

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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The first of many milestones was reached this week when the policy committee cutoff came and went. The first sifting of bills is the longest stretch of the session followed by a fury of cutoff dates that lead to the March 8 adjournment.

This weekend the fiscal committees will be working to consider all recently passed policy bills that made it through the aforementioned cutoff date. As the legislature begins to move towards a fiscal frame of mind, the policy bills with fiscal ramifications begin to build the operating budget bill document. Fiscal policy that gets passed ahead of the budget has to be incorporated into the agreed upon operating budget.

The final piece of the budget puzzle is the revenue forecast. In even numbered years the revenue forecast comes out on February 20 and in odd years it is delivered on March 20. These dates give lawmakers the ability to integrate timely budget data into their final bill. As a reminder, Washington State has a balanced budget mandate so we cannot spend into deficit. Our biennial budgets have to balance over a four-year outlook based on the non-partisan budget forecast data.

Please see below for the list of bills remaining after the first policy committee cutoff.

Bill Highlights

[HB 2236 - Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs](#) - This bill we have been engaging stakeholders in was heard in House Appropriations committee on February 1 and is now scheduled to be voted out of committee on Saturday, February 3. Amendments are still being offered and we aren't completely sure what the final language will be coming out of the House, but opposition out of testimony was not a deal breaker. We look forward to seeing this bill go across the rotunda for the second half of session.

[SB 6002 - Transferring the professional educator standards board and the paraeducator board to the office of the superintendent of public instruction](#)

[SB 6003 - Concerning the superintendent of public instruction chairing and administering the state board of education](#)

Both of these policies, sponsored by Thurston County Senator Sam Hunt, missed the policy cutoff deadline and will be considered dead for the remainder of the session. The WA-ACTE did not engage on these as there was very little action from the beginning of session, although many in the education community supported this action.

Remember to find your legislator [here](#). Contact your legislator and their staff member [here](#). And find bill information [here](#).

WOVE Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Upcoming Events

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/2 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5809](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning enrichment funding for charter public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/3 @ 9:00am

- [SHB 2236](#) - Exec Session - Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs. (Support/High)
- [HB 2441](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a pilot program eliminating college in the high school fees for private not-for-profit four-year institutions. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/3 @ 9:00am

- [SB 5852](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning special education safety net awards. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5882](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/5 @ 10:30am

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

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
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		
3SHB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Approps	Callan		
HB 1897 (SSB 5809)	Charter schools/enrichment	Concerning enrichment funding for charter public schools.	H Approps	Springer		
SHB 1914	Special education services	Improving the education of students with varying abilities by enhancing special education services.	H Approps	Couture		
SHB 1915 (SB 5819)	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	H Rules R	Rude	Support	
HB 1922	Vape detectors/schools	Adjusting funded special education enrollment.	H Approps	Couture		
HB 1935	Schools/resource conserv.	Promoting resource conservation practices that include student education and leadership opportunities in public schools.	H Approps	Bergquist		
HB 2017	Schools/aged facilities	Addressing school districts with aged facilities and a history of capital bond failure.	H Cap Budget	McClintock		
HB 2018	Schools/mobile device use	Addressing school districts with aged facilities and a history of capital bond failure.	H Approps	McClintock		

SHB 2038	Public school transfer data	Collecting data on student transfers and withdrawals from public schools and school districts.	H Rules R	McClintock		
HB 2058 (SB 5964)	Free school meals	Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.	H Approps	Riccelli		
SHB 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.	H Rules R	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.	H Rules R	Nance		
SHB 2130	Special education services	Extending special education services.	H Approps	Pollet		
HB 2175	Special education limits	Removing the enrollment limit for special education funding.	H Approps	Caldier		
SHB 2180 (SB 6014)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	H Rules R	Callan		
HB 2212	School admin. allocations	Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule		
HB 2223	Librarians in public schools	Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule		
SHB 2236	Tech. ed. core plus programs	Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs.	H Approps	Shavers	Support	High
SHB 2239	Social-emotional instruction	Supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills.	H Approps	Timmons		
HB 2404	Learning recovery programs	Promoting learning recovery programs in public schools.	H Approps	Rule		
HB 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.	H Approps	Corry		
HB 2448	Public school grant assist.	Expanding grant access opportunities for public schools.	H Approps	Mosbrucker		
ESB 5462	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Lias		
SB 5789	School projects/sales tax	Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects.	S Ways & Means	Mullet		
SSB 5809 (HB 1897)	Charter schools/enrichment	Concerning enrichment funding for charter public schools.	S Ways & Means	Mullet		
SB 5819 (SHB 1915)	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	S EL/K-12	Valdez		
SB 5823	School district elections	Concerning school district elections.	S Ways & Means	Hunt		
SSB 5849	Computer science/graduation	Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 5850 (HB 2146)	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 5852 (HB 1973)	Special education safety net	Concerning special education safety net awards.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SSB 5882 (HB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	S Ways & Means	Stanford		
SB 5950 (HB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SSB 5956	Enrichment levies limit	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SSB 5969 (HB 2411)	School construction debt	Adjusting school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra		
SB 5978	School district-county loans	Authorizing the office of the superintendent of public instruction to act as a guarantor for a county when the county provides a loan to a school district.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5993	Voter education	Concerning voter education.	S Rules 2	Hasegawa		

SSB 6012	Teacher preparation programs	Helping approved teacher preparation programs respond to the continuously changing needs of the modern classroom.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 6014 (SHB 2180)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SSB 6053 (HB 2443)	Education data sharing	Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.	S Passed 3rd	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.	S 2nd RdConsCal	Robinson		
SB 6123	Classified school employees	Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SJR 8207	School district bonds	Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	S Ways & Means	Hunt		

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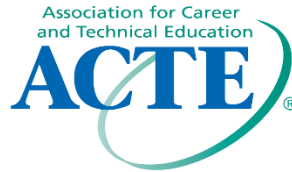
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CTE Month Proclamation

2024 Session Cutoff Calendar

February 5, 2024	Last day to read in 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 in house of origin.
February 13, 2024	Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
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.



Federal Legislation:

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