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2024 WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference Wrap-up

On Sunday, almost 500 school administrators, school directors, school business officials, and students participated in the annual WASA/WSSDA/WASBO Legislative Conference. Sunday's program armed attendees with the information necessary to make a successful march on the Capitol for Monday's annual "Day on the Hill."

If you attended the Conference and have not yet submitted an evaluation, we would encourage you to provide your feedback. The evaluation is brief and your input on what went right and how we can do better is valuable in helping us to craft future Conferences. In fact, we are already putting the pieces in place for the 2025 Conference (tentatively scheduled for February 23–24, 2025). But let's not get too far ahead of ourselves and review Sunday's event.

The purpose of the Conference is to provide our collective members with the tools and resources to engage in the legislative process more effectively. The presentations from Superintendent Reykdal, students, our keynote speaker, and legislators formed a consistent message: continue to be active in the process and provide your legislators with your "stories." In fact, a piece of advice shared by our legislators is something to keep in mind following the 2024 Session; each of them noted the importance of engaging with them BEFORE the session begins. Of course, this is message we continue to reiterate: advocacy is not a one-time event, it is a year-round effort. Building relationships with legislators outside of session is the most effective way to get to know them, allowing you to build trust and credibility.

Governor Jay Inslee kicked off Sunday's program with a [short video welcome](#), expressing his support for educators and noting the work you have been doing is inspiring. While he did not specifically outline his education priorities for the session (more detail can be found in [TWIO's Pre-Session Update](#)), he did state his support for building and maintaining safe schools; supporting special education students; and building staffing capacity in our schools.

Our State Superintendent, Chris Reykdal, live and in-person, discussed the evidence of the Legislature's continued underfunding of K–12 education. This is an issue we continue to discuss; however, Reykdal did not simply reiterate the rhetoric. Instead, he walked through a series of slides, graphically showing how the state's support for education lags many other states. And while funding for K–12 education continues to grow, resources from the state decline when adjusted by inflation. He also debunked the myth that with federal pandemic funds and other temporary

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emergency funds from the state that districts are flush with cash. Instead, many districts are underwater in the current 2023–24 school year and school budgets are projected to be hit even harder in the 2024–25 school year. His [presentation](#) provided a sobering reality, but also provided useful tools to use in talking with legislators.

Our keynote speaker, [Lisa Braithwaite](#), provided treasure-trove of advice on effective advocacy and connecting with legislators. If you have not had a chance to review the resources provided before the Conference, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity now:

- Free eBook: [21 tips to immediately improve your presentations eBook \(coachlisab.com\)](#)
- Article: *Nonprofit Communications Report*: [Speak to Engage Your Audience](#)
- Article: [Nail Your Virtual Presentation with These Tips](#)

Lisa's Memorable Moments planning documents and other resources are also available in WASA's Conference Resources site.

Of course, the Sunday program also included a discussion of this year's [Hot Topics](#), a short-list of shared priorities from our three associations. Each year we try to hold off on producing Hot Topics as long as we can to ensure the issues are, in fact, "hot." This year, we had three priorities: Updating Staffing Allocations, Special Education, and Capital Facilities. In addition to these three priorities, at the last minute, we added a fourth "extra" Hot Topic: Funding MSOC—Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs. This fourth issue, coming late on the scene, was not included in our printed documents; however, if you have been reading *TWIO* and/or listening to our legislative podcast, you know this issue has been growing in importance. (More information on the current status follows later in this newsletter.)

We hope you used the Hot Topics as you engaged with your colleagues and met with legislators on Monday. We encourage you to continue using the Hot Topics (including support for MSOC enhancements) throughout the remainder of this session, especially as budget proposals are released and our priorities become a part of budget discussions. As we heard on Sunday, it is important to stay engaged. Legislators are making critical decisions that will have an impact on your students, your schools, your budgets, your job—and they need to hear from you.

If you have not done so already, be sure to drop your legislators a quick note thanking them for their time—and be sure to include any information that you may have promised them. If you were not able to meet with your legislators, use this as an excuse to make contact, reminding them of your priorities. And, again, please remember to complete the short online evaluation.

Finally, whether you were able to attend or not, all presentations and materials from the Conference (including a recording of the full Conference) are posted on the [WASA website](#).

This Week in Review

The house of origin policy committee [cutoff](#) arrived Wednesday, the house of origin fiscal committee cutoff comes on Monday, February 5, and February 6 is Day 30—the half-way mark—of the 2024 Session. This means there is no slowdown in activity; however, with hundreds of bills dying on Wednesday, then another set of many bills dying next Monday, the number of active bills is beginning to narrow. This will allow legislators—and advocates—to more clearly see, and begin to focus on, real priorities.

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Budget talk, mostly behind-the-scenes, is also beginning to intensify. The [Economic & Revenue Forecast Council](#) is scheduled to release its first 2024 quarterly revenue update on February 14. We should begin seeing legislative budget proposals during the week of February 18. It is possible budgets could be released immediately after the forecast; however, that is not very likely. Regardless, much of the legislative attention and energy will turn to the Operating, Capital, and Transportation Budgets.

By tradition, the House and Senate alternate each biennium to determine which body starts the budget process; this biennium it is the House's turn to release initial budget proposals. In recent years, however, this tradition has faded, as one house has jumped in front of the other, or a few times, releases have been almost simultaneous. In fact, last session, while it was the House's "turn" to release first, the Senate unveiled their budgets several days before the House. Nevertheless, whichever house starts the process, both houses eventually have to agree on a final, compromise budget.

Below, we review action on some of the key K–12 education issues over this past week.

MSOC

Long before the 2024 Session convened, districts were seeing increases in day-to-day operating costs—without corresponding funding increases. While the gap between operating expenses and funding for Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) has been increasing for a few years, the issue came into full view last spring as school districts were reviewing bills for insurance costs. Most districts saw large spikes in their insurance costs, with some districts reporting increases of over 30 percent.

MSOC funding is increased in each state Operating Budget; however, those allocations have not kept pace with actual daily costs of operating a school district and maintaining budget stability. The major culprits are insurance rates and utilities rates; however, other underfunded expenses include things such as curriculum, library materials, and food and nutrition. These are costs for which districts have no control.

We are asking for the Legislature to take two actions:

- 1. Increase Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) by approximately \$255 million, as a “catch-up” payment to school districts to cover the underfunded costs in the 2022–23 school year, and to cover the expected costs for the current 2023–24 school year.**
- 2. Adjust the school district MSOC funding levels for the upcoming 2024–25 school year in an amount that covers the actual projected MSOC costs.**

As we discussed at the Legislative Conference, education community advocates have started to rally around this issue. Understand that this is a big ask—especially when we continue to hear the “box” available for K–12 funding will be relatively small—however, the costs and the state's MSOC underfunding is clear. If the Legislature does not provide additional support, school districts, many with current or expected budget difficulties, will be forced to make painful budget reductions and/or divert levy funds, intended for other purposes to backfill the state's funding shortfall.

