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CRITICAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Thursday, January 23, 10:00 a.m., House Education, House Hearing Room A

[HB 2181](#) - Authorizing and supporting career and college ready graduation requirements adopted by the SBE. The bill would authorize the 24-credit framework that was amended and adopted by the SBE at their January 9, 2014, meeting. As written, the bill refers to the January 9, 2014, amended resolution to approve the "Washington State Graduation Requirement Framework: Career and College Ready." And, also says that investments made in the 2013-2015 biennial operating budget are sufficient to fund the 24-credit framework.

[HB 1656](#) - Establishing statewide high school graduation requirements that permit increased flexibility for students to select courses based on their interests and plans. Washington ACTE has been working with this bill from last year to create a more flexible framework of graduation credits if the 24-credit framework goes forward. The bill is silent on funding.

The 2014 Legislative Session began on January 13 and lawmakers wasted no time in holding public hearings and work sessions for committees.

The 60-day (short) session is typically focused on technical adjustments to the operating, capital, and transportation budgets and for smaller, less controversial policy bills. The good news is the Legislature doesn't have a budget gap in revenues and projected expenditures to take all their time and focus, although a transportation package will do much the same.

With that news the talk on the hill leading up to this session has been about holding the line on expenditures and getting out on or before the March 13 end date. That may have changed with the Washington Supreme Court's response issued January 9, ordering the Legislature to develop a plan by April 30, 2014, on how it would phase-in funding to meet ESHB 2261 (Chapter 548, Laws of 2009) by the 2017-2018 school year.

All bills that were introduced in the 2013 session can be in play in the 2014 session. This week's hearing schedule includes public hearings on some of those bills as well as pre-filed bills.

And speaking of [pre-filed bills](#) by legislators prior to the start of session, House members have filed 121 new bills and Senators have filed 64 new bills for a total of 185 bills that were to be introduced on Monday. Of those, 21 relate to K-12 education or school districts. For CTE, HB 1656 - *Establishing statewide high school graduation requirements that permit increased flexibility for students to select courses based on their interests and plans*. (Stonier) is one of those bills that will be active and a major point of focus for the WA-ACTE and the CTE community.

Changes in Legislative Members...There are some new faces in the House and Senate as a result of resignations, elections, and appointments. Changes to committee chairs are not expected, and only one change has occurred in leadership.

The Senate has four new members and one vacancy. The former legislator's name is in parentheses:

- Senator-elect Jan Angel, R-Port Orchard (Schlicher, party change)
- Senator-elect Brian Dansel, R-Republic (Smith)
- Senator John McCoy, D-Tulalip (Harper)
- Senator Jamie Pederson, D-Seattle (Murray)
- Vacancy (Shin resigned 1/7/14)

With three of the four new Senators former members of the state House of Representatives, there are five new House members and one vacancy. The former legislator's name is in parentheses:

- Rep. Tana Senn, D-Mercer Island (Maxwell)
- Rep. June Robinson, D-Everett (McCoy)
- Rep. Mia Gregerson, D-SeaTac (Upthegrove)
- Rep. Brady Walkinshaw, D-Seattle (Pedersen)
- Rep.-elect Leonard Christian, R-Spokane Valley (Crouse)
- Vacancy, Republican (Alexander)

Senate leaders are Sen. Rodney Tom, D-Bellevue, Majority Leader; Sen. Mark Schoesler, R-Ritzville, Republican Leader; and Sen. Sharon Nelson, D-Maury Island, Minority Leader. Sen. Steve Litzow, R-Mercer Island, will continue as chair of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. Sen. Andy Hill, R-Redmond, is the chair of the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

In the House, Rep. Frank Chopp, D-Seattle, is Speaker of the House. Rep. Pat Sullivan, D-Covington, is the Majority Leader, and Rep. Dan Kristiansen, R-Snohomish, is the Minority Leader. Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, D-Seattle, heads up the House Education Committee, while Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Medina, remains chair of the House Appropriations Committee. Former school director Rep. Kathy Haigh, D-Shelton, chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

Four points of view going in...On January 9, legislative leaders gathered for the annual [Associated Press Legislative Preview](#). Here are the stated priorities for the four caucuses in the short session:

- Majority Coalition Caucus: Jobs, education, sustainable budgets
- Senate Democrats: Reproductive parity, state DREAM Act, transportation
- House Democrats: Progress on funding basic education, help the most vulnerable (particularly mental illness), implement what has been passed (e.g., health benefit exchange, Medicaid expansion)
- House Republicans: Jobs, any surplus funds should support McCleary, pension liability, and put money in reserves

Also of interest may be remarks at the Legislative Preview with the Seattle City Club. Here is that [90-minute clip](#) from TVW. Participants included Senate Majority Leader Rodney Tom, Senate Minority Leader Sharon Nelson, House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan, and House Minority Leader Dan Kristiansen.

