

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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Thank you for your subscription to the weekly *WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education* Newsletter for the 2022 Legislative Session!

This is the most comprehensive collection of legislative information for Career and Technical Education (CTE) along with education information in general. You can find our [Legislative Plan](#) and more legislative [information](#) on the Washington ACTE [website](#).

While the focus of this newsletter for the legislative session is done through the lens of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and how all pending legislation will either promote CTE or not, you will find a great deal of information on all education-related bills.

So let's begin...

Items Involving Career and Technical Education (CTE):

CTE Related Funding...

This is a "Supplemental Year," where adjustments are made to the Biennial Budget passed last session. This year the state revenue forecasts a surplus due to a combination of federal COVID mitigation funds (ESSR) and positive economic revenue increases. The members will be working out how to use that increased revenue going forward.

The Governor has presented his proposed budget bill [HB 1816](#) / [SB 5693](#), which includes additional support for education overall and funding increased FTE for School Counselors for SEL support for students. Within that bill is increased funding for Skill Centers by reducing the staffing ratio to 19.

No changes to CTE Grant funding, specifically the additional State CTSO funds.

CTE Related Policy...

CTE programs are a "foundation" needed to make the innovation and hard work that is being done to assure student success in the future, along with meeting the economic and workforce needs of our state. There is still an effort to "adjust" the graduation requirements [SHB 1162](#) and to add an additional Graduation Pathway.

Engaging in the Process:

WOVE subscribers are encouraged to join our weekly Legislative Update meetings. If you would like to join us please let Tim Knue know directly at tim@wa-acte.org to receive the calendar/email information. These meetings are a great way to be aware of what is happening on a weekly basis and to help you engage with your local legislative members in achieving our legislative goals.

If you are ever feeling the need to testify on any bill this session, we post the related committee meeting times and dates for the coming week for your information in this newsletter. If I can help in any way with this, please let me know. I welcome all help in our efforts.

The “On the Virtual Hill” Process:

The legislative process this year will be like last – virtual! Here is what we know at this time and only if the effect of COVID diminishes will these restrictions to in-person access be loosened.

- Campus: All campus buildings minus the Capitol building will be closed to the public. There will not be any meetings allowed in any buildings including the Capitol, O'Brien, and Cherberg buildings.
- Senate:
 - All committee meetings will be virtual.
 - For now, floor action will be limited to 8 democrats and 7 republicans on the floor daily.
 - Nobody from the public (lobbyists included) will be allowed in the chamber corridors or offices.
 - The goal is to assess the pandemic status weekly and adjust as is possible.
 - All legislators and staff will be required to COVID test multiple times per week (legislators going on the floor will be COVID testing daily).
- House:
 - All Committee meetings will be virtual.
 - For now, floor action will be limited to 2 democrats and 2 republicans on the floor daily.
 - Nobody from the public (lobbyists included) will be allowed in the chamber corridors or offices.
 - All legislators and staff will be required to test multiple times per week (legislators going on the floor will be COVID testing daily).

A word of caution for working in this process:

The *WOVE Legislative Newsletter* is for your information, education, and outreach.

Here are some simple guidelines in how you **can and cannot** use this information going forward.

- You may pass this information along to your home email and/or share with your district administration.
- As a public employee using public resources (time, equipment, and servers) may not engage in what can be considered “lobbying.” This means you should not, during the school/contract day, be using school phones, computers, equipment, servers (school email) to make direct contact with anyone to lobby any legislative member, this includes their staff or any member of the public that you are directing

to “lobby.” Lobbying is generally described as a direct ask for action in the political and/or legislative process at any level (local/state/nation).
 So, if you choose to be directly involved in the political process you need to do so on your own time, outside the contract day, and with your own resources and personally owned equipment.

The Week Ahead:

Following is the committee hearing dates and times where you can find the link to the bill for the full text. If you wish to testify on the bill Tuesday, you can find out how to do so using the following link - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House>

Bill Status Report & Upcoming Events

2022 Session Cutoff Calendar	
January 10, 2022	First Day of Session
February 3, 2022	The final day to read in committee reports in the house of origin, with the exception of reports from the Senate Ways and Means, Senate Transportation, and House of Representatives fiscal committees.
February 7, 2022	The final day to read in Senate Ways and Means, Senate Transportation, and House of Representatives fiscal committee reports in the house of origin.
February 15, 2022	The final time to consider bills in their house of origin. (5 p.m.)
February 24, 2022	The final day to read in committee reports on bills from the opposite house with the exception of reports from the Senate Ways and Means, Senate Transportation, and House of Representatives fiscal committees.
February 28, 2022	The final day to read in Senate Ways and Means, Senate Transportation, and House of Representatives fiscal committee reports on bills from the opposite house.
March 4, 2022	After 5 p.m. neither house may consider any bills, memorials, or joint resolutions except initiatives to the legislature and alternatives to such initiatives, budgets, and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, matters of differences between the two houses, and matters incident to the interim and to the closing of the business of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.
March 20, 2022	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.