

WSCA Legislative Update

Last week, the Legislature crossed the final policy committee deadline for the 2023 session, and any bills that didn't advance from the opposite chamber's committee are "dead" for this year. The fiscal committees continued to meet throughout the week, including an 8-hour Appropriations Committee meeting Saturday, and will spend the next two days advancing bills that are part of the proposed operating budgets. The fiscal committee deadline is this coming Tuesday. From then on, lawmakers will primarily be on the floor passing bills and reconciling changes to legislation between chambers.

- HB 1238, a bill to provide free school meals to about 600,000 Washington students, was heard last week in Ways & Means and is scheduled for a vote Tuesday. The bill is funded in the House budget.
- HB 1308, expanding graduation pathways, is out of Rules and awaiting a vote by the Senate.
- 2SHB 1316, legislation to expand access to dual credit programs, was heard Friday in Ways & Means and is scheduled for a vote Tuesday. Efforts to expand the bill to allow 10th graders to participate in Running Start are expected, and WSCA will continue to oppose that while still supporting the underlying bill.
- E2SHB 1479, regarding the use of isolation & restraint in schools, failed to receive a vote in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee last week. It is officially dead for this year.
- 2SSB 5048, funding "College in the High School" courses for all students, was heard Saturday in Appropriations and is scheduled for a vote Tuesday. The bill is funded in the Senate budget.
- SB 5311, funding Special Education, was heard Saturday in Appropriations and is scheduled for a vote Tuesday. It remains unchanged from how it was passed by the Senate. The Senate budget funded Special Education at \$375 million; proposed House funding was \$179 million.

House budget leaders rolled out their operating budget proposals last Monday, setting the stage for final budget negotiations to commence between the House and Senate. Overall, House leaders spend more in their plans - \$69.5 billion vs. the Senate's \$69.2 billion. The differences between the two budgets will be negotiated in the weeks to come.

The House Operating Budget makes investments in Democratic caucus priorities, including:

Education and Workforce Development

- \$570 million for salary adjustment and healthcare cost increase for K-12 educators
- \$179 million to increase funding supports for special education students
- \$85 million to expand access to free meals for students
- \$10 million in dual language grants and program enhancements
- \$82 million to expand Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program slots and increase rates
- \$67 million to increase workforce development at community and technical colleges
- \$40 million to expand access to the Washington College Grant and dual credit programs

Housing, Human Services, and Poverty Reduction

- \$128 million in food assistance programs
- \$44 million to fund an 8% increase to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), ABD and other cash assistance programs

- \$175 million for emergency housing and rental assistance
- \$150 million towards the covenant homeownership program
- \$60 million for encampment response and outreach
- \$27 million for increased funding to Housing and Essential Needs

Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Developmental Disabilities

- \$100 million in foundational public health services
- \$68 million to increase rates for healthcare workers, targeting primary care and pediatricians
- \$17 million in funding for reproductive health services and security measures
- \$344 million for a 15% rate increase for behavioral health providers
- \$193 million for additional behavioral health bed capacity
- \$139 million to expand substance use disorder prevention and treatment
- \$98 million for behavioral health crisis, outreach, and diversion programs
- \$25 million for youth behavioral health

Upcoming Dates

April 4 - Fiscal committee cutoff - opposite house

April 12 - Floor cutoff - opposite house

April 23 - Sine Die

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/3 @ 9:00am

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

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 4/4 @ 9:00am

- [2SSB 5048](#) - Exec Session - Eliminating college in the high school fees.
- [E2SSB 5243](#) - Exec Session - Concerning high school and beyond planning.
- [E2SSB 5311](#) - Exec Session - Concerning special education funding formula.
- [E2SSB 5315](#) - Exec Session - Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 4/4 @ 10:00am

- [SHB 1109](#) - Exec Session - Providing funding for school districts for special education.
- [E2SHB 1238](#) - Exec Session - Providing free school meals for all.
- [2SHB 1316](#) - Exec Session - Expanding access to dual credit programs.

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- [ESHB 1377](#) - Exec Session - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.
- [ESHB 1436](#) - Exec Session - Funding special education.
- [E2SHB 1565](#) - Exec Session - Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.
- [2SHB 1580](#) - Exec Session - Creating a system to support children in crisis.

<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 2nd Reading	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 Ways & Means	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 Rules 2	Paul
SHB 1207 Harassment/schools Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	S 2nd Reading	Senn
HB 1211 (E2SSB 5311) Special education funding Concerning special education funding formula.	H Approps	Bergquist
HB 1230 School websites/drug info. Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.	S Rules 2	Callan

<u>E2SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)</u>	Free school meals Providing free school meals for all.	S Ways & Means	Riccelli
<u>2SHB 1239</u>	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
<u>SHB 1273 (E2SSB 5243)</u>	High school and beyond plans Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Approps	Berg
<u>2SHB 1305</u>	Students with disabilities Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H Rules C	Pollet
<u>HB 1308</u>	Graduation pathway options Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	S 2nd Reading	Stonier
<u>2SHB 1316</u>	Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs.	S Ways & Means	Paul
<u>HB 1328</u>	Schools & families/funding Increasing funding to schools and families for students not meeting academic standards.	H Approps	Stokesbary
<u>HB 1354</u>	School volunteers/conviction Concerning parental involvement through volunteering in schools after a criminal conviction.	H Education	Stonier
<u>HB 1376</u>	School practice standards Aligning policies to reflect the updated standards of practice for school district staff.	H Education	Santos
<u>ESHB 1377</u>	Continuing education/K-12 Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	S Ways & Means	Santos
<u>HB 1411</u>	Cross-sector prof. dev. Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
<u>ESHB 1436</u>	Special education funding Funding special education.	S Ways & Means	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 Rules 2	Timmons
<u>E2SHB 1565</u>	Prof. education workforce Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	S Ways & Means	Ortiz-Self
<u>2SHB 1580</u>	Children in crisis Creating a system to support children in crisis.	S Ways & Means	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 2nd Reading	Fey
<u>SHB 1658</u>	Work experience/H.S. credit Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	S Rules 2	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
<u>HB 1741</u>	Prototypical school formulas Increasing prototypical school formulas to support student health, well-being, and educational outcomes.	H Approps	Rule

<u>SB 5019</u>	School safety staff Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.	H Rules R	Wellman
<u>2SSB 5048</u>	College in high school fees Eliminating college in the high school fees.	H Approps	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 Approps	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 Passed 3rd	Nobles
<u>E2SSB 5311</u> (HB 1211)	Special education funding Concerning special education funding formula.	H Approps	Wellman
<u>E2SSB 5315</u>	Special education/nonpublic Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.	H Approps	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	S Health & Long	Wilson

Providing access to behavioral health services to children using licensed clinicians colocated within the school.

<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 Approps	Liias
<u>ESB 5650</u>	K-12 inflationary increases Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	Del to Gov	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 Rules R	Trudeau
	Student homelessness group	S Ways & Means	Hunt

SB 5719
(HB
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Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.
