

WSCA Legislative Report

January 30th (Week 3)

As the third week of session ends and we head into week 4, one third of the 60-day session has now passed. Next week is the first deadline bills must meet to continue in the process, the [cutoff](#) to be voted out of the policy committee. Then, if the bill has a financial impact, the bill must be voted out of a fiscal committee within a swift four-day period.

This week, the Senate and House fiscal committees will hear SSB 5595 and SHB 1664, legislation to increase staffing for ESAs in the prototypical school model and ensure allocations for these positions are used to hire them. WSCA, along with WEA, school nurses, school psychologists, and school social workers, formally submitted a budget request form to Sen. Lisa Wellman to ensure the funding accompanies passage of the policy bills.

WSCA testified on OSPI request legislation last week, SB 5902, regarding credit flexibility in high school graduation requirements. Although generally supportive of the bill, there are additional notification requirements imposed upon school counselors and other designated staff about which many counselors expressed concern. Several others signed up to speak against the bill, including AWSP and the Washington Business Roundtable. The bill has not been scheduled for a vote in the Senate Early Learning/K-12 Education Committee.

Governor Inslee signed the first bills of the 2022 session on Thursday, January 27, HB 1732 (Sullivan, D-47) and HB 1733 (Paul, D-10). These are of course the two policies that delay and provide exemptions to the WA Cares program. Collection of premiums is now delayed until July 2023. Any premiums collected so far by private employers are to be refunded within 120 days.

Late last week, Senator Mona Das (D-47) introduced SB 5932, a bill that reduces the state portion of sales tax from 6.5% to 5.5%. Das represents parts of Kent, Auburn, and Covington, and is up for her first reelection bid in 2022. The sales tax bill has not yet been scheduled for a hearing, nor is it like to pass.

Senator Reuven Carlyle (D-36) announced this week that he will not seek re-election in 2022. Carlyle, who was first elected to the House in 2008, has championed key climate change and digital privacy legislation. His seatmate Representative Noel Frame (D-36) announced her candidacy for the Senate shortly after. Frame currently chairs the House Finance Committee.

On Friday, January 28, the Senate State Government & Elections Committee heard SB 5909 (Randall, D-26), the legislation that gives the four corners of the legislature the power to terminate Governor Inslee's state of emergency. The bill would similarly allow the four corners to terminate prohibitive emergency orders like vaccine mandates or an eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency. The bill also makes permanent the Bicameral Legislative Unanticipated Revenue Oversight Committee that gives the legislature involvement in the allocation of federal funding. 157 people signed in to testify and 5,457 signed in to have their position on the bill noted, the vast majority of whom were in support.

Governor Inslee himself testified in the same committee hearing on Friday, in support of SB 5843 (Frocht, D-46). This Governor-request legislation prohibits candidates or elected officials from knowingly,

recklessly, or maliciously making false statements regarding the election process or election results to produce lawless action, undermine election processes or results, or falsely claim entitlement to public office. The offense is punishable as a gross misdemeanor and causes any elected official convicted of the offense to vacate their office. This idea, which Governor Inslee announced on the one-year anniversary of the January 6 Capitol Insurrection in Washington, D.C., faces harsh criticism from Republicans. 763 people signed in on this bill, the majority of whom were opposed.

On Friday the Senate passed [SR 8639](#)- Honoring the life of Senator Doug Ericksen (R-Ferndale) and his legislative accomplishments on what would have been his 53rd birthday. Senate colleagues honored Senator Erickson, who died December 17, 2021 after a five-week battle with COVID-19. Senator Ericksen represented the 42nd legislative district in the Washington State House of Representatives from 1998-2010 and the Washington State Senate from 2010 until his death.

Upcoming Events

Law & Justice (Senate) - Virtual - 1/31 @ 9:30am

- [SB 5883](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning an unaccompanied homeless youth's ability to provide informed consent for that minor patient's own health care, including nonemergency, outpatient, and primary care services, including physical examinations, vision examinations and eyeglasses, dental examinations, hearing examinations and hearing aids, immunizations, treatments for illnesses and conditions, and routine follow-up care customarily provided by a health care provider in an outpatient setting, excluding elective surgeries. (Remote testimony.)

Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 1/31 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5563](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Remote testimony.)
- [SSB 5595](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. (Remote testimony.)

