

WSCA Legislative Update

With five weeks left in the 2023 legislative session, committees were back in public hearings last week hearing and passing bills from the opposite chamber. Legislation must now advance in the opposite chamber, progressing through policy and fiscal committees and on to the full chamber to remain viable.

On Monday, the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council will release its latest revenue forecasts, which sets the stage for the proposed operating budgets to be released. The Senate will release its operating budget first this year, likely on Thursday (3/23), and a hearing is scheduled in the Ways & Means Committee on Friday (the capital budget will be released and heard Monday (3/20)). The House is expected to release their budget a week from Monday (3/27), and ultimately the differences between the two proposed budgets will be negotiated by a conference committee of budget writers from the House & Senate.

- WSCA Member Marin Marks testified last week in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Committee in support of HB 1308, expanding graduation pathway options. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Monica Stonier, is working with stakeholders and members of the Senate Committee to address concerns raised in public testimony.
- The Education Committees in the House and Senate heard their respective funding proposals for special education last week, and both bills are scheduled to advance from policy committee this coming week. SB 5311 is the proposal being supported by most stakeholders to fund special education.
- E2SHB 1238, the bill to provide free school meals for students, was heard last week and is scheduled to be voted out of committee Monday. Although the bill has been significantly narrowed, it will still allow the state to feed roughly 600,000 students.
- This week the Senate committee will hear E2SHB 1479, concerning isolation & restraint of students.

Upcoming Events

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/20 @ 1:30pm

- [SHB 1109](#) - Exec Session - Providing funding for school districts for special education.
- [HB 1146](#) - Public Hearing - Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.
- [SHB 1207](#) - Public Hearing - Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.
- [HB 1230](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.
- [E2SHB 1238](#) - Exec Session - Providing free school meals for all.
- [EHB 1478](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a statement of student rights.

- [E2SHB 1479](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.

- [HB 1622](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/20 @ 1:30pm

- [E2SSB 5311](#) - Exec Session - Concerning special education funding formula.

- [E2SSB 5315](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.

- [2SSB 5593](#) - Exec Session - Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 3/21 @ 8:00am

- [SHB 1069](#) - Exec Session - Adopting the mental health counselor compact.

Human Services (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/21 @ 10:30am

- [2SHB 1580](#) - Exec Session - Creating a system to support children in crisis.

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 3/21 @ 1:30pm

- [2SSB 5048](#) - Public Hearing - Eliminating college in the high school fees.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 3/21 @ 4:00pm

- [ESHB 1377](#) - Public Hearing - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/22 @ 1:30pm

- [SHB 1658](#) - Public Hearing - Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/22 @ 4:00pm

- [ESB 5650](#) - Exec Session - Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.

- [ESSB 5702](#) - Exec Session - Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/23 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5054](#) - Exec Session - Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.

- [E2SSB 5243](#) - Exec Session - Concerning high school and beyond planning.

- [ESB 5462](#) - Exec Session - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/23 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1536](#) - Public Hearing - Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 3/24 @ 8:00am

- [2SSB 5048](#) - Exec Session - Eliminating college in the high school fees.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
SHB 1003 Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Approps	Stokesbary
SHB 1069 Mental health counselor comp Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	S Health & Long	Leavitt
HB 1071 School resource officers Securing schools by authorizing funding for a school resource officer in every school.	H Education	Walsh
SHB 1109 Special education funding Providing funding for school districts for special education.	S EL/K-12	Senn
SHB 1113 Prof. educator reprimands Reviewing reprimands for professional educators.	S EL/K-12	Harris
HB 1146 Dual credit program notice Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	S EL/K-12	Paul
SHB 1207 Harassment/schools Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	S EL/K-12	Senn
HB 1211 (E2SSB 5311) Special education funding Concerning special education funding formula.	H Approps	Bergquist
HB 1230 School websites/drug info.	S EL/K-12	Callan

Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.

