

# *WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education*

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Members of the legislature will be turning their focus from lawmaking to campaigning as the supplemental session comes to an end on March 7. The closing days will be “floor action” and reconciliation. As a reminder, the reconciliation process occurs when the two floors pass the same bill, but different versions of the bill. If the bill is amended in any way, it must go through the reconciliation process (conference committee) where appointed representatives from both chambers meet to come to one final bill for passage on the two floors. In a typical year, these reconciliations are done before the final votes on the operating budget.

Soon after the session is adjourned and the dust has settled, you will begin to see mailings and activity from local candidates angling for all positions from city council to county sheriff and from State Treasurer to Governor.

## *Why are more ballots at my house when we just had an election in February?*

Some of you will recognize that on February 13 you were asked to vote in local elections mostly around school levy and bond votes. But, before the counts were even final more voter pamphlets and ballots were arriving at homes across the state.

February 23 was the beginning of our state’s presidential primary process where ballots are due on March 12. If your ballot looks different this year, you aren’t alone. In this year’s presidential primary election you must mark, on the outside of your ballot envelope, which party affiliation you identify with for your vote to count. The declaration of party is sent through the mail system and can be seen on the envelope with full view of your name and address as well. If you use the “Election Drop Boxes,” you limit that exposure to official county election staff. Also, your record of choice is, by law, expunged from your voting participation record 60 days after the election. Again, without marking your chosen party affiliation your vote will not count because these are Party Primary Elections conducted by the state.

As mentioned earlier, the general election will begin to go full speed as well as federal presidential primaries. All candidates for local and statewide positions must file for candidacy by May 10, which sets up the next Primary this summer. Declaring a Party in order to vote will not apply this summer. This year’s statewide top-two primary system opens to voting on July 19 and the 18-day voting window closes on August 6. Certification of the August Primary will happen swiftly and then all eyes will turn to the November general election date of November 5, 2024.

This year the Washington State Senate will have a total of 25 of 49 seats up for election and all of the 98 House seats are up as well. Federal Congressional offices will have all of the House of Representative up for elections and one third of the Senate. In our state, Senators serve a four-year term where the years are split up into overlapping terms. Currently our State Senate current partisan breakdown is 29 Democrats and 20 Republicans while in the House the split is 58 Democrats to 40 Republicans.

This primary and general election will also include all of our statewide elected offices. These include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Lands Commissioner, Treasurer, Auditor, and Superintendent of Public Schools. These will all be open offices with no incumbent running with the exception of Public Schools and Treasurer.

With all of that said, it is critical we all vote. How we vote determines in all those races the people who will be representing you and making those critical law making decisions that determines the future of our State and Country.

Be sure you are registered to vote by going to this page <https://olvr.votewa.gov/>

Please continue to follow along with the weekly WOVE updates while session is in to stay apprised of the current flow and tracking of legislation this year. And, look for a complete wrap-up after the March 7 adjournment of the 2024 legislative session.

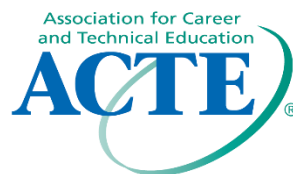
## Bill Status

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
<a href="#">HB 1146</a>	Dual credit program notice	Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	S Passed 3rd	Paul		
<a href="#">E4SHB 1239</a>	Educator ethics & complaints	Establishing a simple and uniform system for complaints related to, and instituting a code of educator ethics for, conduct within or involving public elementary and secondary schools.	S 2nd Reading	Santos		
<a href="#">E2SHB 1368</a> (SB 5431)	Zero emission school buses	Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.	S 2nd Reading	Senn		
<a href="#">SHB 1915</a> (SB 5819)	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	S 2nd Reading	Rude	Support	
<a href="#">SHB 2104</a> (ESSB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Rules R	Ormsby		
<a href="#">HB 2110</a>	High school graduation	Reorganizing statutory requirements governing high school graduation.	S Passed 3rd	Nance		
<a href="#">SHB 2180</a> (SB 6014)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	S 2nd Reading	Callan		
<a href="#">ESHB 2236</a>	Tech. ed. core plus programs	Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs.	S 2nd Reading	Shavers	Support	High
<a href="#">ESHB 2331</a> (SB 6208)	Public school materials	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	S Passed 3rd	Stonier		
<a href="#">ESHB 2441</a>	College in the HS fees	Establishing a pilot program eliminating college in the high school fees for private not-for-profit four-year institutions.	S 2nd Reading	Corry		
<a href="#">ESHB 2494</a>	School operating costs	Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.	S Rules 2	Bergquist		
<a href="#">SB 5180</a>	Teacher mobility compact	Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	H 2nd Reading	Hunt		
<a href="#">ESB 5344</a>	School modernization loans	Establishing a public school revolving fund. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Establishing a school modernization loan program.)	H Cap Budget	Schoesler		
<a href="#">ESB 5462</a>	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H 2nd Reading	Lias		
<a href="#">SB 5647</a>	School safety/temp employees	Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.	S Pres Signed	Torres		

<a href="#">E2SSB 5670</a>	Running start/rising juniors	Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Providing summer running start for rising juniors.)	H 2nd Reading	Hawkins		
<a href="#">SB 5789</a>	School projects/sales tax	Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects.	H Cap Budget	Mullet		
<a href="#">E2SSB 5849</a>	Computer science/graduation	Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement.	H Approps	Wellman		
<a href="#">ESSB 5850</a> (HB 2146)	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	H Approps	Braun		
<a href="#">SB 5852</a> (HB 1973)	Special education safety net	Concerning special education safety net awards.	H Rules R	Braun		
<a href="#">2SSB 5882</a> (SHB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H 2nd Reading	Stanford		
<a href="#">SB 5883</a> (HB 2121)	Special education hearings	Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.	S Pres Signed	Trudeau		
<a href="#">SSB 6053</a> (HB 2443)	Education data sharing	Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.	H 2nd Reading	Holy		
<a href="#">SB 6094</a>	Retired health subsidy/PEBB	Aligning statutory language concerning the retired state employee and retired or disabled school employee health insurance subsidy with the historical interpretation and implementation of the relevant subsidy language in the operating budget.	H Rules R	Robinson		
<a href="#">ESSB 6264</a>	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	H Education	Wellman		

## 2024 Session Cutoff Calendar

<b>March 1, 2024*</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 7, 2024</b>	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.
* After 5:00pm 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.	



### Federal Legislation:

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