

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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Week 10 in Review:

UPDATE: [HB 1162](#) - [Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options](#)
(WA-ACTE is Con on this bill)

The bill was heard in the Senate Early Learning & K12 Committee last Wednesday but received “No Action” in Executive Session on Friday and, as of this writing, is not on the calendar. The committee has three meetings left to “Exec” the bill out of committee before the cutoff. We now have to watch that what is in the bill does not show up in a bill that is still alive. We have identified [SB 5249](#) - *Supporting mastery-based learning* as the bill to keep an eye on for any amendments. So, stay tuned and be ready to reach out to your legislative members.

The Week Ahead:

These are the days where the focus of the session will begin to narrow. As bills funnel through their second chamber, soon the budget will be all that's left. **Those first draft budgets are expected to be out this week.** So begins a process that is usually fast paced and rapid, with day-long hearings ahead of quick executive sessions and floor votes. We'll see if that slows down a bit via Zoom, and if advocates can get their amendments heard in a timely way. This will be the true test of how well our lobbying work is to fund CTSOs.

With a [revenue forecast](#) that has as much new revenue from the previous forecast: "\$1.340 billion in the 2019-21 biennium, \$1.949 billion in the 2021-23 biennium, and \$1.899 billion in the 2023-25 biennium."

Based on a report from the [Economic and Revenue Forecast Council](#), that may be masking underlying challenges, as seen in the small businesses forecast a revenue contraction of 8% over the next quarter, the lowest level since the initial economic hit a year ago. Overall employment is down 2.6%, or 87,600 jobs lower in February than expected in the November forecast. Washington exports are down for a ninth straight quarter, despite increases in agricultural products. Projections for personal income growth for 2022 fell from 3.7% to 1.1%. Overall employment is expected to grow in 2021 by 1.7%, down from the previous forecast of 3.5%. Bottom line – it looks like we are not out of the woods any time soon without much more work.

This means we need to keep up the work to return the funding achieved last session for the statewide supervision of CTSOs. We need to continue to build support for CTSO funding by reaching out to our legislative members, especially your Senator to join the following Senators in sending a direct request to the Finance Committee Chairs asking them to return the funding.

Here are the legislative members who have signed on to 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 as soon as possible.

<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

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](#)

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.

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	
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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