

WOVE Legislative Update for Career and Technical Education

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This Friday marks day 40 of the long legislative session and the cutoff for bills to be heard and passed out of policy committees. After Friday, February 21 we won't see many policy committee meetings until after the fiscal committees have completed their work and House of Origin cutoff has been completed on March 12.

Thursday and Friday will see a flurry of policy bills being heard and exec'd (voted) out of committee to keep them alive as the cutoff calendar begins to show its influence on lawmaker's decisions. There are already fiscal committee hearings scheduled for the weekend, as the fiscal deadline will loom large at the capitol next week.

Bills of Interest

[HB 1414 – 16 & 17 year-old Work Group](#)

This bill directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Department of Labor, to establish a work group to recommend changes to state laws surrounding employment of 16- and 17-year-olds enrolled in or who completed Career and Technical Education programs.

The statewide Career and Technical Education task force is established in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The members of the task force must include representatives from several entities. We have put together a [HB 1414 workgroup list](#) for your curiosity, which includes all members of the work group as spelled out in the bill.

This bill has been tagged with half a million dollar price tag from OSPI which includes money to convene the work group; this means it has an uphill battle this particular year. As a reminder, committee chairs have been told to kill or stall any bills with fiscal notes over \$250,000.

[SB 5358 - Career and Technical Education in sixth grade](#) - This bill will get its first fiscal committee hearing this Thursday night (Feb. 20) in Senate Ways and Means. WA-ACTE is scheduled to briefly testify in support of this bill that is supported by a broad coalition. The fiscal note on this bill is about \$1.3 million, but all direct funding to local school districts.

We feel this bill should pass this session as it creates new funding directly at the building level and grows the K-12 pie overall. If we cannot get the funding portion of the bill, we have expressed to the bill sponsor and his office and caucus staff that we are interested in the policy this year without dollars. Feel free to urge your local legislator on the Ways and Means Committee to give this bill and vote and

send it to Rules for consideration. Members of the Senate Ways and Means committee can be found here [Senate Ways & Means Committee](#).

[HB 1167 - Directing the statewide Career and Technical Education task force to consider educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions](#) - On Thursday, February 20 the House Education committee referred this bill to the Rules Committee for its final hurdle before floor passage. With the benefit of “no new” funding, this bill will likely come off the floor successfully before that halftime deadline of March 12. WA-ACTE has supported this bill and testified on its behalf this session.

As we go throughout the session you can follow along the [daily schedule of the legislature](#) and see the [Senate Floor Calendar](#) and the [House Floor Calendar](#).

WOVE Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 4:00pm

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/20 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5738](#) - Public Hearing - Permitting individuals retired from the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system additional opportunities to work for up to 1,040 hours per year while in receipt of pension benefits. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5358](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/22 @ 9:00am

- [SHB 1085](#) - Public Hearing - Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties. (Remote Testimony Available).

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1020	Academic reengagement	Increasing the accessibility of academic reengagement opportunities for eligible students.	H Education	Shavers		
HB 1031	School facility temperatures	Mitigating the impact of rising school facility temperatures resulting from climate change.	H Education	Reeves		
HB 1032	School district elections	Concerning school district elections.	H Education	Stonier		
HB 1051	IEP team meetings/recording	Permitting the recording of individualized education program team meetings.	H Education	Walsh		
SHB 1085 (SB 5272)	School safety/penalties	Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties.	H Approps	Schmidt		
SHB 1116	Election day	Recognizing election day.	H Rules R	Mena		
HB 1120 (SB 5517)	School staff salary alloc.	Determining state allocations for school staff salaries.	H Approps	Shavers		
SHB 1121	Work restrictions/age 16, 17	Concerning restrictions on the working conditions and hours of sixteen- and seventeen-year olds.	H Rules R	McClintock	Support	
HB 1122 (SB 5346)	Student mobile device use	Restricting mobile device usage by public school students.	H Education	McClintock		

