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# The 2020 legislative session begins on Monday, January 13th. This is a 60-day “short session,” which typically means that legislators will focus on unfinished business from the 2019 session. However, the volume of new bills pre-filed for introduction indicates otherwise.

The 2020 Legislature is largely the same Legislature as 2019. However, there is a new Speaker of the House, Rep. Laurie Jinkins, from the 27th district in Tacoma. Lawmakers will be focused on attainable wins this session and adjourning on time.

WSLHA has two important legislative priorities this session. First, WSLHA is continuing its advocacy for HB 1562/SB 5601, legislation to regulate health benefit managers such as eviCore. Second, WSLHA is supporting HB 2012, a bill to award a bonus to school-based SLPs and audiologists (and other ESA categories) who have national certification.

Watch for legislative alerts throughout the session asking for your help in moving these issues forward!