We decided to jump on this issue for a number of reasons. First, as noted, this is a real and growing problem. Additionally, it is easy to explain to legislators—and easy to understand. On top of that, we have clear and compelling evidence of the underfunding across the state. Certainly, we encourage you to “tell your stories,” but this is an issue in which we have hard data supporting our request.

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Education advocates have [drafted a letter to legislators](#) explaining the issue and our request. The letter currently has sample data from school districts in three counties; however, the final letter will likely include data from all nine ESDs (compiling that data is being done right now).

We request that school administrators engage with your own legislators to encourage their support of our MSOC request. If it is helpful, use our letter as a template to draft your own message, in your own voice—and if you have your own MSOC data, include that information. As noted above, budget talks are intensifying and the release of initial legislative budgets will come in the next few weeks, so time is of the essence.

Pupil Transportation

We noted last week that [SB 5873](#)—intended to make the current transportation system more transparent, predictable, and adequately funded—was heard in the Senate Ways & Means Committee. We also noted that had it not been scheduled for executive action. With the fiscal committee cutoff coming on Monday, the bill has still not been scheduled for executive action.

It appears at least the Senate is committed to providing additional support for pupil transportation—and with this being a fiscal issue, it could possibly be tagged as NTIB and continue to live. We are hearing conflicting reports about what kind of support the Senate is committed to providing, however. There has been increasing talk about providing additional resources for “special passengers” (special education students; foster students; and homeless students under McKinney-Vento), as the Legislature has the last two sessions—instead of fixing the underlying pupil transportation system. We will continue to work this issue and hope it still has some life.

A significantly smaller transportation issue that has some movement is [SB 6031](#). The bill would allow school districts to use their transportation allocation for any vehicle type “deemed by a district to be the safest and most cost-effective manner of transporting its students.” This could include school buses and vans, as well as district-owned passenger cars.

SB 6031 was adopted by the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee on Monday and has been **scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.**

As we have discussed before, the transportation issue that is getting the most attention is HB 1368, regarding zero-emission buses. Last week, we discussed the introduction of a Second Proposed Substitute, along with a series of additional amendments—which caused enough confusion and/or consternation that the bill was set down. In the House of Appropriations Committee. We believe the biggest obstacle was an amendment requested by the education community which would have repealed mandates in the bill. This was adamantly opposed by the sponsor and the environmental community; however, the sponsor did not want to lose the bill and negotiated with us.

On Monday, a [Third Proposed Substitute](#) (although it is numbered and adopted as a Second Substitute) was on the table for a second executive action. The new bill includes major changes from the early proposals. Of most importance, the sections establishing deadlines by which school bus purchases must be zero-emission were completely removed and the formula-based grant program is turned into a completely voluntary grant program for districts that choose to apply. The grant program would be administered by the Department of Ecology.

One issue that may be a concern is pupil transportation that is contracted out continues to have a required deadline. The bill requires 75 percent of the buses

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used for pupil transportation contracts to be zero-emission beginning September 1, 2030. While this remaining mandate is somewhat concerning, we understand that current bus contracting companies have okayed this requirement, stating that will be able to comply and efforts are underway to move to all zero-emission buses.

Several amendments to the new Substitute bill were introduced and discussed. Only one of them was adopted. The new bill requires OSPI to use only zero-emission categories in the depreciation schedule for bus reimbursement once zero-emission buses are at or below the price of diesel buses, except as needed to reimburse buses purchased prior to prices being the same. The adopted amendment ([amd 328](#)) changes this requirement that pricing of zero-emission buses be at or below diesel bus pricing to the Total Cost of Ownership of zero-emission school buses being at or below diesel school bus Total Cost of Ownership. It also requires OSPI to establish the necessary formula used to calculate the Total Cost of Ownership of school buses and provide guidance to schools regarding the rule.

Additional amendments that failed:

- [Amd 323](#)—For contracted buses, would have changed the 75 percent zero-emission bus requirement to be triggered only if zero-emission school bus pricing being is at or below the pricing of diesel school buses.
- [Amd 325](#)— For contracted buses, would have changed the 75 percent zero-emission bus requirement to be triggered only if available charging infrastructure and capacity of electric utilities are sufficient to support zero emission school buses. Additionally, additional language would have mirrored adopted Amendment 328, as discussed above.
- [Amd 326](#)—Again, for contracted buses, the 75 percent requirement would be limited to contracts with school districts that travel less than 80 miles round trip for intra league athletic events.
- [Amd 327](#)—Again, for contracted buses, school districts with average daily low temperatures in January of less than 25 degrees Fahrenheit would be exempt from the requirement that 75 percent of school buses used in pupil transportation contracts be zero emission.
- [Amd 324](#)—Would have gutted the bill by removing all sections, except for the section establishing the new grant program.

We fully expect a zero-emission bus bill to pass this session, and given the sponsor's willingness to back off the mandate and turn the bill into a grant program, we agreed to support the bill coming out of the Appropriations Committee. There will surely be amendments on the Floor to return deadlines and mandates, so we will continue to follow this bill and be prepared to oppose the bill again, if necessary.

Paraeducators

One of the most talked about subjects this session is paraeducators. Multiple bills are on the table, including Superintendent Reykdal's controversial paraeducator compensation increase, [SB 6082](#) (and its dormant companion, [HB 2380](#)).

SB 6082 was heard in the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee but was never added to the executive action list. Failing to pass through the policy committee cutoff on Wednesday, the bill is technically dead. There are two issues to be aware of, however. First, SB 6082 has budget implications, so could be tagged as "Necessary to Implement the Budget," keeping it alive throughout the session. Second, the governor's paraeducator compensation plan (\$3 per hour vs. Reykdal's \$7 per hour) was not introduced as a bill; it is embedded in his 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget. The budget bill

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can remain alive and adjusted until the very end of the session, keeping the paraeducator compensation issue alive right up until the budget is adopted.

We continue to hear from legislators that “something” will be done for paraeducators this year; however, we do not yet know what will be done. Will it be a compensation increase, but one smaller than Reykdal’s request (the governor’s request, perhaps)? Will it be an enhancement in the staffing allocation? Will it be something that is not yet on the table? It is unclear at this point; however, we will continue to closely watch SB 6082 and the governor’s budget piece.

If we are forced into further conversations about SB 6082, specifically, we thought it would be appropriate for you to see the position we have staked out—see our [written testimony](#) opposing SB 6082.