Education (House) - Virtual - 2/1 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1791](#) - Exec Session - Concerning reprimands for professional educators.
- [HB 1867](#) - Exec Session - Concerning dual credit program data.
- [HB 1900](#) - Exec Session - Improving school districts' responses to complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.
- [HB 1941](#) - Exec Session - Prohibiting active shooter scenarios for school safety-related drills.
- [HB 2056](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting academic transparency in public schools. (Remote testimony.)
- [HB 2078](#) - Exec Session - Establishing the outdoor school for all program.

- [HJR 4200](#) - Exec Session - Amending the Constitution to allow a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.

Appropriations (House) - Virtual - 2/1 @ 3:30pm

- [HB 1664](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. (Remote testimony.)
- [HB 1746](#) - Public Hearing - Updating the 2015 report and recommendations for supporting student success through measuring and mitigating community risk and protective predictors since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. (Remote testimony.)
- [HB 1800](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors. (Remote testimony.)
- [HB 1890](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group. (Remote testimony.)

Education (House) - Virtual - 2/3 @ 10:00am

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Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 2/4 @ 9:00am

- [SSB 5600](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs.

| <u>Bill Details</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
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| <u>2SHB 1162</u> High school graduation Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options. | H Rules R | Stonier |
| <u>HB 1590 (SB 5563)</u> Enrollment stabilization Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. | H Approps | Dolan |
| <u>HB 1601</u> Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program. | H Approps | Leavitt |
| <u>HB 1611</u> Highly capable students Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students. | H Exec Action | Dolan |
| <u>SHB 1664</u> Schools/support funding Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. | H Approps | Rule |
| <u>SHB 1699</u> Work in retirement/schools Permitting individuals retired from the public employees retirement system, the teachers retirement system, and the school employees retirement system additional opportunities to work for a school district for up to 1,040 hours per school year while in receipt of pension benefits until July 1, 2025. | H Rules R | Bergquist |
| <u>SHB 1746</u> Students/COVID-19 pandemic Updating the 2015 report and recommendations for supporting student success through measuring and mitigating community risk and protective predictors since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. | H Approps | Ortiz-Self |
| <u>SHB 1759</u> School websites/drug info. Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition, available through their websites and other communication resources. | H EDDPS | Callan |
| <u>SHB 1760</u> Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs. | H EDDPS | Paul |
| <u>HB 1791</u> Prof. educator reprimands Concerning reprimands for professional educators. | H Education | Harris |

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| <u>SHB 1800</u> | Behavioral health/minors Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors. | H Approps | Eslick |
| <u>HB 1805</u> (SB 5797) | Opportunity scholarship prog Concerning the opportunity scholarship program. | H Approps | Paul |
| <u>HB 1834</u> | Student absences/mental hlth Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons. | H EDDP | Callan |
| <u>HB 1836</u> | Scholarships/disadv. groups Awarding academic scholarships to members of underprivileged or disadvantaged groups. | H Civil R & Judi | Shewmake |
| <u>HB 1867</u> | Dual credit program data Concerning dual credit program data. | H Education | Paul |
| <u>HB 1883</u> | Youth lifeline Establishing a lifeline for youth and young adults who have experienced or are at risk of entering into public systems of care. | H Children, Yout | Chopp |
| <u>SHB 1890</u> | Children behavioral health Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group. | H Approps | Callan |
| <u>HB 1900</u> | Schools/discrimination, etc. Improving school districts' responses to complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying. | H Education | Senn |
| <u>HB 1941</u> | Active shooter drills Prohibiting active shooter scenarios for school safety-related drills. | H Education | Walén |
| <u>HB 1985</u> (SSB 5595) | Schools/support funding Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. | H Education | Dolan |
| <u>HB 2000</u> | OSPI basic education funds Clarifying the duty of the superintendent of public instruction to distribute federal and state basic education funds. | H Approps | Rule |
| <u>HB 2011</u> | Skill center funding Funding for skill center students for classes in sending school districts with less than 3,000 students and significant participation in skill centers. | H Approps | Rule |

