

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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The first cutoff has come and gone with late night debate on Wednesday ending with a marathon bill hearing as [HB 1296](#) (Parents Bill of Rights) passed after consideration of 128 amendments. This was known as the “Five O’clock Bill” as they read it in the docket before the 5:00 p.m. cutoff, which means they had several hours after to debate the merits of all amendments and the underlying bill.

We are sixty-days into the session, and you will notice the bill list shrinking with every passing cutoff deadline. The bills left to be considered have all now cleared their respective floor vote and face the opposite chamber. As you follow along, the four-digit bills that start with “1” are now in the Senate. And the bills starting with “5” are now in the House. You will find the updated bill tracking list below.

[House Bill 1167](#) - Directing the statewide Career and Technical Education task force to consider expanding and strengthening certain educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions. This bill has been moving at a swift pace and had a positive hearing at the 10:30 a.m. meeting on Thursday, March 13. At this morning’s meeting, Rep. Clyde Shavers spoke in favor of the bill as well as Tim Knue and Dave Gering speaking in favor of this small adjustment to the CTE task force. We expect this bill to continue a successful journey through the process and get voted out of Senate K-12 in the coming weeks.



[Senate Bill 5358](#), which includes 6th graders as part of the CTE enhancement funding, has cleared the necessary first half hurdles to stay alive as part of policy in the second half. This bill was voted out of the Ways & Means committee on Friday, February 28 along with a laundry list of other bills. On March 5 the Rules committee “pulled” this bill and assigned it to second reading and on March 6 the Senate passed it by a vote of 96-1. This bill has been assigned to House Appropriations committee. The bill author told the WA-ACTE team this week that they have requested a hearing from the House Appropriations chair. Senator Braun’s office has been in constant contact with the WA-ACTE lobbying team regarding strategies for this going forward.

[Senate Bill 5192](#), increasing funding school district materials, supplies, and operating costs was voted out of Senate Ways and Means on Thursday February 27 with minority opposition. The bill will increase allocations for materials, supplies, and operating costs (MSOC) in the prototypical school model by 10% and provides that increased allocation amounts may only be expended on MSOC. The fiscal note on this is about \$300M for the biennium. This bill was placed on second reading by the Rules committee on March 5 and was voted off the Senate floor 47-2 on March 6 and will get its first House hearing on March 17 in the Appropriations committee.

[House Bill 1273](#) – This bill extends a pilot program to increase (CTE) dual credit participation and credit attainment by covering certain expenses of students, colleges, and high schools, and adds additional pilot programs in other educational service districts. It also requires SBCTC to hire a consultant to develop a plan and report to the Legislature for improving its online statewide enrollment and reporting system for CTE dual credit. This is a \$2M fiscal, mainly to the community and technical college system, for implementation of the program. This bill passed the House floor on March 10 by a vote of 95-0 and will get its first Senate hearing in Higher Education committee on March 20.

[House Bill 1414](#) – This bill directs the statewide CTE task force to recommend changes to laws and practices affecting the training, certification, and employment of 16- and 17-year-olds enrolled in or who completed a CTE program. This bill was stamped with a fiscal note of \$350,000 including \$319,000 from OSPI for a 0.5 FTE and to run the meetings, but has had a successful run through the session. This bill was sent to Rules on February 21 and cleared the cutoff with a floor vote of 97-0 on the final day of cutoff.

As we go throughout the session you can follow along the [daily schedule of the legislature](#) and see the [Senate Floor Calendar](#) and the [House Floor Calendar](#).

WOVE Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Upcoming Events

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/13 @ 1:30pm
 • [HB 1556](#) - Exec Session - Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/19 @ 4:00pm
 • [ESSB 5192](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Medium)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/20 @ 8:00am
 • [SB 5189](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.


Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/20 @ 1:30pm
 • [2SHB 1273](#) - Public Hearing - Improving student access to dual credit programs. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1121	Work restrictions/age 16, 17	Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year olds.	S Labor & Comm	McClintock	Support	
HB 1167	Maritime careers task force	Directing the statewide career and technical education task force to consider educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions.	S EL/K-12	Shavers	Support	
HB 1198 (SB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 1216 (SB 5195)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
2SHB 1273	Dual credit program access	Improving student access to dual credit programs.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Paul	Concerns	
2SHB 1285	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools.	S EL/K-12	Rude	Support	
ESHB 1414	CTE careers work group	Improving access to career opportunities for students.	H Passed 3rd	Connors		
HB 1556 (SB 5542)	HS completers/CTC tuition	Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Entenman		

ESSB 5009	Student transp. vehicles	Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students.	H Approps	Braun		
SB 5167 (HB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5189	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	H Education	Wellman		
ESSB 5192	School district materials	Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs.	H Approps	Nobles	Support	Medium
SB 5195 (HB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
2SSB 5358 (HB 1280)	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.	H Approps	Braun	Support	
SSB 5738 (HB 1988)	Retired employees/work	Permitting individuals retired from the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system additional opportunities to work for up to 1,040 hours per year while in receipt of pension benefits.	S Passed 3rd	Wellman		

[2025 Session Cutoff Calendar](#)

April 2	Policy Committee Cutoff – Opposite House: Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 8	Fiscal Committee Cutoff – Opposite House: Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 16	Opposite House Cutoff: Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, amendments, differences, and business related to the interim or closing the session).
April 27	Sine Die: Last day allowed for regular session under the state constitution.

	Federal Legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTE Advocacy Webpage • CTE Policy Watch Blog • Take Action • ACTE Policy Agenda • Advocacy Resources
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