On December 17, 2013, Gov. Jay Inslee, Democrat, displayed his budget priorities in his 2014 supplemental budget request. In addition to \$60 million for increased student enrollment for a projected 10,200 students in the 2014-2015 school year, Inslee requested funding for teacher mentor programs, enhanced STEM educational programs, and funding to create a menu of course equivalencies in math and science to help more students be successful in high school.

Course equivalencies will be a vital key to the success of CTE in the State Board of Education's Career and College Ready framework for graduation requirements.

The budget is still a major factor...Prior to developing the supplemental budget proposal, state and executive agencies are required to submit their budget requests to the Office of Financial Management for possible inclusion in the governor's budget.

Superintendent Randy Dorn submitted several budget requests, including \$385 million to carry forward basic education funding in fiscal year 2015 (ends June 30, 2015).

- Increase full-day kindergarten from 43 percent to 50 percent of total kindergarten population
- Reduce high poverty class sizes in grades 2 and 3 to 20.3 student FTE (extended beyond the K-1 reduction)
- Increase Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC) from \$782 to \$1,090.45 per student
- **Reinstate the BEA MSOC multiplier as the means for calculating CTE and Skills Center MSOC (\$51.8 million) and correct CTE and Skills Center staffing (\$20.8 million)**
- Fund two Learning Improvement Days for CIS and building-level administrators (\$45.1 million)

The Quality Education Council wrapped up its deliberations earlier this week. On January 7, the QEC finalized its recommendations to the 2014 legislature to include:

- Steady progress to meet State’s constitutional duty to amply fund basic education
- Continuing work on statewide performance goals and indicators (ESSB 5491, 2013)
- Authority to implement the State Board of Education’s 24-credit graduation requirement framework for the class of 2019
- Supporting efforts to close the education opportunity gap, specifically through reducing summer learning loss and expanding the state’s early childhood education assistance program
- Removing the limit on four meetings a year to allow the QEC to conduct its work and oversight of implementation of the state’s redefined program of basic education

Education advocates and stakeholders have a number of their own priorities, some of which are evident in pre-filed bills or others that are still on the sidelines collecting sponsor signatures.

Supreme Court deeply involved...A major change to “business as usual” in a short session, the Washington State Supreme Court has handed down an order (January 9) in response to the State’s progress report on education funding. These reports are required as part of the original [Supreme Court McCleary decision](#) issued January 5, 2012.

By an [8-1 decision](#), the Court said the Legislature took “meaningful steps” last year, but is “not on target” to implement the key funding promises it has made in earlier years. It wrote that the increase only represented about a 6.7% increase over what would have been spent with no changes. The court noted the funding in the 2013-2015 operating budget fell short in most categories of recommendations from the Joint Education Funding Task Force, which had issued majority and minority reports in December 2012. Under the order, lawmakers are directed to submit a complete plan by April 30 for phasing in billions of dollars of extra funding by the 2017-2018 school year. The latter date is significant because it should put to rest speculation about what the 2018 “deadline” meant.

According to a Washington State Wire story, “Senate Majority Leader Rodney Tom, D-Medina, said the Majority Coalition Caucus will not shift its focus to school funding at the expense of its education reform efforts. The goal isn’t to make the court happy, he said, but rather to redesign the K-12 system to ensure effective classroom instruction.” The article went on to say that Senate Minority Leader Sharon Nelson said that lawmakers should make investments in teacher salaries this year.

WA-ACTE supports and works with other education stakeholders in implementing all aspects of basic education funding, and last session supported bills that had a linear phase-in of activities through 2018.

Delay of game...Shortly after the Washington Supreme Court order had been announced, SPI [Randy Dorn was promoting a poison pill of a bill](#) that would take effect if the Court has not ruled before January 1, 2018, that the state had met its constitutional obligation to provide for the education of all children residing within the state.

Public hearings begin...Legislators aren’t wasting any time, and are starting with a line-up of work sessions and public hearings on January 13. Please review the calendar for bills that may be of interest to you and let me know if you are thinking about traveling to Olympia to testify or talk with your legislators on any CTE or other education issues and I can help you in any way that I can.

Thank you to Marie Sullivan, WSSDA Director of Governmental Relations, for her contribution to this week’s WOVE!

