

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

**2020 Legislative Session | February 25, 2020**

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](#).

Yesterday we saw the release of the State Supplemental Operating Budgets, which had initial hearings in the House and Senate budget committees. See supplemental budget [here](#).

In the short time we had to review this 504-page document, there is nothing groundbreaking that stood out that should cause any concern. Our state is operating with an anticipated revenue surplus. As expected, most of the increase in spending was targeted towards homelessness, mental health, childcare, and low-income housing supply. A few key K-12 take-aways also included:

- \$51 Million for Counselors in High Poverty Schools
- \$48 Million Backfill for Property-Poor Schools
- \$17 Million for Paraeducator Training
- \$1.2 Million for Homeless Student Support
- \$48 Million Additional Local Effort Assistant (LEA) Dollars
- \$1.3 Million for Early Learning Integration
- \$56 Million in Low-Income Childcare Support

### **WA-ACTE Legislative Strategic Plan's three focus areas and related bills:**

#### **FOCUS: CTE RESOURCES (Funding):**

- For the [proposed improved language for CTE Resources](#) we will be working on our new approach for next year's session.
- The following two bills make changes to the prototypical funding formula that, if passed, will significantly affect CTE funding at skill centers, high schools, and middle schools.
  - [HB 2841](#) - Concerning skill center class sizes.
    - Not on any calendar at this time.
  - [SB 6615](#) - Concerning staff funding for school districts.
    - Was heard in EL&K12 committee on 2/5 - chair stated it will not be moving this session.

#### **FOCUS: THE VALUE OF CTE:**

- [HB 2128](#) - Establishing new reporting requirements for the delivery and improvement of Career and Technical Education.
  - February 7 - Passed unanimously from House K-12 committee to House Rules Committee.
  - **Has not been pulled from Rules to the House Floor Calendar as of 2/25/20.**
    - **Did not clear house of origin deadlines for the first half of session.**

- [HB 2663](#) - Concerning maximum salaries for skill center certificated instructional staff training students to work in skill center identified high-demand fields, including as veterinary technicians, nursing or medical assistants, or cybersecurity specialists.
  - Not on any calendar at this time - **likely dead for this session.**
- [SB 6374](#) - Concerning apprenticeship materials for dual credit scholarship programs.
  - February 7 - Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
  - Placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in Rules Committee on February 17 - **No new action.**

**FOCUS: SUPPORT CTE STUDENT LEADERSHIP:**

- [CTSO Funding Increase](#) for CTSO activity grant funds over time. Members have begun to submit budget request letters to the fiscal committees (Appropriations and Ways & Means) asking that increased funding be provided.
  - **The funding increase was NOT included in the initial budget rollout on 2/24. Senator Rivers is offering an amendment in Senate Ways and Means committee on 2/25 to include the funding for this biennia and as an ongoing priority.**
  - **If you would like to advocate on behalf of this funding increase, legislators have the opportunity to include it in the budget up until final passage towards the end of session. These are thy key legislators involved in that decision-making process.**

Here is contact information you will need and could use: **Be sure to follow the rules for PDC Advocating you can find below.**

Contact members of [House Appropriations](#), but especially:

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- [HB 1660](#) - Extracurricular activity participation.
    - Scheduled for Executive Session on 2/4.
    - Passed the House of Representatives 63-28 on February 12.
    - **No further action on this bill.**

## **KEEPING UP ON AND TAKING ACTION REMINDERS:**

### **Weekly Open Legislative Committee GoToMeetings:**

Each **Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.** during legislative session we host a GoToMeeting to share and discuss the activities of the week and seek your thoughts on pending bills. Things happen quickly during the legislative process and this allows Jesse and I to get a sense of what works or not in supporting CTE statewide. If you are interested in joining the GoToMeetings, send an email directly to me at [tim@wa-acte.org](mailto:tim@wa-acte.org) to let me know and I will get you the information and add you to the list for this year's session.