As we have discussed here before—and as we indicated in our SB 6082 testimony—we believe, if “something” has to be done for paraeducators, a better approach is to adopt [SB 5882](#). The bill would phase in additional staffing allocations for teaching assistants, office support staff, and noninstructional aides as part of the Prototypical School Funding Model. The bill was adopted by the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee and has been **scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.** The House companion, [HB 1960](#) has been **scheduled for a public hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.**

We have also supported [SB 6123](#), as another better option to support paraeducators than SB 6082. This would address the compensation issue, but in a better way. The bill would increase the statewide average allocation for classified staff using the current allocation model. SB 6123 was adopted by the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee on Monday but has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

School Construction

[HJR 4207](#), the constitutional amendment to authorize school district bonds to be approved with a 55 percent vote (along with its necessary implementation bill, [HB 1843](#)) were heard in the House Education Committee two weeks ago. It appeared the hearing was simply a courtesy—until the Resolution was added to the Committee’s executive session list. A few days later, however, it was pulled from the agenda and died an unceremonious death.

[SJR 8207/SB 5823](#), the “pure” simple majority constitutional amendment, was passed out of the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee; however, it was never heard by the Senate Ways & Means Committee (nor expected to be) and with the fiscal committee cutoff approaching, it is unlikely to be heard.

Other school construction issues—including positive talk about the Capital Budget—continue to move. Last week we noted that [HB 1044](#) passed the full House. The bill would provide capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges. The bill has been referred to the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee; however, there has been no movement. That is not a surprise, as senators were working to pass house of origin bills before cutoff. Committees will begin addressing opposite house bills on February 14 and the hope is HB 1044 will be heard then.

Unfortunately, [HB 2017](#) was heard, but not adopted by the House Capital Budget Committee. It too would provide capital financial assistance to school districts that have difficulty passing bonds. HB 2017 was limited to districts with enrollments of 1,001 students or more, while HB 1044 is limited to districts with 1,000 students or less. It seems like this would have been a good package to assist all districts that need capital assistance.

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[SB 5969](#), would expand the available uses of a district's current ability to contract indebtedness and issue bonds without a vote of the people. Prior to issuing nonvoted bonds, a district needs approval to collect a capital levy. The bill was adopted by the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee on Wednesday. It was referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee, but has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing. The bill's companion [HB 2411](#) was adopted this morning in the House Capital Budget Committee.

Another bill, which we originally did not support, was adopted in the House Capital Budget Committee this morning. As introduced, HB 2195 would have provided a funding source for the Early Learning Facilities (ELF) program. Unfortunately, the funding source would have been 25 percent of the Capital Gains Tax revenue that is dedicated to the Common School Construction Account. Eligible organizations included contractors, developers of housing and community facilities, community and technical colleges, local governments, federally recognized tribes, and religiously affiliated entities.

A Substitute Bill was introduced this morning. As amended and adopted, the new [HB 2195](#) removes the redistribution of the Capital Gains Tax revenue from the Common School Construction Account and adds facilities owned by school districts in which preschool or before-and-after school care programs are operated by school districts or its contractor as an eligible use of the funds (out of the Common School Construction Account). The new bill also authorizes transfers and appropriations from the Common School Construction Account to the ELF Development Account for purposes of funding school district facilities serving preschool or before-and-after school care programs.

Special Education

Special education continues to be high on the radar, again. The majority of the conversation continues to be about the enrollment cap, however. [HB 2174](#), Superintendent Reykdal's request bill to eliminate the cap has had almost no conversation—and was never heard or acted upon. The bill also lacks a Senate companion.

[SB 6014](#), Governor Inslee's bill to increase the current enrollment cap from 15.0 percent to 17.25 percent, was heard and adopted by the Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education Committee. It has been referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee, but has not been scheduled for action. It is likely the Senate is waiting for SB 6014's companion, [HB 2180](#), which was passed by the House Appropriations Committee on Monday. It sits in the House Rules Committee waiting to be acted upon by the full House.

When HB 2180 was brought up in executive session, there were three amendments waiting. The [first amendment](#), which was adopted, requires the State Auditor to review the prevalence of disabilities and whether the provisions and funding for evaluating students and providing services reflects the prevalence of disabilities, including whether any populations are disparately underevaluated or under served, with a report by November 30, 2025. The concern many legislators have about increasing the cap is that there will be an incentive to “over-identify” students as needing special education services. There is also a concern on the flip-side of the coin, that some students are under served. Regardless of which side of the coin, further reviewing special education is just another stall tactic to avoid addressing the larger problem of not fully funding special education.

One (of many reasons) legislators are not talking about increasing the multipliers to reduce the gap between what school districts are expending for special education and what the state is providing is a review of the program being done by the Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC). The review was requested by legislators last year (in an attempt to justify missing the full funding mark by over \$400 million), but the governor vetoed it. But the review was started anyway,

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because JLARC is controlled by legislators and they develop their own work plan (they must produce reports if directed; however, they can study other issues on their own).

The [second amendment](#), which also was adopted, is a standard “null and void” clause, which simply means, if funding is not provided in the budget, the bill is voided. The House Appropriations Committee adds null and void clauses to a significant number of bills, just as a standard operating procedure.

The [third amendment](#), which we heard was going to be discussed and potentially be adopted, was set down and not even considered. The amendment would have essentially replaced the underlying HB 2180 and replaced it with language from [HB 1923](#). HB 1923—and the amendment—would have phased in increases of the enrollment cap, from the current 15.0 percent in 2023–24, to 15.5 percent in 2024–25, to 16.0 percent in 2025–26 and 2026–27, then eliminated beginning in 2027–28. The enrollment cap would have been immediately eliminated for districts that: have fewer than 2,500 students; received a safety net award due to community characteristics that draw a larger number of special needs students; or have at least ten percent of students that identify as having a military parent. Additional language in the amendment (and HB 1923) addresses the overidentification question by: requiring OSPI to “intervene and establish a corrective action plan” if a district is determined to overidentify students; and requiring the State Auditor to audit for compliance with the corrective action plans. While this amendment was not considered in Committee, we understand the amendment will be offered on the Floor—and is gaining support.

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By Mitch Denning

On Monday, Sandy Conradi, director, food services, Yelm SD, represented WSNA as she testified in Senate Early Learning & K–12 in support of [SB 5964](#), **increasing access to free meals served at public schools**, which would feed breakfast and lunch to all students across the state. If passed and funded, all students would eat breakfast and lunch at no charge in SY 2024–25. As a result, learning would be accelerated, family food insecurity would be lessened, the stigma around school meals would be eliminated, as well as significant meal debt.

Later in the week, we heard that [HB 2058](#), the companion bill for [SB 5964](#), had been determined to be the mover for this policy. Currently, this bill is waiting to be scheduled for a public hearing in House Appropriations.

Yesterday, we met with two final members of the House Capital Budget Committee who weren't available to meet on WAMOA's legislative day on Tuesday, January 23. We shared WAMOA's priorities with Rep. Peter Abbarno (R-Centralia) and Rep. Chris Stearns (D-Auburn).

