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## **BILLS INTRODUCED TO WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE** *Resources for CTE Programs*

**Olympia, Washington, February 2019** – *“Every student prepared for life and career.”* Two bills were introduced in the Washington State legislature this week that will assure funding provided from the state for Career and Technical Education (CTE) is used for its intended purpose by all districts.

These bills will update existing language for allowed use of CTE funds and would ensure equitable access for all students in CTE across the state to high quality CTE programs in good wage, in demand careers.

**HB 1891** - “Concerning the use of career and technical education resources.” Sponsored by Rep. Paul (D-10<sup>th</sup> LD), Rep. McCaslin (R-4<sup>th</sup> LD), Rep. Bergquist (D-11<sup>th</sup> LD), Rep. Van Werven (R-42<sup>nd</sup> LD), Rep. Leavitt (D-28<sup>th</sup> LD), Rep. Santos (D-37<sup>th</sup> LD), and Rep. Doglio (D-22<sup>nd</sup> LD) in the House. Referred to [Appropriations Committee](#). And **SB 5803** - “Concerning the use of career and technical education resources.” Sponsored by Sen. Rivers (R-18<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Rolfes (D-23<sup>rd</sup> LD), Sen. Walsh (R-16<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Takko (D-19<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Warnick (R-13<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Zeiger (R-25<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Palumbo (D-1<sup>st</sup> LD), Sen. Schoesler (R-9<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Liias (D-21<sup>st</sup> LD), Sen. King (R-14<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. Kuderer (D-48<sup>th</sup> LD), Sen. McCoy (D-38<sup>th</sup> LD), and Sen. C. Wilson (D-30<sup>th</sup> LD). Referred to [Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee](#).

With over 740,000 jobs to be created by 2021 in Washington, most needing a credential beyond high school but not requiring a bachelor’s degree, Career and Technical Education (CTE) is critical in providing middle and high school students the education needed for success in our state’s economy today and into the future. (source [CCW FactSheet](#))

“Our education system needs to prepare students for great careers without saddling them with life-long student debt,” said Rep. Dave Paul (D-Oak Harbor). “Career and Technical Education helps put our young people on track for family-wage jobs at an early age. Investment in CTE helps our students, our communities, and our economy.”

“If you care about positive educational outcomes for our students, then you have to care about CTE because of the tremendous learning opportunities it offers to every child across our state,” said Sen. Rivers (R-La Center). “On top of that I’m the parent of a former CTE student, so I’m completely sold on it – which is why I introduced the Senate bill and am so pleased to see such strong bipartisan support.”

“CTE has been connecting learning in the classroom to project-based activities and work-based learning opportunities for decades by involving CTE students in their local communities through a variety of career connected learning activities to build their confidence and development of their technical and leaderships skills, which are all vital to success in the new economy,” stated Tim Knue, Executive Director, Washington Association for Career and Technical Education.

“Career and technical programs are the perfect fit for a number of students, and there will be jobs waiting for them after graduation. We need to make sure our high school graduates have the opportunity and the training to go after them.” - [Tri-City OpED](#)

The Washington ACTE provides leadership and services to our members as they prepare students for lifelong career success by supporting CTE educators in providing high quality CTE opportunities for all students in Washington State.

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