

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 7

Upcoming Events

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1995](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning tax preferences. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/24 @ 1:30pm

- [SHB 1163](#) - Public Hearing - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [SHB 1503](#) - Public Hearing - Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington state. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Low)
- [SHB 1651](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs. (Remote Testimony Available).

Transportation (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/24 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5098](#) - Public Hearing - Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/24 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5007](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5123](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [SSB 5327](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Monitoring)
- [SSB 5186](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning local funding for school district facilities. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)
- [SSJR 8200](#) - Public Hearing - Amending the Constitution to modify local funding authority for school district facilities. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- [HB 2019](#) - Public Hearing - Making the estate tax more progressive. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [HB 1356](#) - Exec Session - Concerning K-12 funding. (Monitoring)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/25 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5752](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying child care and early childhood development programs. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/27 @ 9:00am

- [SHB 1163](#) - Exec Session - Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. (Support)
- [HB 1310](#) - Exec Session - Concerning special education funding. (Support/High)
- [HB 1338](#) - Exec Session - Concerning school operating costs. (Support/High)

#1: Closing the Funding Gaps

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| HB 1310 (SB 5307) | Special education funding | Concerning special education funding. | H Approps | Pollet | Support | High |
| HB 1338 | School operating costs | Concerning school operating costs. | H Approps | Berg | Support | High |
| HB 1356 | K-12 funding | Concerning K-12 funding. | H Finance | Bergquist | | Monitoring |
| HB 1357 | Special education funding | Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices. | H Approps | Stonier | Concerns | High |
| HB 1579 (SB 5187) | Student transportation | Providing adequate and predictable student transportation. | H Approps | Nance | Support | High |
| HB 1746 | School local effort assist. | Providing local effort assistance for public schools. | H Approps | Springer | | |
| HB 1767 | School enrollment/funding | Concerning school enrollments for enrichment funding. | H Finance | Zahn | | |
| SB 5187 (HB 1579) | Student transportation | Big 3: Providing adequate and predictable student transportation. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | Support | High |
| SB 5192 | School district materials | Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. Appears the | S Ways & Means | Nobles | Support | High |

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| | | increase to all students is \$135, and for grades 9-12 \$28.05. Creates a new formula for calculating MSOC: For the purposes of calculating allocations under this subsection (8), a school district's full-time equivalent student enrollment is the average of the district's prior three school years' total annual average full-time equivalent enrollment. | | | | |
| SSB 5263 | Special education funding | Concerning special education funding. | S Ways & Means | Pedersen | Support | High |

#2: Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| SHB 1634 | Behavioral health/schools | Providing school districts and public schools with assistance to coordinate comprehensive behavioral health supports for students. | H Approps | Thai | Support | |
| HB 1805 | Children services/local tax | Creating a local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families that enhance well-being, promote mental health, and provide early interventions. | H Finance | Tharinger | | |
| SSB 5369 (HB 1663) | Youth mental health/schools | Enhancing youth mental health and well-being through advanced training and expansion of the workforce in schools. | S Ways & Means | Orwall | Support | Medium |

#3: Addressing Funding, Inclusion and Supports in Special Education

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--|------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|----------|----------|
| SHB 1257 (SSB 5253) | Special education services | OSPI Request: Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22. | H Approps | Pollet | | |
| HB 1267 | Special education funding | Adjusting funded special education enrollment beginning in the 2025-26 school year to 16.5%; 2026-27 and 2027-28 to 17%; and removing the cap completely in the 2028-29 school year. | H Approps | Couture | | |
| HB 1357 | Special education funding | Providing special education funding and support for inclusionary practices. | H Approps | Stonier | Concerns | High |
| HB 1795 (SB 5654) | Student restraint, isolation | Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs. | H Approps | Callan | | |

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| SSB 5253 (SHB 1257) | Special education services | Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22. | S Ways & Means | Cortes | | |
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#4: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| SHB 1132 | Bulk firearm purchases | Enhancing public safety by limiting bulk purchases and transfers of firearms and ammunition. | H Rules R | Farivar | Support | |
| HB 1152 | Firearm storage | Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences. | H Rules R | Doglio | Support | High |
| SHB 1163 (SB 5140) | Firearm purchase | Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. | H Approps | Berry | Support | |
| SHB 1385 | Background checks | Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants. | H Rules R | Taylor | Support | |
| HB 1386 | Firearms tax | Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition. | H Finance | Thai | Support | |
| SSB 5098 | Weapons in certain areas | Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. | S Transportation | Valdez | Support | High |
| SSB 5099 | Firearms dealers | Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers. | S Ways & Means | Lovick | Support | Medium |
| SSB 5268 | Unlawful firearm possession | Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense. | S Rules 2 | Wagoner | Concerns | Low |

