

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 5

Upcoming Events

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/5 @ 10:00am

- [SB 5770](#) - Exec Session - Providing state and local property tax reform.
- [SB 5978](#) - Exec Session - 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.
- [SB 5789](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects. (Support)
- [SSB 5444](#) - Exec Session - Concerning firearm sensitive places. (Support/Monitoring)
- [SB 5904](#) - Exec Session - Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs.
- [SB 6031](#) - Exec Session - Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students.
- [SB 5873](#) - Exec Session - Providing adequate and predictable student transportation. (Support/High)
- [SSB 5956](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.
- [SSB 5882](#) - Exec Session - Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs. (Support)
- [SSB 6264](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. (Support)
- [SB 5850](#) - Exec Session - Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.
- [SSB 5849](#) - Exec Session - Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement. (Concerns)
- [SB 5852](#) - Exec Session - Concerning special education safety net awards. (Support)
- [SSB 5851](#) - Exec Session - Concerning Holocaust and genocide education in public schools.

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/5 @ 10:30am

- [SHB 2109](#) - Exec Session - Regulating permanent cosmetics.
- [HB 1935](#) - Exec Session - Promoting resource conservation practices that include student education and leadership opportunities in public schools. (Support)

- [HB 1228](#) - Exec Session - Building a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education. (Support)
- [HB 1479](#) - Exec Session - Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs. (If measure is referred to committee.) (Support/Medium)
- [HB 1960](#) - Exec Session - Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs. (Support)
- [HB 2197](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the availability of prevention services under medical assistance programs. (Support/Medium)
- [HB 2215](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies. (Monitoring)
- [HB 2247](#) - Exec Session - Addressing behavioral health provider shortages.
- [HB 2313](#) - Exec Session - Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington. (Support)
- [HB 2494](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [HB 2239](#) - Exec Session - Supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills.
- [HB 2458](#) - Exec Session - Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff. (Support)
- [HB 2494](#) - Exec Session - Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools. (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [HB 1956](#) - Exec Session - Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. (Support)

1. Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1929 (SB 6050)	Postinpatient housing	Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment.	H Approps	Cortes		
HB 1946	Behav. health scholarship	Creating the Washington health corps behavioral health scholarship program.	H Exec Action	Eslick	Support	
SHB 2239	Social-emotional instruction	Supporting student well-being through instruction in social-emotional skills.	H Approps	Timmons		
SHB 2247	Behavioral health providers	Addressing behavioral health provider shortages.	H Approps	Bateman		

SHB 2256	Children behavioral health	Addressing the children and youth behavioral health work group.	H Rules R	Callan	Support	
SB 6216 (HB 2280)	Student mental health net.	Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health.	S Ways & Means	Nobles		

2. Addressing Critical Gaps in Education Funding

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1244 (SB 5692)	Enrichment levy authority	Increasing the maximum per pupil limit for enrichment levy authority.	H Rules C	Ramel		
HB 1960 (SSB 5882)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Approps	Stonier	Support	
HB 2212	School admin. allocations	Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule		
HB 2215	Enrichment levies limit	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	H Approps	Slatter		Monitoring
HB 2223	Librarians in public schools	Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule		
HB 2380 (SB 6082)	Paraeducator compensation	Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	H Approps	Shavers		
HB 2387	Schools/classified alloc.	Increasing classified allocations to improve student outcomes.	H Approps	Rude		
HB 2404	Learning recovery programs	Promoting learning recovery programs in public schools.	H Approps	Rule		
HB 2411 (SSB 5969)	School construction debt	Adjusting school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction.	H Exec Action	Callan		
HB 2448	Public school grant assist.	Expanding grant access opportunities for public schools.	H Approps	Mosbrucker		
HB 2458	K-12 experience factors	Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff.	H Approps	Rule	Support	
HB 2494	School operating costs	Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.		Bergquist		
SB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen		
SB 5873	Student transportation	Providing adequate and predictable student transportation.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Support	High
SSB 5882 (HB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	S Ways & Means	Stanford	Support	

SSB 5956	Enrichment levies limit	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 6031	Student transp. allocation	Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 6123	Classified school employees	Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 6249	Homeowner property tax ex.	Providing housing safety, security, and protection by creating the homeowner relief property tax exemption.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SJR 8209 (HJR 4209)	Residential ex./property tax	Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		

3. Preventing Gun Violence & Suicide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1178 (SB 5446)	Firearms/local government	Concerning local government authority to regulate firearms.	H Civil R & Judi	Hackney	Support	Monitoring
HB 1195	Weapons/parks & hospitals	Prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons in public parks and public hospitals.	H Civil R & Judi	Senn		Monitoring
SHB 1903	Lost or stolen firearms	Reporting lost or stolen firearms.	H 2nd Reading	Berry	Support	
SHB 2021 (SB 6001)	Firearm disposition	Concerning the disposition of privately owned firearms in the custody of state or local government entities or law enforcement agencies.	H Rules R	Senn	Support	
SHB 2118 (SB 6266)	Firearms dealers	Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers.	H Rules R	Walen	Support	
SHB 2197	Medical assist./prevention	Concerning the availability of prevention services under medical assistance programs.	H Approps	Orwall	Support	Medium
HB 2238	Ammunition tax	Imposing a new tax on the sale or transfer of ammunition.	H Finance	Thai		
SSB 5444	Firearm sensitive places	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Ways & Means	Valdez	Support	Monitoring
SB 5446 (HB 1178)	Firearms/local government	Concerning local government authority to regulate firearms.	S Law & Justice	Nguyen	Support	Monitoring
ESSB 5985	Firearms background checks	Concerning firearms background check program.	S Passed 3rd	Hansen	Support	

