

## **WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education**

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With three weeks into the session, we are approaching 1,200 bill introductions. This pace will begin to slow as the policy committee “cut-off” gets closer.

This week the WA-ACTE legislative team met with House Education Committee Chair Santos to discuss our policy positions. The reception to our ideas was warm, as we have talked with her about these in the past. We meet with the Senate K-12 Education Chair next week to try to find some common policy ideas between the two chambers.

New legislation has been introduced that impacts education funding overall and specifically CTE funding. On Tuesday, Senator John Braun introduced [SB 5511](#) - *Enhancing and improving the equity of K-12 education funding*. This bill, if passed, would move the full FTE staff funding from class size of 23 students to 19 for common school buildings and from 19 to 16 for Skills Centers. This would get the number closer to historical lows of 16 per class for full FTE staff funding. This bill also includes language on school calendar, equity, and levy lid.

Another bill that was introduced with bipartisan support is [SB 5582](#) - *Reducing barriers and expanding educational opportunities to increase the supply of nurses in Washington*. This bill works within the Skills Centers and allocates \$100,000 solely for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to develop a plan to train more nurses over the next four years. This plan must emphasize training health professionals in key shortage areas, including rural communities. The funding effect of this bill moves Skills Centers FTE class size to 16 from 19; similar to [SB 5511](#) mentioned above.

Please feel free to join our weekly Leg Huddles on Wednesday nights at 4:00 PM, and refer to our [bill report](#) for the bills we are following and participating in this session. As bills fall off and get introduced, we are updating the WOVE bill report each week. On the bill report page you will see the upcoming calendar for legislation we are tracking.

IF you choose to participate either in-person or virtually in these committee hearings, you can follow the easy-to-use instructions below to sign-in and/or testify.

- To sign on a Senate bill please visit this link: [CSI \(wa.gov\)](#)
- To sign on a House bill please visit this link: [CSI \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Select Your Committee of Interest
- Select Date and Time of Meeting
- Select the relevant option (testify in-person, remotely, etc.)
- Complete requested information for the type of testimony you selected
- More questions? Here is the information on [How to Testify](#)

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**February is CTE Month!**



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### 2023 Session Cutoff Calendar

- **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 54<sup>th</sup> 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.

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