#5: Expanding School Construction Funding Options

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1011 | School safety capital grants | Jacobsen bill: Creating a school safety capital grant program. | H Cap Budget | Jacobsen | | |
| HB 1538 | Capital assistance/schools | Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges. | H Cap Budget | McEntire | | |
| ESSB 5004 | School emergency response | Updating emergency response systems in public | H Education | Torres | | |

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| | | schools including panic or alert buttons. | | | | |
| SSB 5095 (HB 1796) | School construction debt | Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. | S Ways & Means | Dhingra | | |
| SSB 5186 | School district fac. funding | 55% majority passage for bonds | S Ways & Means | Krishnadasan | Support | High |
| SSJR 8200 | School district local funds | Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. | S Ways & Means | Cortes | Support | High |

Climate Change mitigation

No bills.

Digital Divide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| SHB 1483 (SB 5423) | Digital electronics/repair | Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | H 2nd Reading | Gregerson | Support | Medium |
| SHB 1503 | Digital equity | Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington state. | H Approps | Gregerson | Support | Low |
| HB 1517 | Digital equity/revenue | Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs. | H Finance | Gregerson | | |

Educator Workforce

No bills.

Family Engagement

No bills.

General Education Watch List

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--|----------------------------|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| SHB 1128 (SSB 5062) | Child care workforce board | Establishing a child care workforce standards board. | H Approps | Fosse | | |
| HB 1393 | Commencement/cultural exp. | Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies. | H Rules R | McEntire | | |
| HB 1594 | School costs/CCA | Addressing increased school transportation and operating costs due to the climate commitment act. | H Approps | Caldier | | |

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| SB 5007 | Chronically absent students | Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school. | S Ways & Means | Braun | | |
| SSB 5062 (SHB 1128) | Child care workforce board | Establishing a child care workforce standards board. | S Ways & Means | Stanford | | |
| SB 5177 | Professional dev. resources | Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics. | S Rules 2 | Nobles | | |
| SB 5235 | Public school statutes | Repealing and reorganizing outdated statutes concerning public schools. Amending RCW 28A.175.145 and 28A.235.120; adding a new section to chapter 28A.235 RCW; recodifying RCW 28A.623.030; and repealing RCW 28A.335.300, 28A.415.315, 28A.415.330, 28A.415.380, 28A.600.045, 28A.605.040, 28A.623.005, 28A.623.010, 28A.623.020, 28A.625.100, 28A.625.110, 28A.625.150, 28A.630.198, 28A.630.810, 28A.655.071, 28A.655.130, 28A.655.280, 28A.690.010, 28A.690.020, and 28A.690.030. | S Rules 2 | Wellman | | |
| SB 5574 | History instruction | Providing instruction on Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander history in public schools. | S EL/K-12 | Nobles | | |

Meaningful High School Diploma

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1151 (SB 5210) | Ninth grade success grants | Establishing the ninth grade success grant program, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. | H Approps | Steele | Support | |
| SHB 1285 | Financial education | Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools, starting with the graduating class of 2031. | H Approps | Rude | Concerns | Medium |
| SSB 5327 | Learning standards | Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | Concerns | Monitoring |

New revenue

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| HB 1319 | Wealth tax | Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1320 | Business & occupation tax | Modifying business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1334 | Property tax revenue growth | Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit. | H Finance | Pollet | | |
| HB 1785 | Excessive executive comp. | Imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation. | H Finance | Doglio | | |
| HB 1995 | Tax preferences | Concerning tax preferences. | H Finance | Thomas | | |
| HB 2019 | Estate tax | Making the estate tax more progressive. | | Street | | |

Resolution (Supports)