We discussed the following provisions in [HB 2089/SB 5959](#), **Governor's 2023-24 supplemental capital budget**: Small District /Tribal Compact Schools Modernization Grants (\$177 million), Equitable Access to Clean Air & Improving Classroom Air Quality Grants (\$40 million); and increasing the Construction Cost Allowance from \$271.61 per SF to \$350 per SF in FY 2025. The budget calls for using \$91 million from capital gains revenue to fund the SCAP increase. We urged the members to use bond funds rather than capital gains revenue, as the latter is not a sustainable source of revenue.

Furthermore, we discussed [HB 2180](#), **increasing the special ed funding cap**, which would raise the cap from 15 percent to 17.25 percent. This increase would allow districts to use State funds rather than local levy funds to serve these special needs students. Finally, we discussed [HB 2058](#).

Last night, we heard some good news that [HB 2195](#), **providing early learning resources to the Ruth LeCocq early learning facilities development account**, was going to be amended in today's executive session of the House Capital Budget Committee. In the original bill, 25 percent of the capital gains tax dedicated to helping fund K–12 school construction would have been moved into the said account, which funds non-school entities like municipal governments. AEA was opposed to this bill in its original form.

However, Rep. Lisa Callan (D-Issaquah), the bill's prime sponsor, will sponsor an amendment today which keeps the capital gains tax revenue in the K–12 system to be used for school construction to benefit our early learners and K–12 students.

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Pensions/Health Benefits

By Fred Yancey—The Nexus Group

Health, Pension, and Other Benefit Issues

“I would never finish a painting if I didn’t have a deadline.”

—Peter Doig

*“The thing that would most improve my life is 27 hours in a day.
 I could meet all my deadlines.”*

—Yoko Ono

The first cut-off of the Session has come and gone. Policy bills not out of committees are ‘dead’, unless revived at legislative whim. Meanwhile, the action now moves to floor debate on bills. The fiscal committees still meet in order to move fiscal bills. Their deadline is Monday, February 5, the next cut-off. A caveat: Any bill that has dollars connected to it, can be deemed ‘necessary to implement the budget’ and be acted upon at any time regardless of timelines.

Note that a number of bills have an “S” before them. That is because as the process of legislating and hearings occur, changes are often made in the original bill marking the new bill as a substitute. i.e., SHB 1985 is Substitute House Bill 1985.

A brief summary of selected bills:

Retirement Related Proposals

SHB 1985: Providing a benefit increase to certain retirees of the public employees’ retirement system plan 1 and the teachers’ retirement system plan 1.

Comment: This bill would provide an ad-hoc 3 percent increase in 2024 not to exceed \$110/month for TRS1/PERS1 Plan retirees.

The House Committee on Appropriations lowered the original increase to the first \$44,000 of one’s pension. That figure represents a senior’s income would qualify him/her for a property tax exemption.

This is currently in House Rules waiting to move to the floor for action.

HB 2013: Paying state retirement benefits until the end of the month in which the retiree or beneficiary dies.

Comment: This bill allows the survivor to keep the entire month’s amount regardless of when the person died.

The House Committee on Appropriations did not advance the bill. It is likely ‘dead.’

HB 2481: Waiving health benefit premiums in the public employees’ benefits board.

Comment: This is a late entry into Introductions. It is intended to replace HB 2013 mentioned above. It would waive, as the title suggests, the health benefit premium of the deceased during the month of one’s death. The survivors, if covered by insurance, would still pay the balance of the premium. It is scheduled for executive session in House Appropriations Friday, February 2.

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Other areas of potential fiscal (\$\$) impact and (often, unfunded) to districts:

Below are selected titles and brief summaries of proposed bills that may have potential impact to the business operations of districts. The TWIO has a more extensive list and explanation.

SHB 1905: Including protected classes in the Washington equal pay and opportunities act.

Comment: This bill amends the Equal Pay and Opportunities Act to prohibit an employer from discriminating in compensation and career advancement opportunities against similarly employed employees based on the employee's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

This bill has been referred to Appropriations and is scheduled for executive session Saturday, February 3. Its companion, [SSB 5894](#), is in Rules awaiting movement to the floor for action.

Comment: The Senate bill extends the prohibitions on discrimination in wages and career advancement opportunities and the remedies to a person's membership in a protected class. • Provides that protected class means a person's age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, race, creed, color, national origin, citizenship or immigration status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability.

HB 1927: Reducing the number of days that a worker's temporary total disability must continue to receive industrial insurance compensation for the day of an injury and the three-day period following the injury.

Comment: It reduces the number of days—from 14 to 7—that a temporary total disability must continue to receive workers' compensation time loss benefits for the first three days following the injury.

It is currently in House Rules and awaits movement to the floor calendar. Its companion, ([SB5932](#)) has not had any movement and is likely 'dead'.

SHB 1959: Extending parts of the paid family and medical leave program to employers with fewer than 50 employees.

Comment: This bill removes the exemption allowing employers with fewer than 50 employees to not pay any portion of the premium for the Paid Family and Medical Leave Program, thereby requiring those employers to pay at least 55 percent of the medical leave share of the premium.

It has been referred to Appropriations who has yet to schedule it for a public hearing.

HB 2044: An act relating to standardizing limitations on voter-approved property tax levies.

Comment: This bill removes the restriction on levy lid lift funds supplanting existing funds.

This bill is in House Rules awaiting further movement.

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HB 2058: Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.

Comment: *TWIO* has covered this previously. There is no fiscal note to date, although press reports that the state's cost will be in excess of \$80 million dollars. It is indeterminate what other local school district unfunded costs will be.

This bill was moved to Appropriations and is awaiting scheduling. The companion bill, ([SB 5964](#)) has had no movement since the public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K–12 Education on Monday, January 29.

SHB 2127: 2023–24 Concerning workers' compensation incentives to return to work.

Comment: This bill modifies certain return to work policies and reimbursement amounts under the workers' compensation program. • Increases the maximum amounts of reimbursements paid to employers participating in the Stay at Work Program and Preferred Worker Program by the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). • Increases the maximum amount paid to qualifying employers for job modification costs by L&I. • Allows L&I to authorize payments for basic skills development for qualifying injured workers.

This bill is before House Rules awaiting movement to the floor calendar.

SB 5059: Concerning prejudgment interest.

Comment: Dan Steele has already addressed this bill and its potential for adversely affecting school district finances.

There has been no movement since the public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on Monday, January 15. See [E2SHB 1618](#) below.

E2SHB 1618: Concerning the statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse.

Comment: It eliminates the statute of limitations for recovery of damages as a result of childhood sexual abuse for all intentional actions occurring after June 6, 2024.

The bill as amended passed the House 93/0. It had a public hearing before the Senate Committee on Law and Justice Tuesday, January 30.

SB 5344: Establishing a public-school revolving fund.