4. Special Education Funding, Inclusion & Resources

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
3SHB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Approps	Callan	Support	Medium
SHB 1914	Special education services	Improving the education of students with varying abilities by enhancing special education services.	H Approps	Couture		Monitoring
HB 2175	Special education limits	Removing the enrollment limit for special education funding.	H Approps	Caldier	Support	
SHB 2180 (SB 6014)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	H Rules R	Callan	Support	
SB 5852 (HB 1973)	Special education safety net	Concerning special education safety net awards.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support	
SB 5883 (HB 2121)	Special education hearings	Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.	H Education	Trudeau		
SB 6014 (SHB 2180)	Special education cap	Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 6048	Special education ombuds	Funding special education ombuds.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SJM 8007	IDEA funding	Requesting Congress to fully fund 40 percent of the costs of IDEA.	S Passed 3rd	Kauffman		

5. School Safety, Planning & Emergency Preparedness

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 2079	Schools/threats	Improving school safety by extending and increasing penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and athletic activities.	H Rules R	Schmidt		
SB 5647	School safety/temp employees	Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.	H Education	Torres	Support	

Budget bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 2089 (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 2104 (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
SB 5949 (HB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Mullet		

SB 5950 (HB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
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Climate Change mitigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1368 (SB 5431)	Zero emission school buses	Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.	H Rules R	Senn	Support	Medium
ESHB 1589 (SSB 5562)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	S Environment, En	Doglio	Support	
SSB 6016	Green energy community fund	Creating a green energy community fund to support school districts and nonprofit organizations that service the communities where renewable energy projects are located.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	Support	

Digital Divide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 2313	Digital equity	Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington.	H Approps	Gregerson	Support	
HB 2327	Digital equity/revenue	Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs.	H Finance	Gregerson		
HB 2360	Digital workforce	Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.	H Approps	Slatter		

Educator Workforce

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
3SHB 1565	Prof. education workforce	Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self	Support	
SB 5180	Teacher mobility compact	Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	S Passed 3rd	Hunt	Support	Low
SSB 6012	Teacher preparation programs	Helping approved teacher preparation programs respond to the continuously changing needs of the modern classroom.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Support	

Family Engagement

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 2398	Instruct. materials/parents	Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees.	H Rules R	Walsh		

General Education Watch List

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 1277	Paraeducator course of study	Establishing rules to improve the consistency and quality of the implementation of the fundamental courses of study for paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Donaghy	Support	Low
HB 1879	Tribal curriculum/John McCoy	Naming the curriculum used to inform students about tribal history, culture, and government after John McCoy (lulilaÅ;).	H Rules R	Lekanoff	Support	
HB 1922	Vape detectors/schools	Establishing a grant program for the purchase and installation of vape detectors in public schools.	H Approps	Couture		
HB 1935	Schools/resource conserv.	Promoting resource conservation practices that include student education and leadership opportunities in public schools.	H Approps	Bergquist	Support	
HB 2018	Schools/mobile device use	Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students.	H Approps	McClintock		Monitoring
SHB 2038	Public school transfer data	Collecting data on student transfers and withdrawals from public schools and school districts.	H Rules R	McClintock		Monitoring
SHB 2331 (SB 6208)	Public school materials	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	H Rules R	Stonier	Support	
ESB 5790	Medical equipment in schools	Concerning bleeding control equipment in schools.	H Education	Dhingra	Support	
SB 5850 (HB 2146)	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SSB 5891 (HB 2133)	School bus trespass	Designating trespassing on a public school bus as a felony offense.	S 2nd Reading	Boehnke		
SSB 6205	Pledge of allegiance instr.	Mandating instruction on the meaning and history of the pledge of allegiance in public schools.	S Rules 2	McCune		

Highly Capable Student ID & Access

No bills.

