

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education **2023 Legislative Session | April 21, 2023**

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On Sunday, April 23 we will see the commencement of the 68th Legislature as day 105 expires and Sine Die is achieved. As of Friday morning, the legislature has nine bills left for consideration that have gone through the concurrence and dispute process. You can see that list [here](#). That list does not include the three budget bills that are yet to be passed.

With very little left to do, the two chambers of the legislative branch are working to finalize budgets over the next three days. The process of reconciling the budget bills goes through a “conference committee,” which is usually a group of four to eight members from all “four corners” of the legislature who present the final agreed upon package to the whole body for final passage.

The Transportation Budget Conference Committee will meet today (Friday, April 21) at 2:00 PM in Senate Hearing Room 1 to roll out the Transportation Budget Conference report. Representative Barkis, Representative Fey, Senator King, Senator Liias, Representative Paul, and Senator Shewmake were the members tasked with working through the details.

The Operating Budget Conference Committee will meet on Saturday April 22 in House Hearing room A at 12:00 PM to roll out the Operating Budget that will be sent to the floor for final passage. The conference was made up of Representative Bergquist, Representative Ormsby, Senator Robinson, Senator Rolfes, Representative Stokesbary, and Senator L. Wilson.

A final version of the *WOVE* will be delivered the week after Sine Die this year with a breakdown and comparison of the final budget with the last biennium’s final budget. A final bill report will also be available with updates around implementation around a few of the important bills.

Before our comparison is finished when session has adjourned, we want to direct your attention to our friends at the League of Education Voters who published a great easy-to-view side-by-side comparison of the three operating budget proposals that are being negotiated at the time of this writing. [See that breakdown here](#).

Please check back for the final budget and bill breakdown after Sine Die!

Current Bill Status Report & Upcoming Events

Federal Legislation:

- [ACTE Advocacy Webpage](#)
 - [CTE Policy Watch Blog](#)
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2023 Session Cutoff Calendar

- **April 23, 2023:** Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
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