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Bills of Interest to Career and Technical Education

Education Bills

Higher Education Bills

Workforce Bills

BILLS OF INTEREST TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

HB 1656: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - Establishing statewide high school graduation requirements that permit increased flexibility for students to select courses based on their interests and plans. Rep. Monica Stonier - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/23 @ 10:00 AM**

HB 2181: CAREER & COLLEGE READY REQUIREMENTS - Authorizing and supporting career and college ready graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education. Rep. Kristine Lytton - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/23 @ 10:00 AM**

HB 2383: CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS - Integrating career and college readiness standards into K-12 and higher education policies and practices. Rep. Chris Reykdal - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education - **HHRA 1/24 @ 8:00 AM**

HB 2402: CULMINATING PROJECTS/GRADUATION - Removing the culminating project as a state graduation requirement. Rep. Jason Overstreet - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

SB 6044: CAREER AND TECHNICAL COURSE EQUIVALENCIES - Establishing career and technical course equivalencies in science and mathematics. Sen. Steve Litzow - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 6081: SPECIALIZED STEM FACILITIES - Creating a grant program to develop and modernize specialized STEM facilities. Sen. Bruce Dammeier - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Ways & Means

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1492: SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS - Concerning waivers from school year requirements for purposes of economy and efficiency. Rep. Brad Klippert - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/20 @ 1:30 PM**

HB 1709: FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS - Requiring a study to develop a state foreign language education interpreter training program. Rep. Cathy Dahlquist - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/22 @ 8:00 AM**

HB 1735: STUDENT TRANSITION SERVICES - Concerning accountability in providing opportunities for certain students to participate in transition services. Rep. Chris Reykdal - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/20 @ 1:30 PM**

HB 1815: PARENTS/DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS - Assuring that education related information is appropriately provided to parents with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Rep. Luis Moscoso - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education **HHRA 1/22 @ 8:00 AM**

HB 2017: CERTIFICATED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES - Changing the deadline for notices of nonrenewal of contracts for certificated school employees. Rep. Kevin Parker - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - **HHRA 1/22 @ 8:00 AM**

HB 2100: SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES - Creating Seattle University special license plates. Sen. Jamie Pedersen - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Transportation - **HHRB 1/22 @ 3:30 PM**

HB 2109: FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCIES - Concerning the development of residency training programs to recruit and retain primary care physicians in rural and underserved areas of the state. Rep. Larry Haler - Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education - **HHRA 1/21 @ 10:00 AM**

HB 2118: STUDENT PARKING FEES - Concerning student parking fees collected by school districts. Rep. J.T. Wilcox - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Finance

HB 2132: SCHOOL ARCHITECTURAL PLANS - Concerning architectural plans for school construction. Rep. Matt Manweller - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Capital Budget

HB 2133: STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS - Maintaining privacy of student educational records. Rep. Elizabeth Scott - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - HHRA 1/22 @ 8:00 AM

HB 2158: DROPOUT PREVENTION BY EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICTS - Concerning dropout prevention, intervention, and reengagement activities by educational service districts. Rep. Kathy Haigh - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2165: EARLY LEARNING/FATALITIES - Concerning Department of Early Learning fatality reviews. Rep. Ruth Kagi - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Early Learning & Human Services - HHRC 1/20 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2166: STUDENTS/MILITARY FAMILIES - Providing for educational data on students from military families. Rep. Kristine Lytton - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - HHRA 1/20 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2167: CHALLENGED SCHOOLS - Changing the date by which challenged schools are identified. Rep. Kristine Lytton - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2185: OPERATING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET 2014 - Making 2014 supplemental operating appropriations. Rep. Ross Hunter - House Appropriations - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Appropriations

HB 2200: SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTORS - Authorizing increased compensation for school directors in districts enrolling 20,000 or more students. Rep. Reuven Carlyle - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - HHRA 1/22 @ 8:00 AM

HB 2207: BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING - Eliminating the reduction in state basic education funding that occurs in counties with federal forest lands. Rep. Kathy Haigh - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Appropriations Education - HHRA 1/22 @ 3:30 PM

HB 2216: LOCAL HISTORY IN SCHOOLS - Encouraging the inclusion of local history information in Washington State history and government curriculum. Rep. Hans Zeiger - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - HHRA 1/20 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2217: K-12 CAPITAL FACILITIES USE - Encouraging school districts to work with community partners to improve the utilization of K-12 capital facilities. Rep. Hans Zeiger - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education - HHRA 1/20 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2228: PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS - Providing parity of consumer protection procedures for all students attending licensed private vocational schools. Rep. Norma Smith - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education - HHRA 1/24 @ 8:00 AM

