

# SB 5984 • Washington

Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.

Passed One Chamber

Risk: Medium

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Mar 12, 2026): By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

## Summary

SB 5984 aims to regulate AI companion chatbots in Washington. Specific provisions include guidelines for transparency, user consent, and data privacy.

## Business Impact

If you use AI for chatbots, be aware of potential new regulations in Washington.

## Key Provisions

- Guidelines for transparency in chatbot interactions
- Requirements for obtaining user consent
- Data privacy protections for users

## Compliance Checklist

- Ensure AI companion chatbots comply with new regulations | Who: Developers and businesses using AI chatbots | Penalty: Potential penalties for non-compliance
- Review and update chatbot functionalities to meet regulatory standards | Who: Businesses operating AI chatbots | Penalty: Potential penalties for non-compliance

## Industries Affected

General

Artificial Intelligence

Software Development

Technology

## Topics

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Wellman		Primary
Rivers		Cosponsor
Hasegawa		Cosponsor
Padden		Cosponsor
Cleveland		Cosponsor
Walsh		Cosponsor
Hunt		Cosponsor
Brown		Cosponsor
Zeiger		Cosponsor
Randall		Cosponsor
Takko		Cosponsor
Lovelett		Cosponsor

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2026-02-12	3rd Reading & Final Passage (#9)	38	11	Passed

## Related Bills

- HB 2225 (WA)
- SB5984 (WA)

## Official Source

<https://openstates.org/wa/bills/2025-2026/SB5984/>

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