

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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This week the House and Senate released their versions of the supplemental operating and capital budgets. These documents came out very similar in size and scope, but with some differences which is always expected. The budget documents can be [viewed here](#) under the “Latest Budget proposals” tab. And the new supplemental spending package from the House by agency detail can be viewed [here](#). Starting on Pages 199-204 you will see the public schools’ portion.

The League of Education Voters put out a great side-by-side comparison of the House and Senate budgets. These figures are not final, but simply a snapshot of the first versions of the budgets and how they compare as it relates to education spending. [See that document here](#).

Bill Highlights

[SB 5882 - Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs](#)

This bill increases staff allocations for teaching assistants, office support staff, and noninstructional aides in the prototypical school funding model.

This bill would inject \$49 million into the K-12 system for non-certificated staff over the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The bill also comes with a projected price tag of \$130M in the 2025 budget and \$134M in the 2027 budget. Budget writers have already inserted the line item into the budget to fund the passage of this bill, which is expected by both sides of the aisle.

[HB 2236 - Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs](#)

Our Core Plus bill cleared another milestone this past week as it had a positive hearing on February 19 with a subsequent vote out of committee on February 21. The bill has been referred to Senate Ways and Means where it needs to be heard and voted out by Monday, February 26. Everything seems to be on track to get this bill to the Senate floor before sine di, but Ways and Means is never a given.

Upcoming Events

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/26 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5789](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects.
- [ESB 5344](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a public school revolving fund. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a school modernization loan program.)

Support

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>
SHB 1915 (SB 5819)	Financial education Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	S Rules 2 Rude	
ESHB 2236	Tech. ed. core plus programs Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs.	S Ways & Means Shavers	High
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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 Rules 2 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 Ways & Means Santos	
E2SHB 1368 (SB 5431)	Zero emission school buses Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.	S Ways & Means 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	
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 (SSB 5950)	Operating budget, supp. Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Exec Action Ormsby	
HB 2110	High school graduation Reorganizing statutory requirements governing high school graduation.	S Rules 2 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 Ways & Means Callan	
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 Passed 3rd	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 Ways & Means	Corry
ESHB 2494	School operating costs Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.	S Ways & Means	Bergquist
SB 5180	Teacher mobility compact Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	H Rules R	Hunt
ESB 5344	School modernization loans Establishing a public school revolving fund. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a school modernization loan program.)	H Cap Budget	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 Approps	Liias
SB 5647	School safety/temp employees Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.	H Rules R	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 Rules R	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 Approps	Wellman
ESSB 5850 (HB 2146)	Chronically absent students Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	H Approps	Braun
SB 5852 (HB 1973)	Special education safety net Concerning special education safety net awards.	H Approps	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 Rules R	Trudeau
SSB 6053 (HB 2443)	Education data sharing Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.	H Rules R	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

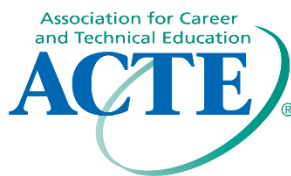
Celebrate CTE Month in February!



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2024 Session Cutoff Calendar

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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