### **General Legislative Resources:**

In this short session bills are moving so fast that it can be challenging to navigate the process, so here are ways you can be involved in the legislative process:

- Go to the [Member Roster](#) for information on how to contact lawmakers
- Find out [How a Bill Becomes a Law](#)
- Learn [how to read a bill](#)
- Get [detailed information](#) on every bill - look up by number
- Testify at a committee hearing. View calendars and agendas [here](#)
- Watch hearings and floor action online on [TVW](#)
- Call the Legislative Hotline: 1.800.562.6000
- [Comment on a bill](#)
- [Email state lawmakers](#)
- Reach out to your family and friends to get involved

## **Other K12 Education Legislative Updates:**

- [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction \(OSPI\)](#)
- [Workforce Training Board \(WTECB\)](#)
- [Association of Washington School Principals \(AWSP\)](#)
- [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction \(OSPI\)](#)
- [Washington Association of School Administrators \(WASA\)](#)
- [Washington Education Association \(WEA\)](#)
- [Washington State School Directors' Association \(WSSDA\)](#)
- [League of Education Voters \(LEV\)](#)
- [Washington STEM \(WA-STEM\)](#)
- [Career Connect Washington \(CCW\)](#)
- [Association of Washington Business \(AWB\)](#)

### **ADVOCATING WITHIN THE PDC RULES AS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE:**

**Always remember to advocate on your own time and only using your personal email.  
Never use work resources to assure you do not violate PDC laws as a public employee.**

- Review the week ahead committee meeting schedule below, focusing on bills that have been scheduled for public hearing that you have an interest in, then contact your legislators asking them to support bills that benefit CTE - especially if they serve on one of the committees where the bill has been assigned.
- Reach out with your perspective on the bill and share your story, consider contacting your member on a bill important to you, including bills not yet scheduled for hearings or on an issue, area of interest, or concern to you.
  1. Share CTE program data from your school/district, stories, and suggestions to improve the proposed policy from your prospective is important to legislators. *You are the expert for your program and the needs of your students so don't be anxious to share your story.*
  2. Follow-up with legislators/committees on a specific bill or issue.

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## HOUSE BILLS

### **HB 1891 - Concerning the use of Career and Technical Education resources.**

No changes. This is the WA-ACTE request bill sponsored by Rep. Dave Paul. There has been a shift in strategy to implement to the effect of the bill. No anticipated action to be taken on this bill during the 2020 session.

### **HB 2128 - Establishing new reporting requirements for the delivery and improvement of Career and Technical Education.**

January 13, 2020 - By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. No action yet this session.

### **HB 2324 - Supplemental Capital Budget**

January 14, 2020 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Capital Budget. Like all three budget bills, the final product will be voted on and passed towards the end of session in March.

### **HB 2325 - Supplemental Operating Budget**

January 13, 2020 - Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations. Like all three budget bills, the final product will be voted on and passed towards the end of session in March.

## SENATE BILLS

### **SB 5803 - Concerning the use of career and technical education resources.**

No changes. This is the WA-ACTE request bill sponsored by Sen. Ann Rivers. There has been a shift in strategy to implement to the effect of the bill. No anticipated action to be taken on this bill during the 2020 session.

### **SB 6124 - Establishing a statewide environmental sustainability education program.**

January 15, 2020 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM.

No further action.

### **SB 6374 - Concerning apprenticeship materials for dual credit scholarship programs.**

January 21, 2020 - Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development.

January 23, 2020 - Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce and referred to Ways & Means. Unanimous Vote to advance to Ways & Means Committee. No Opposition.

February 26 - Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on College & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

February 27- Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on College & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM.

**SB 6615 - Concerning staff funding for school districts.**

January 27, 2020 - First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education. This is an OSPI request bill to the legislature to increase school staff sponsored by the Chair of the Senate K-12 Education committee. You can view the OSPI Press Release regarding the bill [HERE](#). Bill has been introduced with no hearing scheduled.

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**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](#)**

<b>2020 SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR</b>	
<b>February 28, 2020</b>	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.
<b>March 2, 2020</b>	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.
<b>March 6, 2020*</b>	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).
<b>March 12, 2020</b>	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

\* After 5:00 p.m. on the 54th 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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