

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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February 22 marked the fiscal committee cutoff for the 2021 legislative session. This means that any bill that has not been passed through committee through executive action out of fiscal/money committees is considered "dead". Well, maybe! Now is the time to remember the term NTIB (necessary to implement the budget), this is a term and legislative process that can provide an "avenue" for whole bills or key concepts of bills to find their way into the final Omnibus Budget bill to close out the legislative session.

For more key session dates, see the [2021 Session Cutoff Calendar](#).

Week 6 in Review:

Bills of interest:

EHB 1121	Graduation reqs/emergency Concerning the emergency waiver of graduation requirements. Passed House and Senate. Waiting Governor's action.	S Pres Signed	Santos
SHB 1162	High school graduation Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options. Currently in the House Rules committee - awaiting a floor vote.	H Rules R	Stonier
HB 1415	Skill center class size Concerning skill center class size. In house appropriations committee. Did not get passed before fiscal cutoff on 2/22.	H Approps	Paul
SHB 1476	Enrollment declines/OSPI Addressing enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Passed House Appropriations Committee on 2/19. Referred to Rules Committee on 2/22.	H Rules R	Dolan

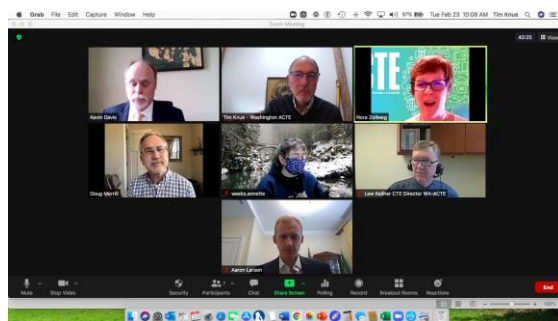
What Is Happening in Week 7:

Work continues to build support to return funding achieved last year for CTSOs with more and more legislative members signing on to a letter of support to both chairs of fiscal committees and budget writers.

Here are the Senate legislative members who have joined in supporting CTSO funding. If you have a member who is not on the list please reach out and ask them to sign on to the request letter in their chamber.

<u>Member</u>	<u>District</u>
Senator Rivers	18
Senator Nguyen	34
Senator Schoesler	9
Senator Kieser	33
Senator Honeyford	15
Senator Short	7
Senator Wagoner	39
Senator Wilson	17
Senator Warnick	13
Senator Dozier	16
Senator Brown	8
Senator Hunt	22
Senator Gildon	25
Senator Rolfes	23
Senator Hasegawa	11

Washington D.C. This is also the week that the national ACTE hosts their National Policy Seminar (NPS) virtually this year. Washington ACTE started meeting with all 12 members of the Washington congressional delegation. Topics discussed are increasing funding for Perkins in FY 2022 – funding level still remains at 2006 levels; COVID Relief to stabilize state and local education budgets and providing dedicated resources to CTE programs; Higher Education Act (HEA) asking to increase student access to dual credit programs in high school without doing harm or limiting students fully using their Pell grant opportunities.



Join us on Wednesday afternoons where we discuss upcoming bills at our weekly Open Leg Zoom at 4:30 PM. Reach out to me if you would like to have the information to join in the meeting.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE | BILL STATUS REPORT

Click the link below for the current report listing all bills we are currently tracking and their current status:

[BILL STATUS & UPCOMING EVENTS REPORT](#)

HOW TO ADVOCATE and ENGAGE:

- [Bill Information](#) - find bill language and information here.
- [Committee Calendars and Agendas](#) - find out when committees meet and what is on their agenda.
- [Sign-Up to testify](#) - share your thoughts/suggestions by declaring your intention to testify no less than an hour before the hearing begins.
 - Prepare - Remote testimony is limited to two minutes in most cases, but be prepared to shorten to one minute if time slots get shortened.
- [Written Testimony](#) - Send committee members formal written testimony or other comments up to 24-hours **after** the start of a hearing.
- [Follow Along](#) - All committee hearings are live and archived on TVW.
 - [Senate Channel](#)
 - [House Channel](#)

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 should properly use this information going forward. In a “virtual” world where many are working from home with school/public provided equipment it will be very important to pay attention to what is allowed when and how as we deal with this new process of advocacy.

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

2021 CUTOFF CALENDAR	
January 11	First Day of Session
February 15	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 22	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 9	Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
March 26	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 2	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 11*	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 25	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
* After 5:00 p.m. on the 91st 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.	

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