HB 1134	Schools/resource conserv.	Promoting resource conservation practices in public schools.	H Education	Bergquist		
HB 1140	K-12 scholarship program	Establishing empowerED scholarships using educational savings accounts.	H Education	Couture		
HB 1151 (SB 5210)	Ninth grade success grants	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	H Approps	Steele		
HB 1167	Maritime careers task force	Directing the statewide career and technical education task force to consider educational opportunities for careers in maritime professions.	H Rules R	Shavers	Support	
HB 1198 (SB 5167)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 1216 (SB 5195)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 1231	Public school starting times	Supporting the exploration and implementation of later starting times for public schools.	H Education	McEntire		
HB 1242	Prof. licensing reporting	Expanding professional licensing reporting requirements.	H ConsPro&Bus	Jacobsen		
SHB 1273	Dual credit program access	Improving student access to dual credit programs.	H EDDPS	Paul	Concerns	
HB 1280 (SSB 5358)	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.	H Approps	Shavers	Support	High
SHB 1285	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools.	H Approps	Rude	Support	
HB 1338	School operating costs	Concerning school operating costs.	H Approps	Berg	Support	Medium
HB 1414	CTE careers work group	Improving access to career opportunities for students.	H Exec Action	Connors		
HB 1528	Special education IEPs	Improving individualized education plans for special education.	H Education	Pollet		
HB 1556 (SB 5542)	HS completers/CTC tuition	Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.	H Rules R	Entenman		
SHB 1557 (SB 5308)	Guaranteed admissions prg.	Establishing the Washington guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications.	H Approps	Reed		
SHB 1565	Dual enrollment scholarship	Continuing the Washington dual enrollment scholarship.	H Approps	Paul		
HB 1580	CTE/alt. learning exp. prgs.	Concerning career and technical education in alternative learning experience programs.	H Approps	Nance	Concerns	
HB 1746	School local effort assist.	Providing local effort assistance for public schools.	H Approps	Springer		
HB 1751	Course materials sales tax	Establishing a sales and use tax exemption for required course materials at public institutions of higher education.	H Finance	Timmons		
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		
HB 1868	Athletic trainers in schools	Expanding access to athletic trainers in schools.	H Approps	Schmick		
HB 1925 (SB 5567)	Natural resources careers	Expanding secondary training for careers in natural resources and conservation.	H Education	Rule		
SB 5003	School security grants	Establishing the school security and preparedness infrastructure grant program.	S EL/K-12	Torres		
ESSB 5004	School emergency response	Updating emergency response systems in public schools including panic or alert buttons.	H Education	Torres		
SB 5007	Chronically absent students	Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating high school.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 5008	Public school tools	Supporting the use of assessment, diagnostic, and learning tools in public schools.	S EL/K-12	Braun		
SSB 5009	Student transp. vehicles	Modifying the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 5080	Financial education	Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement.	S EL/K-12	Valdez	Support	
SB 5086 (HB 1330)	PEBB & SEBB consolidation	Consolidating the public employees' benefits board and the school employees' benefits board.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5087	CTC legal education programs	Establishing legal education programs at community and technical colleges.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Torres		
SB 5119 (HB 1570)	Academic employee bargaining	Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education.	S Labor & Comm	Nobles		
SB 5120	Learning assistance program	Expanding the learning assistance program.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		
SB 5126 (HB 1547)	Student mental health net.	Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health.	S EL/K-12	Nobles		

SB 5135	Curriculum establishment	Concerning school districts' authority to establish their curriculum.	S EL/K-12	McCune		
SB 5167 (HB 1198)	Operating budget	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 5180	Schools/gender inclusive	Securing the rights of students to have a safe, civil, and respectful learning community.	S EL/K-12	Wilson		
ESSB 5181	Parents rights in education	Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law.	H Education	Wilson		
SB 5189	Competency-based education	Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		
SB 5192	School district materials	Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support	Medium
SB 5195 (HB 1216)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
SB 5210 (HB 1151)	Ninth grade success grants	Establishing the ninth grade success grant program.	S Ways & Means	Lias		
SB 5308 (SHB 1557)	Guaranteed admissions prg.	Establishing the Washington guaranteed admissions program and requiring student notifications.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Hansen		
SSB 5358 (HB 1280)	Career & tech. ed./6th grade	Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade.	S Ways & Means	Braun		
SB 5567 (HB 1925)	Natural resources careers	Expanding secondary training for careers in natural resources and conservation.	S Ways & Means	Nobles		
SB 5596	Interstate teacher compact	Repealing the interstate teacher mobility compact.	S Rules 2	Wellman		
SB 5738 (HB 1988)	Retired employees/work	Permitting individuals retired from the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system additional opportunities to work for up to 1,040 hours per year while in receipt of pension benefits.	S Ways & Means	Wellman		

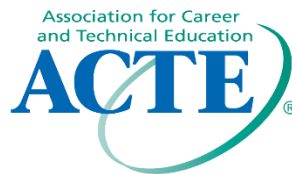
2025 Session Cutoff Calendar

February 21	Policy Committee Cutoff: Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committee and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
February 28	Fiscal Committee Cutoff: Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
March 12	House of Origin Cutoff: Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.)
April 2	Policy Committee Cutoff – Opposite House: Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 8	Fiscal Committee Cutoff – Opposite House: Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 16	Opposite House Cutoff: Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, amendments, differences, and business related to the interim or closing the session).
April 27	Sine Die: Last day allowed for regular session under the state constitution.

February is CTE Month!



Celebrate CTE Month! Career and Technical Education Month® is a public awareness campaign, hosted by ACTE and sponsored by National Association of Home Builders, that takes place each February to celebrate CTE, the accomplishments of CTE programs, and the importance of CTE for all students of all ages. We encourage you to use these [resources](#) to help us generate positive awareness of CTE!



Federal Legislation:

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