

**Comparison of Special Education bills – per Amendments and as passed House**

	<b>Cap/Removes cap</b>	<b>Safety Net; Lowers threshold</b>	<b>Multiplier/increases multiplier</b>	<b>Inclusionary practices profession development</b>
Current law	16%	2.2 x the average per-pupil expenditure for districts with 1,000 or more students; 2.0 for districts with fewer than 1,000 students.	1.12 for $\geq 80\%$ in GE 1.06 for $<80\%$ in GE	Separately handled in budget provisos.
HB 1310 (Pollet)	Removes cap	Lowers to 1.5 x the average per-pupil expenditure	1.5289 for $\geq 80\%$ in GE 1.447 for $<80\%$ in GE	.005 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.
HB 1357 (Stonier)	Cap remains in place	No change to safety net	1.18 for $\geq 80\%$ in GE 1.09 for $<80\%$ in GE	Up to 25 school district grants for professional development, rate of 1.5.
SHB 1357 (as passed Hs APP)	Cap remains in place	No change to safety net	1.18 for $\geq 80\%$ in GE 1.09 for $<80\%$ in GE	Up to 20 school district grants for professional development, rate of 1.5.
SB 5263 (as introduced)	Removes cap	Lowers to 1.5 x the average per-pupil expenditure	Combines multipliers: 1.5289 for all SpEd	none
SB 5263 (Pedersen) as passed Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee)	Removes cap	Lowers to 1.5 x the average per-pupil expenditure	1.32	.005 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.
2SSB 5263 (as passed Sen WM)	Removes cap	Lowers to 1.75 x the average per-pupil expenditure	1.32	.005 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.

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ESSB 5263 (as passed Senate)	Removes cap	Lowers to 1.75 x the average per-pupil expenditure	1.32	.005 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.
ESSB 5263 (as passed House APP)	Does not remove cap	Does not change the safety net threshold	1.186 for $\geq 80\%$ in GE 1.09 for $<80\%$ in GE	.006 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.  Up to 20 school district grants for professional development, rate of 1.5.
ESSB 5263 (as passed House floor)	Removes cap	Beginning in the current school year, lowers the safety net threshold to 1.8 times the average per-pupil expenditure for Class 2 districts (under 1,000 student FTE) and for school districts with 60% of their students meetings the community eligibility (meal) program or 60% of students participating in the Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program.	1.16 for all students, regardless of classroom placement	.006 of the excess funding to be used for inclusionary practices and other activities by OSPI.  Up to 20 school district grants for professional development, rate of 1.5.

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		<p>Maintains a threshold of 2 times the rate for all other districts.</p> <p>Also, beginning in the 2025-26 school year, requires OSPI to issue quarterly payments to Class 2 districts and school districts with high-cost students who receive special services outside of the state of Washington and meet other conditions.</p>		