Comment: This bill establishes the Public-School Revolving Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of issuing low-interest or interest-free loans to qualifying school districts for capital projects. • Establishes the Public-School Revolving Fund Board to administer loans from the fund.

The bill is on the second reading in the House.

SB 5777: Concerning unemployment insurance benefits for striking or lockout workers.

Comment: Deletes a provision that disqualifies employees in a multi-employer bargaining unit from unemployment insurance benefits when the employees have been locked out following a strike against the employers in the bargaining unit.

This bill has been passed to Rules awaiting movement to the Senate calendar. Its companion ([HB 1893](#)) is before House Appropriations awaiting action.

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ESB 5790: An act relating to bleeding control equipment in schools.

Comment: This bill requires each school district to maintain and make available certain bleeding control equipment on each school campus for use in the event of a traumatic injury beginning in the 2024–25 school year. • Directs each school to have a certain number of employees trained to use the equipment.

This bill passed the Senate 47/0.

SSB 5793: Concerning paid sick leave.

Comment: Allows an employee or transportation network company driver to use paid sick leave when their child’s school or place of care is closed due to a public emergency. • Modifies the definition of family member for the purpose of using paid sick leave to include any individual who regularly resides in the employee’s home or where the relationship creates an expectation the employee care for the person, and that individual depends on the employee for care, except it does not include an individual who simply resides in the same home with no expectation the employee care for the individual. • Provides that a child also includes a child’s spouse. Requires the Department of Labor and Industries to develop materials and conduct outreach to inform individuals and businesses about the new provisions of the act.

It is currently in Senate Rules awaiting movement to the floor calendar. Its companion, ([SHB 1991](#)) is in House Rules awaiting movement to the floor calendar. The substitute expands the definition of “family member” in Washington’s Paid Sick Leave Law, allowing employees to use paid sick leave to care for additional specified persons experiencing a mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, or needing medical diagnosis, treatment, or preventative care. • Allows an employee to use paid sick leave when the employee’s child’s school or place of care has been closed due to a public emergency.

ESB 5824: Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts.

Comment: This bill Increases the signature threshold for filing petitions to dissolve libraries from 100 taxpayers to 25 percent of eligible voters in the district. • Increases the signature threshold for filing petitions to dissolve library districts from 10 percent of voters residing outside of incorporated cities or towns to 25 percent of eligible voters in the district. • Expands voter eligibility to allow all qualified electors of a library district to participate in a vote on propositions for library district dissolution.

The bill passed the House 49/0 and has been sent to the House.

SB 5873: 2023–24 Providing adequate and predictable student transportation.

Comment: This bill, subject to budget appropriations, increases funding for student transportation. Of added import is that it provides that pupil transportation services contracts entered into, renewed, or extended after September 1, 2024, must require the contractor to provide employee health and retirement benefits comparable to those received by school employees. It also states: “Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this purpose, OSPI must provide a one-time supplemental transportation allocation to school districts that experience an increase in costs to pupil transportation services contracts due to the new benefit requirements. To be eligible for the supplemental allocations, a school district must report to OSPI regarding the number of contracted employees that worked at least 630 hours performing contract services in the school year prior to entering a contract with the new benefits. Supplemental allocations may only be used as payments under

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pupil transportation services contracts for employee compensation and may not exceed \$200 per contracted employee per month.”

There has been no further action since the public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on Tuesday, January 23.

SB 5883: Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.

Comment: This bill provides that a school district has the burden of proof when it is a party to a special education due process hearing. • Creates an exception to this burden of proof requirement in circumstances when a parent seeks reimbursement for a unilateral parental placement.

It is on second reading awaiting action on the floor.

SSB 5924: Concerning access to personnel records.

Comment: This bill requires an employer to furnish an employee, former employee, or their designee with a copy of the employee’s personnel file at no cost within 21 calendar days of a request. • Mandates an employer to furnish a former employee with a signed written statement with the effective date of discharge, whether the employer had a reason for the discharge and, if so, the reasons, within 21 calendar days of the written request. • Allows an employee or former employee to bring a private action, after five days’ notice, for violations of certain rights regarding personnel files, and discharge information, for equitable relief, graduated statutory damages up to \$1,000, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs of each violation.

This is before Senate Ways and Means awaiting scheduling.

SB 5978: Authorizing the office of the superintendent of public instruction to act as a guarantor for a county when the county provides a loan to a school district.

Comment: Scheduled for executive session by the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K–12 Education on Wednesday, January 31.

SB 6031: Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students.

Comment: This bill provides that the pupil transportation funding formula may not be construed to mandate the type of vehicle used for pupil transportation and encourages districts to use the vehicle type that the district deems to be the safest and most cost-effective. • Requires district-owned cars to be included in the overall transportation allocation rather than being subject to a private reimbursement rate and requires additional district-owned ridership data to be considered. • Requires school districts to report the number of miles driven per vehicle type when reporting transportation data to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

This bill is scheduled for a public hearing before the Senate Ways and Means on Saturday, February 3.

SB 6045: Concerning school district efficiencies and consolidation.

Comment: Self-explanatory. This is not the first time this idea of forcing efficiencies has been introduced.

A public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K–12 Education was on Thursday, January 25. No further action scheduled. Likely ‘dead’.

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SB 6223: Updating school district director compensation.

Comment: Each member of the board of directors of a school district may receive compensation in an annual amount not to exceed the combined total of \$500 per month plus 50 cents per student enrolled in the school district based on prior year actual enrollments.

A public hearing was held before the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K–12 Education on Monday, January 29. No further action to date.

Legislative Resources

Committee Meeting Schedule

Legislative Committees Meetings are scheduled to be held at the following times but are subject to change.

Up-to-date meeting schedules and agendas are available on the [State Legislature website](#).

Mondays

1:30–3:30 p.m.
House Education
HHRA & Virtual

Senate Early Learning & K–12
SHR1 & Virtual

4–6 p.m.
House Appropriations
HHRA & Virtual

Senate Ways & Means
SHR4 & Virtual

Tuesdays

4–6 p.m.
House Education
HHRA & Virtual

Senate Ways & Means
SHR4 & Virtual

Wednesdays

1:30 9.m.–3:30 p.m.
Senate Early Learning & K–12
SHR1 & Virtual

4–6 p.m.
House Appropriations
HHRA & Virtual

Thursdays

8–10 a.m.
House Education
HHRA & Virtual

1:30–3:30 p.m.
Senate Early Learning & K–12
SHR1 & Virtual

4–6 p.m.
House Appropriations
HHRA & Virtual

Senate Ways & Means
SHR4 & Virtual

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Washington State Government
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State Legislature
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Legislative Committees
<https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx>

Legislative Schedules
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/calendar.aspx>

Office of the Governor
<http://www.governor.wa.gov>

OSPI
<http://www.k12.wa.us>

TVW
<http://www.tvw.org>

Session Cut-off Calendar

January 8, 2024
First Day of Session.