E2SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)	Free school meals Providing free school meals for all.	S EL/K-12	Riccelli
2SHB 1239	Educator ethics & complaints Establishing a simple and uniform system for complaints related to, and instituting a code of educator ethics for, conduct within or involving public elementary and secondary schools.	H Rules R	Santos
SHB 1273 (E2SSB 5243)	High school and beyond plans Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Approps	Berg
2SHB 1305	Students with disabilities Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H Rules C	Pollet
HB 1308	Graduation pathway options Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	S EL/K-12	Stonier
2SHB 1316	Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs.	S EL/K-12	Paul
HB 1328	Schools & families/funding Increasing funding to schools and families for students not meeting academic standards.	H Approps	Stokesbary
HB 1354	School volunteers/conviction Concerning parental involvement through volunteering in schools after a criminal conviction.	H Education	Stonier
HB 1376	School practice standards Aligning policies to reflect the updated standards of practice for school district staff.	H Education	Santos
ESHB 1377	Continuing education/K-12 Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	S Ways & Means	Santos
HB 1411	Cross-sector prof. dev. Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
ESHB 1436	Special education funding Funding special education.	S EL/K-12	Pollet

<u>EHB 1478</u>	Student rights Establishing a statement of student rights.	S EL/K-12	Timmons
<u>E2SHB 1479 (SB 5559)</u>	Student restraint, isolation Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	S EL/K-12	Callan
<u>SHB 1504 (ESSB 5257)</u>	Elementary school recess Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	S EL/K-12	Low
<u>HB 1536</u>	H.S. diplomas/withholding Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.	S EL/K-12	Timmons
<u>E2SHB 1565</u>	Prof. education workforce Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	S EL/K-12	Ortiz-Self
<u>2SHB 1580</u>	Children in crisis Creating a system to support children in crisis.	S Human Services	Callan
<u>HB 1605 (SSB 5668)</u>	Small districts/skill center Concerning small districts with less than 2,750 students and significant participation in skill centers.	H Approps	Rule
<u>HB 1622</u>	Students/homelessness Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.	S EL/K-12	Fey
<u>SHB 1658</u>	Work experience/H.S. credit Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	S EL/K-12	Shavers
<u>HB 1679 (SB 5719)</u>	Student homelessness group Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.	S Rules 2	Rule
<u>SHB 1692</u>	Student advisory groups Creating student advisory groups.	H Rules R	Bergquist
<u>SHB 1693 (ESSB 5702)</u>	Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Rules R	Lekanoff

	Prototypical school formulas	H Approps	Rule
<u>HB 1741</u>	Increasing prototypical school formulas to support student health, well-being, and educational outcomes.		
<u>SB 5019</u>	School safety staff Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.	H EDDP	Wellman
<u>2SSB 5048</u>	College in high school fees Eliminating college in the high school fees.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	Mullet
<u>SSB 5054</u>	Prof. learning communities Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	H Education	Wellman
<u>SB 5219</u>	Counseling compact Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.	S Health & Long	Muzzall
<u>E2SSB 5243</u> (SHB 1273)	High school and beyond plans Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Education	Wellman
<u>SSB 5248</u> (HB 1710)	Tutoring & extended learning Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs.	S Ways & Means	Braun
<u>ESSB 5257</u> (SHB 1504)	Elementary school recess Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H 2nd Reading	Nobles
<u>E2SSB 5311</u> (HB 1211)	Special education funding Concerning special education funding formula.	H Education	Wellman
<u>E2SSB 5315</u>	Special education/nonpublic Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.	H Education	Wilson
<u>SSB 5339</u> (E2SHB 1238)	Free school meals Providing free school meals for all.	S Ways & Means	Nobles
<u>SB 5408</u>	Ninth grade success grants Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	S Ways & Means	Liias

<u>SB 5422</u>	Behavioral health/schools Providing access to behavioral health services to children using licensed clinicians colocated within the school.	S Health & Long	Wilson
<u>SSB 5441</u>	School district curricula Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.	S Ways & Means	Wilson
<u>ESB 5462</u>	Inclusive learning standards Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Liias
<u>SB 5505</u>	School year expansion Addressing learning loss by expanding the school year.	S EL/K-12	Hawkins
<u>SB 5511</u>	K-12 education funding Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding.	S EL/K-12	Braun
<u>SB 5513</u>	CTC mental health counseling Concerning mental health counseling at community and technical colleges.	S Ways & Means	Liias
<u>SB 5527</u>	Graduation pathway options Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.	S Rules X	Mullet
<u>2SSB 5593</u>	Student data transfer Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.	H Education	Liias
<u>ESB 5650</u>	K-12 inflationary increases Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	H Approps	Rolfes
<u>SB 5656</u>	School security grants Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	S EL/K-12	Torres
<u>2SSB 5670</u>	Running start/10th grade Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings.	S Rules X	Hawkins
<u>ESSB 5702 (SHB 1693)</u>	Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Approps	Trudeau

[SB 5719](#)
(HB
1679)

Student homelessness group

S Ways & Means

Hunt

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