HB 2242: EDUCATION REFORMS/QUALITY EDUCATION - Implementing selected education reforms using recommendations from the Quality Education Council's 2014 report to the legislature. Rep. Kristine Lytton - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2270: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/TAX EXEMPTION - Exempting school districts from the state portion of sales and use taxes on school construction. Rep. David Taylor - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Finance

HB 2276: RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS/EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS - Concerning the operation by educational service districts of educational programs for residents of residential schools. Rep. June Robinson - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2282: EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL - Changing provisions relating to the Early Learning Advisory Council. Rep. Jessyn Farrell - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Early Learning & Human Services - HHRC 1/20 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2284: LEARNING IMPROVEMENT DAYS - Regarding state-funded learning improvement days. Rep. Monica Stonier - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Early Learning & Human Services

HB 2285: DUAL CREDIT COURSEWORK - Requiring a review of institution of higher education policies related to dual credit coursework. Rep. Tina Orwall - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education - HHRA 1/22 @ 1:30 PM

HB 2291: SCHOOL DISTRICT TERRITORY - Concerning the transfer of school district territory initiated by school district boards of directors. Rep. Liz Pike - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2308: AUDIT OF STATE UNIVERSITIES - Requiring an audit of the state universities. Rep. Cary Condotta - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education

HB 2313: K-12 EDUCATORS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Requiring state funding to support professional development for K-12 educators. Rep. Steve Bergquist - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Appropriations

HB 2317: EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES - Promoting expanded learning opportunities as a strategy to close the educational opportunity gap and prevent summer learning loss. Rep. Kathy Haigh - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2319: SCHOOL DISTRICT LEGAL NOTICE - Permitting school districts to publish certain legal notices using public web sites maintained by school districts as an alternative to publishing notice in newspapers. Rep. Chad Magendanz - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Education

HB 2335: EXTENDED FOSTER CARE - Concerning extended foster care services. Rep. Mary Helen Roberts - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Early Learning & Human Services

HB 2336: HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BUDGETS - Increasing transparency in higher education by requiring certain departmental budget detail to be available online. Rep. Hans Zeiger - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: House Higher Education

SENATE BILLS

SB 5826: SHARED LEAVE POOL - Addressing the shared leave pool. Sen. Steve Conway - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Government Operations - SHR2 1/21 @ 10:00 AM

SB 5958: STUDENT TRANSITION SERVICES - Concerning accountability in providing opportunities for certain students to participate in transition services. Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 5959: EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS - Concerning professional educator learning days. Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 5960: TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS - Changing the requirements for the relevant multiple measures of student growth used in teacher and principal evaluations. Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 5969: ACADEMIC CREDIT/MILITARY - Providing for awarding academic credit for military training. Sen. Steve O'Ban - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Higher Education

SB 5982: K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL TIME - Preserving K-12 instructional time. Sen. Doug Ericksen - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education - SHR1 1/22 @ 1:30 PM

SB 5986: BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING - Eliminating the reduction in state basic education funding that occurs in counties with federal forest lands. Sen. Doug Ericksen - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 5994: SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/TAX EXEMPTION - Concerning a sales and use tax exemption provided to the state, public school districts, and public charter schools on school construction when the funds used were obtained from indebtedness. Sen. Doug Ericksen - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Ways & Means

SB 6002: OPERATING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET 2014 - Making 2014 supplemental operating appropriations. Sen. Andy Hill - Senate Ways & Means - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Ways & Means

SB 6013: EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS - Making a technical correction to school law governing the use of epinephrine autoinjectors (epi pens). Sen. Mark Mullet - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

SB 6023: SCHOOL WARRANTLESS SEARCH - Including searches by school resource officers and local police school liaison officers within the warrantless school search exception. Sen. Steve O'Ban - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Law & Justice

SB 6033: PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS - Providing parity of consumer protection procedures for all students attending licensed private vocational schools. Sen. Barbara Bailey - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Higher Education

SB 6042: HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATION - Establishing an incentive-based methodology of distributing state appropriations to public four-year institutions of higher education. Sen. Michael Baumgartner - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Higher Education - SHR3 1/23 @ 1:30 PM

SB 6043: RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION - Establishing a cap for resident undergraduate tuition rates. Sen. Michael Baumgartner - For Bill Information, please click [HERE](#). Status: Senate Higher Education

2014 SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR

January 13, 2014	First Day of Session
February 7, 2014	Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 11, 2014	Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
February 18, 2014	Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
February 28, 2014	Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 3, 2014	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 7, 2014*	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 13, 2014	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After 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.

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