

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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Week one of the 69th Legislative Session is in the books and so far things are off to a bustling start. The weather has been cold, but dry, around the capital as we get through the formalities of a legislative session after a gubernatorial election. Swearing-in ceremonies, formal balls, committee appointments, new staff, and new rules.

As of this writing, the House of Representatives have dropped a total of 362 bills while their upper-chamber counterparts have introduced 317 Senate Bills. These approximately 700 bills so far are just the beginning in what will be 105 days of deliberation on a wide host of policies from Housing to Healthcare and from Education to Agriculture.

Your WA-ACTE legislative team has been busy with meetings on policy we are keying in on for this session. Our focus right now is meeting with members of the House Appropriations Committee regarding the 6th Grade CTE Enhancement bill drafted by Representative Shavers, [House Bill 1280](#). We have a half dozen more appointments in the next few days with members of the House Appropriations Committee to secure votes and funding for the new CTE enhancement policy. Discussions have been positive and the bill is moving ahead.

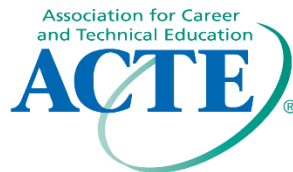
Other Bill Highlights:

- Senator Nobles introduced [SB 5192](#) – This bill increases the per pupil allocation for MSOC across the board. Look for this bill to be amended as it goes through the process, but it will begin with policy debate in Senate Early Learning and K-12 Committee.
 - Representative Shavers has also dropped [HB 1167](#) – This bill directs the statewide Career and Technical Education task force to consider educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions.
 - Representative McClintock introduced [HB 1121](#) – This bill is concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of 16- and 17-year-olds.
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