

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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The teams have returned from the locker room, and we have started the second half of the legislative session. February 13 was the final day for bills to get off their respective floors, which turned Monday night into a marathon bill session as the public watched the house of representatives vote on bills until 2:31a.m. But, with that cutoff being passed the lawmakers are now able to go back to committee work and consider the remaining bills.

You will notice a larger-than-usual “upcoming events” section as the next week(s) of the legislature are the most important. Serious bills that made it to the second half will be heard at a feverish pace as the two bodies try to agree on what to pass and what to let expire by fate of the calendar.

On Monday, February 19 the Senate will hear [HB 2236](#) in Early Learning and K-12 Committee at 1:30 p.m. This will be the first policy committee in the Senate and given the 97-0-1 vote on the House floor, we expect a favorable hearing next week in the Senate as well.

The first version of the capital budget was released on Thursday as lawmakers begin to see the numbers from the revenue forecast trickle in. The Senate delivered their capital spending document, which you can view [here](#). We expect to see the first version of the operating budgets on February 20 and the House of Representatives will hear the first version of the operating budget on February 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Please see the newly updated bill list below for what is still alive and bills that might be of personal or professional interest to you.

WOVE Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Upcoming Events

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/19 @ 1:30pm

- [E4SHB 1239](#) - Public Hearing - 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. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [ESHB 2236](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)
- [E2SHB 1368](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses. (Remote Testimony Available).

- [ESHB 2331](#) - Exec Session - Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.
- [ESHB 2494](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [ESHB 1113](#) - Public Hearing - Reviewing reprimands for professional educators. (Remote Testimony Available).

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5647](#) - Exec Session - Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.
- [SSB 5648](#) - Exec Session - Including state-tribal education compact schools and charter schools as entities able to receive waivers from the state board of education.
- [E2SSB 5670](#) - Exec Session - Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Providing summer running start for rising juniors.)
- [SB 5883](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.
- [ESSB 5850](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [ESB 5344](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a public school revolving fund. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2104](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (Hearing is on the proposed substitute bill.)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5180](#) - Exec Session - Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.
- [ESB 5462](#) - Exec Session - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.
- [E2SSB 5849](#) - Exec Session - Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement.
- [SB 5852](#) - Exec Session - Concerning special education safety net awards.
- [ESSB 6264](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/21 @ 8:00am

- [ESHB 2441](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a pilot program eliminating college in the high school fees for private not-for-profit four-year institutions.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/21 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2104](#) - Exec Session - Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/22 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 6094](#) - Exec Session - Aligning statutory language concerning the retired state employee and retired or disabled school employee health insurance subsidy with the historical interpretation and implementation of the relevant subsidy language in the operating budget.

Bill Status

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 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		
E4SHB 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.	S EL/K-12	Santos		
E2SHB 1368 (SB 5431)	Zero emission school buses	Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.	S EL/K-12	Senn		
E4SHB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	S EL/K-12	Callan		
SHB 1915 (SB 5819)	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	S EL/K-12	Rude	Support	
HB 1935	Schools/resource conserv.	Promoting resource conservation practices that include student education and leadership opportunities in public schools.	H 2nd Reading	Bergquist		
HB 2017	Schools/aged facilities	Addressing school districts with aged facilities and a history of capital bond failure.	H Cap Budget	McClintock		
SHB 2038	Public school transfer data	Collecting data on student transfers and withdrawals from public schools and school districts.	H Rules R	McClintock		
ESHB 2079	Schools/threats	Improving school safety by extending and increasing penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and athletic activities.	S EL/K-12	Schmidt		
HB 2104 (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 2110	High school graduation	Reorganizing statutory requirements governing high school graduation.	S EL/K-12	Nance		
HB 2121 (SB 5883)	Special education hearings	Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.	H Education	Taylor		
SHB 2180 (SB 6014)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	S EL/K-12	Callan		
ESHB 2236	Tech. ed. core plus programs	Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs.	S EL/K-12	Shavers	Support	High
2SHB 2239	Social-emotional instruction	Supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills.	S EL/K-12	Timmons		
ESHB 2331 (SB 6208)	Public school materials	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	S EL/K-12	Stonier		
ESHB 2441	College in the HS fees	Establishing a pilot program eliminating college in the high school fees for private not-for-profit four-year institutions.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Corry		
ESHB 2494	School operating costs	Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.	S EL/K-12	Bergquist		
SB 5180	Teacher mobility compact	Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	H Education	Hunt		
ESB 5344	School modernization loans	Establishing a public school revolving fund. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a school modernization loan program.)	S Passed 3rd	Schoesler		
SB 5431 (E2SHB 1368)	Zero emission school buses	Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.	S EL/K-12	Shewmake		
ESB 5462	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Lias		
SB 5647	School safety/temp employees	Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.	H Education	Torres		
SSB 5648	Board of education waivers	Including state-tribal education compact schools and charter schools as entities able to receive waivers from the state board of education.	H Education	Wellman		
E2SSB 5670	Running start/rising juniors	Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Providing summer running start for rising juniors.)	H Education	Hawkins		
SB 5789	School projects/sales tax	Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects.	H Cap Budget	Mullet		
E2SSB 5849	Computer science/graduation	Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement.	H Education	Wellman		

ESSB 5850 (HB 2146)	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	S Passed 3rd	Braun		
SB 5852 (HB 1973)	Special education safety net	Concerning special education safety net awards.	H Education	Braun		
2SSB 5882 (SHB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Approps	Stanford		
SB 5883 (HB 2121)	Special education hearings	Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.	H Education	Trudeau		
SB 5993	Voter education	Concerning voter education.	S 2nd Reading	Hasegawa		
SSB 6053 (HB 2443)	Education data sharing	Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	Holy		
SB 6094	Retired health subsidy/PEBB	Aligning statutory language concerning the retired state employee and retired or disabled school employee health insurance subsidy with the historical interpretation and implementation of the relevant subsidy language in the operating budget.	H Approps	Robinson		
SB 6208 (ESHB 2331)	Public school materials	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
ESSB 6264	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	H Education	Wellman		

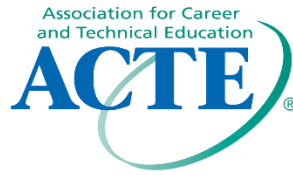
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[2024 Session Cutoff Calendar](#)

February 21, 2024	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 26, 2024	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 1, 2024*	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
March 7, 2024	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
* After 5:00pm on the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.	



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