January 31, 2024
Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation Committees.

February 5, 2024
Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation Committees in house of origin.

February 13, 2024
Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).

February 21, 2024
Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation Committees.

February 26, 2024
Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation Committees.

March 1, 2024*
Last day to consider 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).

March 7, 2024
Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After 5:00 p.m. 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.

Bill Watch

TWIO tracks critical education bills each week as they are introduced. Detailed bill information can be accessed by clicking on the bill number. The following is a list of the bills of highest interest to school administrators. A more comprehensive bill watch list is located on the [WASA website](#).

Bill #	Title	Status	Sponsor
SHB 1003	Dual credit program access	H Approps	Stokesbary
HB 1011	Long-term care/repeal	H HC/Wellness	Abbarno
SHB 1044	Capital assistance/schools	H 3rd Reading	McEntire
ESHB 1057 (SB 5350)	PERS/TRS 1 benefit increase	H Rules X	Stokesbary
HB 1064	School safety capital grants	H Cap Budget	Jacobsen
HB 1071	School resource officers	H Education	Walsh
HB 1092	State property tax/valuation	H Finance	Walsh
HB 1093	K-12 scholarship program	H Education	Walsh
HB 1096 (SB 5731)	Amateur sports officials	H Community Safe	Low
SHB 1105	Public comment notice	S State Govt & El	Kloba
SHB 1109	Special education funding	H Rules 3C	Senn
ESHB 1113	Prof. educator reprimands	S EL/K-12	Harris
SHB 1118	School bus safety	H Approps	Mosbrucker
HB 1126 (SB 5164)	Transportation budget, supp.	H Transportation	Fey
HB 1135 (SB 5452)	Impact fee use	H Rules X	Slatter
SHB 1140 (ESSB 5187)	Operating budget	H Rules X	Ormsby
HB 1141 (SB 5188)	Operating budget, supp.	H Approps	Ormsby
HB 1146	Dual credit program notice	S EL/K-12	Paul
SHB 1147 (ESSB 5200)	Capital budget	H Rules X	Tharinger
HB 1156 (SB 5711)	College grant eligibility	H Approps	Slatter
HB 1201 (ESSB 5294)	Retirement system funding	H Rules X	Ormsby
HB 1211 (E2SSB 5311)	Special education funding	H Approps	Bergquist
SHB 1228	Dual & tribal language edu.	H Education	Ortiz-Self
2SHB 1239	Educator ethics & complaints	H Education	Santos
SHB 1241	Harassment	S Law & Justice	Leavitt
HB 1244 (SB 5692)	Enrichment levy authority	H Rules C	Ramel
HB 1246	Health benefits/SEBB	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
SHB 1248	Pupil transportation	H Rules R	Stonier
HB 1270 (SB 5830)	Commission on boys and men	H State Govt & T	Dye

E2SHB 1272	Voters' pamphlets	H Passed 3rd	Bergquist
SHB 1273 (E2SSB 5243)	High school and beyond plans	H Approps	Berg
ESHB 1277	Paraeducator course of study	S EL/K-12	Donaghy
HB 1294	Plan 1 retiree COLAs	H Approps	Steele
2SHB 1305	Students with disabilities	H Rules C	Pollet
SHB 1306 (2SSB 5268)	Public works procurement	H Rules X	Tharinger
E2SHB 1320 (SSB 5061)	Personnel records	H Rules 3C	Reed
HB 1328	Schools & families/funding	H Approps	Stokesbary
2SHB 1332	Tribes/K-12 instruction	H 3rd Reading	Lekanoff
HB 1353	School district elections	H Education	Stonier
HB 1354	School volunteers/conviction	H Education	Stonier
SHB 1368 (SB 5431)	Zero emission school buses	H Approps	Senn
HB 1373	Illegal encampment removal	H Housing	Stokesbary
HB 1374 (SSB 5305)	Office of career connect WA	H Postsec Ed & W	Slatter
HB 1376	School practice standards	H Education	Santos
ESHB 1377	Continuing education/K-12	H 3rd Reading	Santos
SHB 1386	Youth development grants	H Approps	Rule
E2SHB 1392 (SB 5464)	Electronics repair	H ConsPro&Bus	Gregerson
HB 1411	Cross-sector prof. dev.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self
HB 1418 (SB 5442)	Charter schools/enrichment	H Approps	Springer
HB 1423 (SSB 5372)	Trust land transfer program	H Cap Budget	Hackney
HB 1429	Educational employee strikes	H Labor & Workpla	Stokesbary
HB 1444 (SSB 5126)	Common school trust revenue	H Cap Budget	McEntire
HB 1459	PERS & TRS plan 1 adjustment	H Approps	Stokesbary
HB 1468	Impact fee deferrals	H 2nd Reading	Goehner
HB 1472	Motor vehicle sales tax	H Approps	Barkis
EHB 1478	Student rights	H Rules 3C	Timmons
E2SHB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation	H Education	Callan
HB 1483	State school levies	H Finance	Orcutt
HB 1489 (SB 5590)	Mt. St. Helens license plate	H Transportation	Orcutt
HB 1496 (SB 5556)	Naselle Youth Camp property	H State Govt & T	Walsh
HB 1497	Vapor and tobacco/minors	H Reg Subst & Gam	Harris
SHB 1504 (ESSB 5257)	Elementary school recess	H Rules X	Low

E2SHB 1541 (SB 5616)	Lived experience	H Rules 3C	Farivar
HB 1549	AP course options	H Education	Stonier
HB 1556 (SB 5495)	Property tax rebates	H Finance	Berg
HB 1560	Property tax exemptions	H Finance	Shavers
E2SHB 1565	Prof. education workforce	H Education	Ortiz-Self
HB 1566	Vacation leave accrual	H Labor & Workpla	Bateman
SHB 1590	Oversight board for DCYF	Gov vetoed	Dent
HB 1605 (SSB 5668)	Small districts/skill center	H Approps	Rule
SHB 1608	Anaphylaxis meds./schools	H 2nd Reading	Bronoske
SHB 1609	School library info and tech	H Approps	Eslick
HB 1615	Education savings accounts	H Education	Eslick
2SHB 1618	Childhood sexual abuse/SOL	H 3rd Reading	Farivar
HB 1649	Prejudgment interest	H Civil R & Judi	Hackney
HB 1667 (SB 5563)	Prevailing wage	H Labor & Workpl	Schmidt
HB 1670	Property tax limit factor	H Rules R	Ormsby
HB 1675	School safety dashboard	H Education	McEntire
SHB 1676	Special ed. early support	H Approps	Senn
SHB 1692	Student advisory groups	H State Govt & Tr	Bergquist
SHB 1693 (ESSB 5702)	Student homelessness pilot	H Rules X	Lekanoff
HB 1697	Early achievers, voluntary	H Human Svc, You	Walsh
HB 1703	Local property tax levies	H Local Govt	Orcutt
HB 1704	Sales and use tax rate	H Finance	Orcutt
HB 1710 (SSB 5248)	Tutoring & extended learning	H Approps	Rude
EHB 1714	Financial literacy grants	H Rules 3C	Stonier
HB 1721	Skill center class size	H Approps	Paul
ESHB 1732	K-12 inflation adjustments	H Rules X	Bergquist
HB 1741	Prototypical school formulas	H Approps	Rule
2SHB 1746 (SB 5718)	State broadband map	H Rules X	Ryu
HB 1747 (SB 5680)	Seismic safety/schools	H Cap Budget	Chapman
HB 1749	Filipino Americans/schools	H Education	Chandler
HB 1759	Chinese American month	H State Govt & T	Santos
HB 1793	Wireless devices tax	H Finance	Gregerson
HB 1819	K-12 music instruction	H Education	Reed