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1028 | Child exposure to violence | Addressing child exposure to violence. | S Human Services | Goodman | | |
| SHB 1136 | Student navigational support | Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment. | H Approps | Leavitt | Support | |
| HB 1203 (SB 5183) | Tobacco & nicotine products | Prohibiting the sale of certain tobacco and nicotine products. | H Finance | Reeves | | |
| SHB 1273 | Dual credit program access | Improving student access to dual credit programs for CTE courses. | H Approps | Paul | | |
| HB 1280 (SSB 5358) | Career & tech. ed./6th grade | Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. | H Approps | Shavers | | |
| SHB 1296 | Public education system | Promoting a safe and supportive public education system. | H Rules R | Stonier | Concerns | Medium |
| HB 1404 (SB 5352) | Free school meals | Increasing student access to free meals served at public schools. | H Approps | Berg | Support | Low |
| SHB 1489 | Childhood ed./impl. dates | Delays ECEAP entitlement from the 2026-27 school year to the 2030-31 school year. | H Rules R | Ormsby | | Monitoring |
| HB 1495 (SB 5442) | College promise pilot | Establishing a college promise pilot program. | H Approps | Hill | | |
| HB 1554 (SB 5543) | College bound scholarship | Providing equity in eligibility for the college bound scholarship. | H Approps | Timmons | Support | |
| HB 1556 (SB 5542) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers | H Rules R | Entenman | Support | |

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| | | at community and technical colleges. | | | | |
| SHB 1557 (SB 5308) | Guaranteed admissions prg. | Establishing the Washington guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications. | H Approps | Reed | Support | |
| SHB 1587 | Partner promise scholarships | Encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the opportunity scholarship program. | H Approps | Bergquist | Support | |
| HB 1612 | High school/AP, IB, CIE exam | Concerning advanced placement, international baccalaureate, and Cambridge international exams. | H Approps | Doglio | Support | Low |
| SHB 1651 (SB 5693) | Teacher residency & apprent. | Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs. | H Approps | Ortiz-Self | | |
| SHB 1817 (SB 5386) | Schools/sexual assault | Supporting survivors of sexual assault in public elementary and secondary schools. | H Rules R | Scott | | |
| SHB 1834 (SB 5708) | Online services/minors | Protecting Washington children online. | H Approps | Callan | | |
| HB 1838 | College grant/cert. programs | Expanding access to the Washington college grant to students enrolled in certificate programs for high-demand fields. | H Approps | Parshley | | |
| ESSB 5105 (HB 1169) | Sexually explicit depictions | Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors. | H Community Safet | Orwall | | |
| SSB 5123 (HB 1855) | Discrimination in schools | Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. | S Ways & Means | Nobles | Support | |
| SSB 5164 | Student navigational support | Providing student navigational supports to increase postsecondary enrollment. | S Ways & Means | Nobles | Support | Low |
| ESSB 5181 | Parents rights in education | Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law. | H Education | Wilson | | Monitoring |
| SB 5189 | Competency-based education | Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | | |
| SB 5205 (HB 1143) | College grant award amounts | Establishing the ninth grade success grant program, beginning in the 2025-26 school year. | S Ways & Means | Conway | Support | |

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| SB 5210 (HB 1151) | Ninth grade success grants | Establishing the ninth grade success grant program. | S Ways & Means | Liias | Support | |
| SSB 5275 | Passport to careers program | Modifying funding and award levels for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant. | S Ways & Means | Nobles | Support | |
| SSB 5282 | Missing children adv. board | Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force. | S Passed 3rd | Wellman | | |
| SSB 5358 (HB 1280) | Career & tech. ed./6th grade | Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. | S Ways & Means | Braun | | |
| SB 5386 (SHB 1817) | Schools/sexual assault | Supporting survivors of sexual assault in public elementary and secondary schools. | S Rules 2 | Orwall | | |
| SSB 5402 (HB 1568) | Financial aid eligibility | Modifying financial aid eligibility. | S Ways & Means | Hansen | Support | |
| SB 5423 (SHB 1483) | Digital electronics/repair | Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | S Rules 2 | Stanford | Support | |
| SB 5542 (HB 1556) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. | S Rules 2 | Boehnke | Support | Low |
| SSB 5637 (HB 1963) | Media literacy & civic ed. | Promoting student access to information about media literacy and civic education. | S Rules 2 | Fortunato | | |
| SB 5752 | Child care & early dev. | Modifying child care and early childhood development programs. | S Ways & Means | Wilson | | |

Uncategorized Bills

No bills.