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| <u>HB 2014</u> (SB 5905) | Outdoor school Establishing the outdoor school for all program. | H Education | Rule |
| <u>HB 2041</u> | Health care for minors Concerning greater consistency in the provision of health care services for minors under the age of 16. | H HC/Wellness | Walsh |
| <u>HB 2053</u> | Behavioral health work group Creating a behavioral health work group to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington communities. | H HC/Wellness | Dent |
| <u>HB 2056</u> | K-12 instructional materials Promoting academic transparency in public schools. | H Education | Steele |
| <u>HB 2078</u> (SB 5925) | Outdoor school Establishing the outdoor school for all program. | H Education | Rule |
| <u>HJR 4200</u> (Dead) | School district bonds Amending the Constitution to allow a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. | H Education | Stonier |
| <u>SB 5043</u> (Dead) | School employee housing Providing housing to school district employees. | S 3rd Reading | Salomon |
| <u>2SSB</u> <u>5147</u> (Dead) | Learning stabilization, etc. Exploring alternative school calendars. | S Rules X | Hawkins |
| <u>2SSB</u> <u>5327</u> | Youth safety tip line Creating a confidential youth safety and well-being tip line. | S Rules X | Brown |
| <u>SSB 5376</u> | Education ombuds awareness Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds. | H Education | Wilson |
| <u>SB 5536</u> | Collaborative school govern. Establishing a collaborative school-based governance model. | S EL/K-12 | Hasegawa |
| <u>SB 5537</u> | Compulsory school attendance Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children five, six, and seven years of age. | S EL/K-12 | Wellman |

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| <u>SSB 5553</u> | Early STEM metrics Providing data regarding early STEM metrics in the STEM education report card. | S Rules 2 | Wilson |
| <u>SB 5563</u> (HB 1590) | Enrollment stabilization Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. | S Ways & Means | Wellman |
| <u>SB 5594</u> | Bone marrow donation aware. Concerning public school instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation. | S EL/K-12 | Short |
| <u>SSB 5595</u> (HB 1985) | Schools/support funding Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. | S Ways & Means | Wellman |
| <u>SB 5596</u> | Health info. disclosure Conforming disclosure restrictions for mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers to the requirements of the Uniform Health Care Information Act. | S Rules 2 | Trudeau |
| <u>SSB 5600</u> | Apprenticeship programs Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs. | S Ways & Means | Keiser |
| <u>SB 5601</u> (HB 1986) | School district boards Empowering school district boards of directors. | S EL/K-12 | Short |
| <u>SB 5630</u> | Early learning/basic ed. Expanding the statutory program of basic education to include the basic education program of early learning. | S EL/K-12 | Hasegawa |
| <u>SSB 5638</u> | Mental health prof. licenses Concerning expediting approval for applicants for an associate license as a social worker, mental health counselor, or marriage and family therapist. | S Rules 2 | Wagoner |
| <u>SB 5644</u> | Behavioral health coresponse Concerning providing quality behavioral health co-response services | S Behavioral Hea | Wagoner |
| <u>SSB 5719</u> | Dual credit costs Concerning dual credit costs. | S Ways & Means | Mullet |
| <u>SB 5720</u> | Student financial literacy Providing student financial literacy education. | S EL/K-12 | Mullet |

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| <u>SB 5735</u> | Async. instructional hours Counting asynchronous instructional hours towards those required by the instructional program of basic education. | S EL/K-12 | Dhingra |
| <u>SB 5777</u> | COVID-19 vaccine/children Addressing the vaccination for COVID-19 requirement for children attending schools or day care centers. | S EL/K-12 | Braun |
| <u>SB 5820</u> | Superintendent, appointing Appointing the superintendent of public instruction. | S EL/K-12 | Carlyle |
| <u>SB 5854</u> | Faculty duties/ethics Concerning ethical performance of faculty duties. | S State Govt & El | Randall |
| <u>SB 5858</u> | Education/parent rights Establishing parents' bill of rights related to their child's public education. | S EL/K-12 | Dozier |
| <u>SB 5883</u> | Homeless youth/health care Concerning an unaccompanied homeless youth's ability to provide informed consent for that minor patient's own health care, including nonemergency, outpatient, and primary care services, including physical examinations, vision examinations and eyeglasses, dental examinations, hearing examinations and hearing aids, immunizations, treatments for illnesses and conditions, and routine follow-up care customarily provided by a health care provider in an outpatient setting, excluding elective surgeries. | S Law & Justice | Trudeau |
| <u>SB 5902</u> | High school grad. credits Concerning the implementation of high school graduation credit requirements. | S EL/K-12 | Wellman |
| <u>SB 5905</u> (HB 2014) | Outdoor school Establishing the outdoor school for all program. | S EL/K-12 | Hunt |
| <u>SB 5922</u> | K-12 education funding Concerning K-12 education funding. | S EL/K-12 | Braun |
| <u>SB 5925</u> (HB 2078) | Outdoor school Establishing the outdoor school for all program. | S EL/K-12 | Hunt |