HB 1825	Teacher comp./state schools	H Approps	Harris
HB 1827	Vaccination status	H Civil R & Judi	Walsh
HB 1866	Seasonal farmworker children	H Education	Ortiz-Self
HB 1868	Power equipment emissions	H Env & Energy	Walen
HB 1879	Tribal curriculum/John McCoy	H Rules R	Lekanoff
HB 1882 (SSB 5723)	Even-numbered year elections	H State Govt & T	Farivar
HB 1889	Professionals/immigration	H ConsPro&Bus	Walen
HB 1893 (SB 5777)	Unemp ins/strikes & lockouts	H Labor & Workpl	Doglio
HB 1897 (SSB 5809)	Charter schools/enrichment	H Approps	Springer
SHB 1903	Lost or stolen firearms	H Rules R	Berry
SHB 1905 (SB 5894)	Equal pay/protected classes	H Approps	Mena
SHB 1914	Special education services	H Approps	Couture
HB 1915 (SB 5819)	Financial education	H Education	Rude
HB 1916 (SB 5933)	Infants and toddlers program	H Approps	Senn
HB 1922	Vape detectors/schools	H Education	Couture
HB 1923	Special education funding	H Education	Couture
HB 1927 (SB 5932)	Temporary total disability	H Rules R	Bronoske
HB 1929 (SB 6050)	Postinpatient housing	H Exec Action	Cortes
HB 1931	Incarcerated students	H Postsec Ed & W	Leavitt
SHB 1932	Even-numbered year elections	H 2nd Reading	Gregerson
HB 1933 (SB 6276)	Digital electronics/repair	H ConsPro&Bus	Gregerson
HB 1934 (SSB 5838)	AI task force	H ConsPro&Bus	Couture
HB 1935	Schools/resource conserv.	H Education	Bergquist
HB 1937	Trafficking/health providers	H HC/Wellness	Shavers
HB 1938	Academic reengagement	H Education	Shavers
SHB 1939	Social work compact	H 2nd Reading	Orwall
HB 1940 (SSB 5778)	Employer political speech	H Exec Action	Fosse
HB 1941	Health home serv./children	H HC/Wellness	Couture
HB 1943	National guard ed. grants	H Approps	Leavitt
HB 1944	Running start for the trades	H Education	Orwall
HB 1946	Behav. health scholarship	H Approps	Eslick
SHB 1947	Technology governance	H Approps	Street
HB 1950 (SB 6035)	Student loans/PSLF	H 2nd Reading	Slatter

HB 1951	Algorithmic discrimination	H ConsPro&Bus	Shavers
HB 1956 (SSB 5923)	Substance use prevention ed.	H Education	Leavitt
HB 1959	PFML/small employers	H Labor & Workpl	Walen
HB 1960 (SSB 5882)	Prototypical school staffing	H Approps	Stonier
HB 1973 (SB 5852)	Special education safety net	H Education	Abbarno
HB 1976	Incentives/energy upgrades	H Rules R	Fosse
HB 1977	State rock	H State Govt & T	Abbarno
HB 1978	Intrastate mutual aid system	H Rules R	Rule
HB 1982	Broadband loans & grants	H Cap Budget	Waters
HB 1984	State clam	H State Govt & T	McEntire
HB 1985	PERS/TRS 1 benefit increase	H Approps	Timmons
SHB 1990 (SB 5954)	Aerial imagery program	H Approps	Ryu
HB 1991 (SSB 5793)	Paid sick leave	H Labor & Workpl	Fosse
HB 1999 (SB 5962)	Fabricated intimate images	H Community Safe	Orwall
HB 2002	Public use of fentanyl, meth	H Community Safe	Low
HB 2003 (SB 5967)	Housing/public lands leases	H Finance	Connors
HB 2005	Weighted grade point average	H Education	McClintock
HB 2010	Family violence	H Civil R & Judi	Rule
HB 2013	Retirement benefits/death	H Approps	Volz
HB 2017	Schools/aged facilities	H Cap Budget	McClintock
HB 2018	Schools/mobile device use	H Education	McClintock
HB 2019	Native American apprentices	H Approps	Stearns
HB 2029 (SSB 5804)	Opioid overdose/high schools	H Education	Rule
HB 2035	Work restrictions/age 16, 17	H Labor & Workpl	McClintock
HB 2037 (SB 5851)	Holocaust and genocide edu.	H Education	Couture
HB 2038	Public school transfer data	H Education	McClintock
HB 2044	Voter-approved property tax	H FINDP	Duerr
HB 2047	Cannabis use/SUD employees	H Labor & Workpl	Dent
HB 2053	Ninth grade success grants	H Approps	Stonier
HB 2058 (SB 5964)	Free school meals	H Approps	Riccelli
HB 2063	Homebuyers/REET exemption	H Finance	Wylie
HB 2064	Homebuyers/REET exemption	H Finance	Wylie
HB 2070 (SB 5990)	Env. justice/SEPA projects	H Env & Energy	Mena

