

WSCA Legislative Update

This was the last full week of committee hearings for the first half of the 2023 legislative session. Committees will shift into executive sessions next week (although there will still be a few hearings), and any bill not voted out of its committee of origin by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 17th is likely dead for this session.

WSCA testified in favor of HB 1308 this week, legislation to provide expanded graduation pathways for students. Although there was a great deal of support from the bill, business leaders in the Washington Roundtable opposed the bill in testimony. The sponsor, Rep. Monica Stonier, is committed to advancing legislation to give students more options in pursuing their education in ways that are relevant to them. The bill is scheduled for executive action next week.

After next week's committee cutoff, the Legislature will spend a week in fiscal committee hearings where they will hear and pass bills with an impact on the state budget. The deadline for bills to move from fiscal committee is Friday, February 24th.

Upcoming Events

Human Services (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/13 @ 10:30am

- [SB 5719](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/13 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1308](#) - Exec Session - Concerning high school graduation pathway options.
- [HB 1536](#) - Exec Session - Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.
- [HB 1565](#) - Exec Session - Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.
- [HB 1658](#) - Exec Session - Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.

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Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/14 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1679](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/14 @ 4:00pm

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- [HB 1377](#) - Exec Session - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.
- [HB 1504](#) - Exec Session - Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.
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- [HB 1622](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.
- [HB 1658](#) - Exec Session - Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/14 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5650](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees. (Remote Testimony Available).

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/15 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5702](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.

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State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/15 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1692](#) - Exec Session - Creating student advisory groups.

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/16 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1308](#) - Exec Session - Concerning high school graduation pathway options.
- [HB 1377](#) - Exec Session - Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.
- [HB 1479](#) - Exec Session - Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.
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- [SB 5702](#) - Exec Session - Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.

<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 T	Leavitt
HB 1071 School resource officers Securing schools by authorizing funding for a school resource officer in every school.	H Education	Walsh
HB 1109 Special education funding Providing funding for school districts for special education.	H Approps	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.	H 2nd Reading	Paul
SHB 1207 Harassment/schools Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	H Rules R	Senn
HB 1230 School websites/drug info. Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.	H Rules R	Callan

SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)	Free school meals Providing free school meals for all.	H Approps	Riccelli
SHB 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 Approps	Santos
HB 1273 (SSB 5243)	High school and beyond plans Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Exec Action	Berg
SHB 1305	Students with disabilities Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H EDDPS	Pollet
HB 1308	Graduation pathway options Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	H Education	Stonier
SHB 1316	Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Approps	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
HB 1377	Continuing education/K-12 Posting of approved courses and providers of continuing education.	H Education	Santos
HB 1411	Cross-sector prof. dev. Supporting student success through cross-sector professional development.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
HB 1478	Student rights Establishing a statement of student rights.	H EDDP	Timmons
HB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Education	Callan

<u>HB 1504</u> (SSB 5257)	Elementary school recess Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H Education	Low
<u>HB 1536</u>	H.S. diplomas/withholding Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas.	H Education	Timmons
<u>HB 1565</u>	Prof. education workforce Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
<u>SHB 1580</u>	Children in crisis Creating a system to support children in crisis.	H Approps	Callan
<u>HB 1605</u> (SB 5668)	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.	H Education	Fey
<u>HB 1658</u>	Work experience/H.S. credit Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	H Education	Shavers
<u>HB 1679</u> (SB 5719)	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.	H Human Svc, You	Rule
<u>HB 1692</u>	Student advisory groups Creating student advisory groups.	H State Govt & Tr	Bergquist
<u>HB 1693</u> (SB 5702)	Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Approps	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.	S 2nd Reading	Wellman

<u>SSB 5048</u>	College in high school fees Eliminating college in the high school fees.	S Ways & Means	Mullet
<u>SSB 5054</u>	Prof. learning communities Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S Rules 2	Wellman
<u>SB 5219</u>	Counseling compact Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.	S Health & Long	Muzzall
<u>SSB 5243</u> (HB 1273)	High school and beyond plans Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S Ways & Means	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>SSB 5257</u> (HB 1504)	Elementary school recess Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	S Rules 2	Nobles
<u>SSB 5339</u> (SHB 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	Lias
<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>SB 5462</u>	Inclusive learning standards Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	S Rules 2	Lias
<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	S EL/K-12	Braun

Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding.

<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 EL/K-12	Mullet
<u>SB 5593</u>	Student data transfer Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.	S EL/K-12	Liias
<u>SB 5650</u>	K-12 inflationary increases Concerning salary inflationary increases for K-12 employees.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<u>SB 5656</u>	School security grants Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	S EL/K-12	Torres
<u>SB 5702</u> (HB 1693)	Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Trudeau
<u>SB 5719</u> (HB 1679)	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 Human Services	Hunt
