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| WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education |
| 2023 Legislative Session January 12, 2023 |
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The 2023 Legislative Session is upon us with January 9 marking day 1 of the 105-day session. This year is the first session since 2020 that will be held in-person without COVID-19 restrictions. The first week on “the hill” has been filled with getting to know the new rules and procedures of the legislature and attending both Senate and House education committees to participate in work sessions that have been informational in nature.

This is the biennium year where the House, Senate, and Governor must agree on a new two-year budget that balances over a four-year outlook. This year the legislature will pass three budgets in all: the Omnibus Operating Budget, the Transportation Budget, and the Capital Budget. They are funded with different forms of revenue, and all serve their own purpose.

Governor Inslee has already released his record \$70 billion state operating budget. This includes no new taxes, but relies in part on a tax on capital gains, which takes effect this month. You can see the Governor’s proposed budget summary, bill, and agency details [in this link](#).

In the CTE world there will be many changes in the coming months as we engage in critical policy proposals. In the first week we have seen the roll out of new “High School and Beyond Planning” legislation, which can be viewed [here](#). This piece of legislation was requested by OSPI and is sponsored by the Chair of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. We will learn more about the vision of this bill from the chair once public hearings are held.

Another early proposal from the Governor’s office is [Senate Bill 5305](#) - the creation of the Office of Career Connect Washington. If passed, this will be a fully funded government agency within the office of the Student Achievement Council. The proposed stated mission of this new office is to “*Advance, promote, and oversee implementation of the career connect Washington vision to create and sustain a statewide system for career connected learning.*”

The WA-ACTE legislative team is monitoring and engaging with all legislation that affects our members. You can see our [2023 legislative priorities](#), which include staffing ratio funding changes, capital equipment grants for CTE programs, CTE Education within the principal certification program, and fully funding participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations.

In related news, the Governor’s office has already returned our CTE Month proclamation with approval. You can read the proclamation [here](#).

[Current Bill Status Report & Upcoming Events](#)

February is CTE Month!



CELEBRATE **TODAY,**
OWN **TOMORROW!**

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2023 Session Cutoff Calendar

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| January 9, 2023 | First Day of Session |
| February 17, 2023 | Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees. |
| February 24, 2023 | 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. |
| March 8, 2023 | Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.). |
| March 29, 2023 | 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. |
| April 4, 2023 | 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. |
| April 12, 2023* | 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). |
| April 23, 2023 | 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. 2023 Regular Session cutoff dates were established in **SCR 8401**, and adopted by the House & Senate.