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Mastery-Based Learning

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SSB 6264	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Support	

Meaningful High School Diploma

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1146	Dual credit program notice	Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	S EL/K-12	Paul	Support	
SHB 1915 (SB 5819)	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.	H Rules R	Rude	Support	
HB 2053	Ninth grade success grants	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	H Approps	Stonier	Support	
HB 2110	High school graduation	Reorganizing statutory requirements governing high school graduation.	H Rules R	Nance	Support	
SHB 2236	Tech. ed. core plus programs	Expanding and strengthening career and technical education core plus programs.	H Approps	Shavers		
SSB 5648	Board of education waivers	Including state-tribal education compact schools and charter schools as entities able to receive waivers from the state board of education.	H Education	Wellman	Support	
SSB 5849	Computer science/graduation	Concerning a computer science competency graduation requirement.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Concerns	

Multi-lingual & Heritage

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1228	Dual & tribal language edu.	Building a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	Support	

New revenue

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 2044	Voter-approved property tax	Standardizing limitations on voter-approved property tax levies.	H Rules R	Duerr		

SI 2109 (HI 2109)	Capital gains tax repeal	Concerning taxes on long-term capital assets.	S Ways & Means			
HI 2109 (SI 2109)	Capital gains tax repeal	Concerning taxes on long-term capital assets.	H Finance			
HB 2278 (SB 6248)	Capital gains tax	Modifying the capital gains tax under chapter 82.87 RCW and related statutes by closing loopholes, repealing and replacing the business and occupation tax credit with a capital gains tax credit, clarifying ambiguities and making technical corrections in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections, treating spouses and domestic partners more consistently, modifying and adding definitions, creating a good faith penalty waiver, and modifying the publication schedule for inflation adjustments.	H Finance	Thai		
SB 6248 (HB 2278)	Capital gains tax	Modifying the capital gains tax under chapter 82.87 RCW and related statutes by closing loopholes, repealing and replacing the business and occupation tax credit with a capital gains tax credit, clarifying ambiguities and making technical corrections in a manner that is not estimated to affect state or local tax collections, treating spouses and domestic partners more consistently, modifying and adding definitions, creating a good faith penalty waiver, and modifying the publication schedule for inflation adjustments.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		

Resolution (Supports)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1956 (SSB 5923)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H Approps	Leavitt	Support	
SHB 2037 (SSB 5851)	Holocaust and genocide edu.	Concerning Holocaust and genocide education in public schools.	H 2nd Reading	Couture		Monitoring
HB 2058 (SB 5964)	Free school meals	Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools.	H Approps	Riccelli	Support	
SHB 2130	Special education services	Extending special education services.	H Approps	Pollet	Support	
HB 2195	Early learning facilities	Strengthening the early learning facilities grant and loan program by revising criteria and providing resources to	H Exec Action	Callan		

		the Ruth LeCocq Kagi early learning facilities development account.				
SHB 2214 (SSB 6300)	College grant/public assist.	Permitting beneficiaries of public assistance programs to automatically qualify as income-eligible for the purpose of receiving the Washington college grant.	H Approps	Slatter	Support	
SHB 2267	Commencement/cultural exp.	Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies.	H Rules R	McEntire		
SHB 2309	Washington 13 free guarantee	Establishing the Washington 13 free guarantee.	H Approps	Bergquist	Concerns	
HB 2326 (SB 6239)	High school/AP, IB, CIE exam	Concerning advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge international exams.	H Approps	Doglio		
ESB 5462	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Liias	Support	
SSB 5804 (HB 2029)	Opioid overdose med./schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	S Passed 3rd	Kuderer	Support	
SSB 5851 (SHB 2037)	Holocaust and genocide edu.	Concerning Holocaust and genocide education in public schools.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 5904	Financial aid terms	Extending the terms of eligibility for financial aid programs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles		
SSB 5923 (SHB 1956)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Support	
SB 5999	Financial aid eligibility	Expanding financial aid eligibility.	S Ways & Means	Hansen	Support	
SB 6018	Early learning coordinators	Designating early learning coordinators at educational service districts.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	Support	
SSB 6053 (HB 2443)	Education data sharing	Improving equitable access to postsecondary education.	S Passed 3rd	Holy		

SSB 6254	Student navigational support	Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment.	S Ways & Means	Nobles		
SSB 6300 (SHB 2214)	College grant/public assist.	Permitting beneficiaries of public assistance programs to automatically qualify as income-eligible for the purpose of receiving the Washington college grant.	S Ways & Means	Randall	Support	

School Construction & Simple Majority

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1044	Capital assistance/schools	Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.	S EL/K-12	McEntire	Support	
HB 2017	Schools/aged facilities	Addressing school districts with aged facilities and a history of capital bond failure.	H Cap Budget	McClintock		Monitoring
HB 2092	School construction funding	Concerning school construction assistance program funding for preschool and before-and-after school care program enrollments.	H Cap Budget	Callan		
HB 2297	Solar energy systems/schools	Requiring the installation of solar energy systems on new school buildings.	H Cap Budget	Orwall	Support	
SB 5789	School projects/sales tax	Concerning the sales and use tax for school construction assistance program capital projects.	S Ways & Means	Mullet	Support	
SB 5823	School district elections	Concerning school district elections.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Support	
SSB 5969 (HB 2411)	School construction debt	Adjusting school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction.	S Ways & Means	Dhingra	Support	
SB 5978	School district-county loans	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.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		

Uncategorized Bills

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2SHB 1692	Student advisory groups	Creating student advisory groups.	H 2nd Reading	Bergquist		
SHB 2036	Adult entertainment	Concerning workplace safety and operational standards for adult entertainment establishments.	H Rules R	Walén		