

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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WOVE...Representing the Career and Technical Education field through advocacy activities, which promotes the value of CTE and the policies that are needed to support CTE practitioners, advance the field, and improve student learning. To subscribe to the WOVE Legislative Update or to view past issues, please click here.

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General Education Items of interest:

From last week's *WOVE*:

- [SB 5820](#) - Appointing the superintendent of public instruction.
- [SJR 8212](#) - Removing the superintendent of public instruction as a statewide elected official.

Both the bill and the resolution had a public hearing that received a large number of “Con” comments and an overwhelming amount of non-support. While this brings up a very high level discussion of the various boards and agencies that affect and have varying levels of control there by making it difficult to effect change in education overall in our state. (*Personal thought – this is one for ongoing philosophical debates on the pro’s and con’s of such a significant change to what we have now, so stay tuned.*)

Items for CTE Resources:

[SB 5595](#) - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools, is still in Senate Ways and Means. Increases funds for nurses and counselors to support students and includes additional funds for Skill Centers.

New This Week:

[SB 5922](#) - Concerning K-12 education funding (Braun) is a significant change to the Prototypical Funding Model that adjusts funding for schools overall and addresses the issue of “levy creep” to avoid a “McCleary” type lawsuit against the state in the future. For CTE it reduces the “staffing ratios” for high schools from 23 to 19 and for skill centers from 20 to 16 producing significant increase in CTE enhanced funding to schools.

This bill was dropped on January 20 and is waiting for a hearing in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee but no date yet set for a hearing.

Items Valuing CTE in Related Policy:

[SHB 1162](#) - Effort to “adjust” the graduation requirements and to add an additional Graduation Pathway has now been referred to the House Rules Committee which will decide if it moves on to the House Floor for a vote.

[HB 1544](#) - Concerning agriculture, food, and natural resource education (Klippert) was heard this week in the House Education committee. The committee heard testimony in support and were asked to expand the bill to include additional CTE program areas and CTSOs. The sponsor was agreeable, and we are now waiting to see what amendments may be crafted and presented for the bill for an Executive Session where the committee will vote it out to House Appropriations or not.

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, you can find out how to do so using the following link: <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House>

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

[**National Spotlight - CTE Policy Watch. Please see National CTE news and calls to action – Click Here**](#)

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.

February is CTE Month!



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

[Visit the ACTE CTE Month Webpage for More Information](#)

[2022 Washington State Proclamation](#)

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.