HB 2077	Guaranteed admissions prg.	H Postsec Ed & W	Reed
HB 2078	Higher education/threats	H Community Safe	Schmidt
HB 2079	Schools/threats	H Community Safe	Schmidt
HB 2089 (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	H Cap Budget	Tharinger
HB 2092	School construction funding	H Cap Budget	Callan
HB 2094	Gift certificates	H ConsPro&Bus	Alvarado
HB 2095 (SB 5988)	Gift certificates/unclaimed	H Finance	Alvarado
HB 2102 (SB 6177)	PFML benefits/health info.	H Exec Action	Berry
HB 2104 (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	H Approps	Ormsby
HB 2110	High school graduation	H Education	Nance
HB 2112	Higher ed. opioid prevention	H Exec Action	Nance
HB 2121 (SB 5883)	Special education hearings	H Education	Taylor
HB 2123	Running start for the trades	H Education	Orwall
SHB 2124	Child care prg. eligibility	H Approps	Eslick
HB 2130	Special education services	H Education	Pollet
HB 2133 (SB 5891)	Public school bus trespass	H Community Safe	Klicker
HB 2134 (SB 5947)	Transportation budget, supp.	H Transportation	Fey
HB 2136 (SB 6111)	Prevailing wage sanctions	H Labor & Workpl	Ormsby
HB 2138	Outdoor learning/state parks	H Innov, Comm &	Rule
HB 2142	Reading coaches grants	H Education	Corry
HB 2146 (SB 5850)	Chronically absent students	H Education	Rule
HB 2148	Public school staff wages	H Education	Reeves
HB 2155	Credential registry	H Approps	Reeves
HB 2157 (SB 5982)	Vaccine definition	H Rules R	Harris
HB 2158	Urban growth area boundaries	H Housing	Connors
HB 2170 (SB 6100)	Budget stabilization account	H Approps	Gregerson
HB 2174	Funded special education	H Education	Pollet
HB 2175	Special education limits	H Approps	Caldier
HB 2180 (SB 6014)	Special education cap	H Approps	Callan
HB 2188 (SB 6139)	Health subsidy/retirees	H Approps	Bronoske
HB 2190	Public records act study	H State Govt & T	Walen
HB 2192	National voter reg. day	H Education	Farivar
HB 2195	Early learning facilities	H Cap Budget	Callan

HB 2198	School facility temperatures	H Education	Reeves
HB 2212	School admin. allocations	H Approps	Rule
HB 2215	Enrichment levies limit	H Approps	Slatter
HB 2223	Librarians in public schools	H Approps	Rule
HB 2236	Tech. ed. core plus programs	H Education	Shavers
HB 2239	Social-emotional instruction	H Education	Timmons
HB 2243	Social equity land trust	H Ag&Nr	Reeves
HB 2246	Vacation leave accrual	H Labor & Workpl	Bateman
HB 2247	Behavioral health providers	H HC/Wellness	Bateman
HB 2250 (SB 6156)	Local elections	H State Govt & T	Gregerson
SHB 2256	Children behavioral health	H Rules R	Callan
HB 2259	Threats of harm to children	H Human Svc, You	Rule
HB 2267	Commencement/cultural exp.	H Education	McEntire
HB 2271	LTSS program statements	H HC/Wellness	Chambers
HB 2272	LTSS commission recs.	H HC/Wellness	Macri
HB 2280 (SB 6216)	Student mental health net.	H Education	Rule
HB 2282 (SB 6275)	African American studies	H Education	Morgan
HB 2284	Reading and writing literacy	H Education	Pollet
HB 2297	Solar energy systems/schools	H Cap Budget	Orwall
HB 2299 (SB 6062)	DNR trust asset leasing	H Cap Budget	Street
HB 2309	Washington 13 free guarantee	H Postsec Ed & W	Bergquist
HB 2313	Digital equity	H Innov, Comm &	Gregerson
HB 2315	High school CPR & AED instr.	H Education	Caldier
HB 2316 (SB 5881)	PERS/certain bus drivers	H Approps	Couture
HB 2326 (SB 6239)	High school/AP, IB, CIE exam	H Approps	Doglio
HB 2327	Digital equity/revenue	H Finance	Gregerson
HB 2331 (SB 6208)	Public school materials	H Education	Stonier
HB 2333	Carbon seq./state lands	H Env & Energy	Reeves
HB 2335	State-tribal edu. compacts	H Education	Santos
HB 2349 (SB 6241)	Job posting wage disclosures	H Labor & Workpl	Stonier
HB 2362 (SB 6213)	JLARC studies	H State Govt & T	Orcutt
HB 2370	Traffic safety ed./rural	H Education	Schmick
HB 2380 (SB 6082)	Paraeducator compensation	H Approps	Shavers

HB 2381	School calendar waivers	H Education	McEntire
HB 2384 (SB 5959)	Traffic safety cameras	H Transportation	Donaghy
HB 2387	Schools/classified alloc.	H Approps	Rude
HB 2398	Instruct. materials/parents	H Education	Walsh
HB 2399	School library complaints	H Education	Walsh
HB 2404	Learning recovery programs	H Approps	Rule
HB 2406 (SB 6289)	16&17 y/o employ. work group	H Labor & Workpl	Connors
HB 2411 (SB 5969)	School construction debt	H Cap Budget	Callan
HB 2419	Homeowner property tax ex.	H Finance	Berg
HB 2441	College in the HS fees	H Approps	Corry
HB 2448	Public school grant assist.	H Approps	Mosbrucker
HB 2450 (SB 6285)	Use of impact fees	H Local Govt	Hutchins
HB 2451 (SB 6284)	Impact fees	H Local Govt	Hutchins
HB 2458	K-12 experience factors	H Approps	Rule
HB 2471	Defined benefit accrual	H Approps	Kloba
HJR 4203	School district bonds	H Education	Stonier
HJR 4205 (SJR 8206)	Property tax rebates	H Finance	Berg
HJR 4209 (SJR 8209)	Residential ex./property tax	H Finance	Berg
SB 5008	K-12 instr. materials/access	S EL/K-12	McCune
SB 5009	Sex ed./parent approval	S EL/K-12	McCune
SB 5017	Motor vehicles sales tax use	S Ways & Means	Fortunato
SB 5018	Sales tax/transp. projects	S Transportation	Fortunato
SB 5019	School safety staff	S Rules X	Wellman
SB 5020	Education at 6 years of age	S Ways & Means	Wellman
SB 5024	K-12 education/parent rights	S EL/K-12	Dozier
SB 5029	School district boards	S EL/K-12	Short
SB 5031	Special ed safety net awards	S Ways & Means	Wellman
SB 5038	K-12 empl. notice deadlines	S EL/K-12	Mullet
SSB 5047 (ESHB 1048)	Voting rights act	S Rules X	Saldana
SSB 5054	Prof. learning communities	S Rules X	Wellman
SB 5059	Prejudgment interest	S Ways & Means	Kuderer
SSB 5061 (E2SHB 1320)	Personnel records	S Ways & Means	Kuderer
SB 5064	Special ed. excess costs	S EL/K-12	Wellman

SB 5068	Motor vehicle sales tax	S Ways & Means	MacEwen
2SSB 5071 (SHB 1346)	Purple star designation	S Rules X	Nobles
SSB 5085	School principals/employment	S Rules 2	Wellman
ESSB 5102	School library info and tech	S Rules 3	Wellman
SSB 5126 (HB 1444)	Common school trust revenue	S Rules 3	Pedersen
SB 5136	Sales and use tax exemptions	S Ways & Means	Fortunato
SB 5139	Vaccination refusal	S Health & Long	Fortunato
SSB 5158	State & local taxation	S Rules X	Wilson
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