

WSCA Legislative Report

February 6th (Week 4)

General Update

The Thursday, February 3rd deadline for bills to pass the House of Origin policy committee has now passed and for the first time in session, the list of live bills has narrowed.

On Thursday, the House Appropriations Committee passed 2SHB 1664, legislation to increase funding for school counselors, nurses, social workers and psychologists. The bill directs school districts to use the funding for ESA positions. A null-and-void amendment was adopted in Appropriations, which nullifies the bill if funding isn't provided in the budget. It was also amended to remove a provision adopted in the Education Committee that required every school in the state to hire at least one school counselor and one school nurse. Republicans expressed concerns that funding based on an actual demonstration of ratios would result in a loss of local control, and many voted against the bill. The bill passed 24-8. The companion bill – SB 5595 – is scheduled for a vote Monday in Ways & Means.

The next cutoff date – house of origin fiscal cutoff – is Monday, February 7th. By this date most bills referred to fiscal committees must be voted out of that committee or they will be considered dead. Because of the short turnaround between these two cutoffs, the House Appropriations and Senate Ways & Means Committees both convened for marathon hearings all day on Saturday February 5th. Both committees will hold long meetings on Monday where they will be focused on moving bills out of committee by end of day. There are 73 bills on Monday's Ways & Means Committee agenda.

Following Monday's fiscal cutoff, the focus quickly shifts to floor action. Starting Tuesday, both chambers will convene for floor sessions where they will debate, potentially amend, and vote on bills that are pulled from rules. This will continue until house of origin floor cutoff on February 15th at 5pm. There may be some committees that meet during this time, but not nearly as many as recent weeks.

On Monday, February 7, the Senate will double the number of senators allowed on the floor from 15 to 30. Under a new plan that received [unanimous approval](#) by the Senate Facilities and Operations Committee, floor action will continue to be conducted in a hybrid format but now with most members participating in-person and some participating remotely. In-person meetings are still banned under the Senate plan and members of the public, including lobbyists, will not be allowed in the Senate facilities. Credentialed members of the press will continue to occupy the galleries. No changes have been announced for the House, which currently allows the presiding officer and two lawmakers from each caucus on the House floor, with the rest voting remotely.

In addition to all the committee cutoffs, this past week was also very intense on budget efforts. Normally a short session is focused on small budget tweaks, adjusting for changes in caseloads, and addressing emergent and urgent issues. This supplemental budget will be very different given the increase in projected revenue available for the legislature to work with. Based on the November quarterly revenue forecast, there is an increase in projected revenue of \$3.6 billion for the current 2021-23 biennium and \$4.1 billion for the upcoming 2023-25 biennium. This increase in projected revenue means a lot of requests are coming in from advocates, legislators, and agencies for new or increased funding for programs and services.

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The economic revenue & forecast council releases the quarterly revenue forecast on Feb 16th. After that comes out, the House and Senate will knit up their budget proposals based on those numbers. It is *likely* the respective budget proposals will be unveiled the week of Feb 21st. The legislature will then spend the remainder of session negotiating a final budget.

[Click here](#) to watch this week's TVW Week in Review, which provides a good wrap-up of the past week in Olympia.

Electeds & Elections

Rep. Mike Sells (D-Everett) [announced](#) that he will not seek reelection in November. Sells has served as a State Representative for the 38th legislative district for over 17 years and has served as chair for the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee for over 10 years. The open seat will be filled in the November election.

Upcoming Events

Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/7 @ 8:00am

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

Appropriations (House) - Virtual - 2/7 @ 10:00am

- [HB 1590](#) - Exec Session - Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [HB 2078](#) - Exec Session - Establishing the outdoor school for all program.

Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 2/7 @ 10:00am

- [SB 5563](#) - Exec Session - Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [SSB 5595](#) - Exec Session - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.
- [SSB 5600](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the sustainability and expansion of state registered apprenticeship programs.
- [SSB 5644](#) - Exec Session - Concerning providing quality behavioral health co-response services.

- [SSB 5720](#) - Exec Session - Providing student financial literacy education.

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
2SHB 1162 (Dead)	High school graduation Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options.	H Rules R Stonier
HB 1590 (SB 5563)	Enrollment stabilization Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	H Approps Dolan
HB 1601	Student homelessness pilot Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Approps Leavitt
HB 1611	Highly capable students Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students.	H Rules R Dolan
SHB 1664	Schools/support funding Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.	H Rules Rule
SHB 1699	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 2nd Reading Bergquist
SHB 1746	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 Rules Ortiz-Self
SHB 1759	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 Rules R Callan
SHB 1760	Dual credit program access Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Exec Action Paul

<u>SHB 1791</u>	Prof. educator reprimands Concerning reprimands for professional educators.	H Rules R	Harris
<u>SHB 1800</u>	Behavioral health/minors Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors.	H Exec Action	Eslick
<u>HB 1805</u> (SB 5797)	Opportunity scholarship prog Concerning the opportunity scholarship program.	H Exec Action	Paul
<u>HB 1834</u>	Student absences/mental hlth Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons.	H Passed 3rd	Callan
<u>HB 1836</u>	Scholarships/disadv. groups Awarding academic scholarships to members of underprivileged or disadvantaged groups.	H Civil R & Judi	Shewmake
<u>SHB 1867</u>	Dual credit program data Concerning dual credit program data.	H Rules R	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 Exec Action	Callan
<u>HB 1900</u>	Schools/discrimination, etc. Improving school districts' responses to complaints of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.	H Education	Senn
<u>SHB 1941</u>	Active shooter drills Prohibiting active shooter scenarios for school safety-related drills.	H Rules R	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
<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>SHB 2078</u> (SB 5925)	Outdoor learning grant prg. Establishing the outdoor school for all program.	H Approps	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 Cap Budget	Stonier
<u>SB 5043</u> (Dead)	School employee housing Providing housing to school district employees.	S 3rd Reading	Salomon
<u>2SSB 5147</u> (Dead)	Learning stabilization, etc. Exploring alternative school calendars.	S Rules X	Hawkins
<u>2SSB 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>SSB 5537</u>	Compulsory school attendance Changing compulsory school attendance requirements for children five, six, and seven years of age.	S Ways & Means	Wellman
<u>SSB 5553</u>	Early STEM metrics Providing data regarding early STEM metrics in the STEM education report card.	S 2nd Reading	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>SSB 5594</u>	Bone marrow donation aware. Concerning public school instruction in awareness of bone marrow donation.	S 2nd Reading	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 2nd Reading	Wagoner
<u>SSB 5644</u>	Behavioral health coresponse Concerning providing quality behavioral health co-response services	S Ways & Means	Wagoner
<u>SSB 5719</u>	Dual credit costs Concerning dual credit costs.	S Ways & Means	Mullet

<u>SSB 5720</u>	Student financial literacy Providing student financial literacy education.	S Ways & Means	Mullet
<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 Rules 2	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>SSB 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 Rules 2	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> (SHB 2078)	Outdoor school Establishing the outdoor school for all program.	S EL/K-12	Hunt