperation. Requires the Joint Transportation Committee to oversee a consultant study to provide recommendations related to the WSDOT's role in broadband service expansion efforts, subject to appropriations. 	In House Rules Committee
HB 1336 , Public Broadband Act (Hansen)	<p>Creating and expanding unrestricted authority for public entities to provide telecommunications services to end users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes public utility districts, port districts, second-class cities, towns, and counties to provide retail telecommunications services. 	Passed House 60-37, onto Senate

<p>HB 1263, Rural infrastructure (Abbarno)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Commerce (Department) to establish a competitive grant program to award funding to eligible public and private entities located in rural counties for public facilities. Requires the Department to prioritize applications according to specified factors. Establishes additional procedures for applications requesting funding for broadband infrastructure, including a process for existing entities providing broadband service in the proposed project area to object to the proposed broadband project. Requires the Department to report on the rural infrastructure grant program to the Office of Financial Management and the Legislature. Modifies provisions related to the System Improvement Team (Team), including removing the Team expiration date and adding a Team reporting requirement to the Legislature. 	<p>In House Rules Committee</p>
<p>SB 5175, CERB (Nguyen)</p>	<p>Concerning the authority of the community economic revitalization board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes an appropriated loan and grant program for financing broadband infrastructure projects under the authority of the Community Economic Revitalization Board. 	<p>Senate 2nd Reading</p>
<p>SB 5357, Broadband accelerator (Honeyford)</p>	<p>Establishing and making appropriations for the capital broadband investment acceleration program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Broadband Investment Acceleration Program in the Statewide Broadband Office. 	<p>Senate 2nd Reading</p>
<p>SB 5383, Public telecommunication services (Wellman)</p>	<p>Authorizing public utility districts and port districts to provide retail telecommunications services in unserved areas under certain conditions.</p>	<p>Senate 2nd Reading</p>

Digital Equity

Bill # & short title	Summary	Status
<p>HB 1460, Digital Equity Act (Gregerson)</p>	<p>Closing the digital divide by establishing excise taxes on telecommunications services to fund the expansion of the universal service programs in Washington.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the Digital Equity Opportunity Grant Program and the Digital Equity Planning Grant Program. Creates the Digital Equity Forum <p>Edits to bill: Narrowed to omit taxes and solely focus on creating a digital equity opportunity technology grants, digital equity planning grants, and a digital equity forum.</p>	<p>In House Rules Committee</p>
<p>HB 1064, Disclosure of broadband in</p>	<p>Requiring the disclosure of high-speed internet access availability in the seller's disclosure statement.</p>	<p>Passed House 96-0, referred to Senate</p>

<p>seller's disclosure (Eslick)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds questions about Internet service to the seller disclosure statement for residential property. 	<p>Committee on Business, Financial Services & Trade</p>
<p>SB 5242, Media literacy & digital citizenship (Lias)</p>	<p>Supporting media literacy and digital citizenship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to establish a grant program for supporting media literacy and digital citizenship. • Requires OSPI to convene two regional conferences on the subject of media literacy and digital citizenship. • Mandates that at least one grant awarded in each award cycle must be for developing and utilizing a curriculum that contains a focus on synthetic media. 	<p>Senate 2nd Reading</p>
<p>HB 1365, Keeping Students Connected (Gregerson)</p>	<p>Procuring, and supporting the use of, appropriate computers and devices for public school students and instructional staff by levying a tax on wireless devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the educational service districts to establish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1) a procurement program for student learning devices and appropriate devices for school staff; and ○ (2) a digital navigator program to provide technical assistance and other supports for students, students' families, and school staff. (edit to bill: Removed the digital navigator program at the ESDs and moved the responsibilities regarding digital navigation services to districts as a condition of and allowable use for grant funding) • Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1) establish a grant program to fund the purchase of student learning devices and appropriate devices for certain school staff; and (2) develop and implement a state plan for reducing technology equity gaps in the public schools. ○ (Edits to bill: Expanded the allowable uses of OSPI grant funds to cover professional development and capacity-building to provide technical assistance within districts) • Directs the school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal compact schools to provide learning devices to each student and appropriate devices to certain staff, beginning in the 2022-23 school year; and provides that students will not be financially responsible for damage or loss to learning devices, unless the damage or loss was willful. • Imposes a tax on retail sales of certain smart wireless devices, beginning October 1, 2021. (Edits to bill: removed) <p>Edits to Bill Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax portion is completely removed 	<p>In House Rules Committee</p>

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Non-Active Bills

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HB 1462 (Rule)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerning the total compensation for telemedicine services. 	N/A
SB 5247 Nurse Licensing Compact (Padden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact. 	N/A