

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Week 7

Upcoming Events

Law & Justice (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 9:30am

- [ESHB 1630](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations. (Remote testimony.)
- [ESHB 1705](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning ghost guns. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Monitoring)
- [ESHB 2037](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers. (Remote testimony.) (Monitoring)

College & Workforce Development (House) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 1:30pm

- [2SSB 5789](#) - Exec Session - Creating the Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program. (Support/Monitoring)

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 1:30pm

- [E2SHB 1153](#) - Exec Session - Addressing language access in public schools. (Support/Medium)
- [E2SHB 1162](#) - Public Hearing - Creating new graduation credit and pathway options. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Medium)
- [SHB 1617](#) - Exec Session - Aligning state and school holidays.
- [SHB 1759](#) - Exec Session - Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition, available through their websites and other communication resources. (Support/High)
- [HB 1834](#) - Exec Session - Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons. (Support/Monitoring)
- [SHB 1867](#) - Exec Session - Concerning dual credit program data. (Support/Monitoring)
- [EHB 1942](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the provision of the paraeducator fundamental course of study. (Remote testimony.) (Monitoring)

Health Care & Wellness (House) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5892](#) - Exec Session - Establishing pilot projects for utilizing high school student nursing assistant-certified programs to address the nursing workforce shortage and promote nursing careers in rural hospitals. (Support/Monitoring)

State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 1:30pm

- [ESB 5264](#) - Exec Session - Declaring January as Chinese American history month and encouraging public schools to commemorate the month. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Recognizing contributions of Americans of Chinese descent.) (Support/Monitoring)

Appropriations (House) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 3:30pm

- [HB 1816](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 2/21 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5651](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.
- [SB 5693](#) - Public Hearing - Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.)

Education (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5181](#) - Exec Session - Providing school districts serving low-income communities with flexibility in financing their facilities.
- [SSB 5252](#) - Exec Session - Concerning school district consultation with local tribes.
- [SSB 5376](#) - Exec Session - Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds. (Support/Monitoring)
- [SSB 5497](#) - Exec Session - Extending voting authority to student members on the state board of education. (Support/Monitoring)
- [2SSB 5720](#) - Exec Session - Providing student financial literacy education. (Support/Monitoring)
- [SSB 5762](#) - Public Hearing - Creating the purple star award. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Monitoring)
- [ESSB 5878](#) - Exec Session - Clarifying visual and performing arts instruction.

Environment & Energy (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5722](#) - Exec Session - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings. (Support/Monitoring)
- [E2SSB 5842](#) - Exec Session - Concerning state laws that address climate change. (Monitoring)

Housing, Human Services & Veterans (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5785](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning transitional food assistance. (Remote testimony.)
- [SSB 5790](#) - Public Hearing - Strengthening critical community support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (Remote testimony.)

Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1781](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the capital budget. (Hearing is on the proposed substitute bill).

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 1:30pm

- [E2SHB 1659](#) - Public Hearing - Making higher education more affordable and accessible for students by bridging the gap between cost and need to reduce barriers, improve opportunity, and advance economic security. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Monitoring)
- [EHB 1687](#) - Public Hearing - Enhancing the college bound scholarship program by increasing opportunities for students to attend community and technical colleges. (Remote testimony.) (Support/Monitoring)
- [E2SHB 1736](#) - Exec Session - Establishing a state student loan program. (Support/Monitoring)
- [2SHB 1835](#) - Exec Session - Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment.

Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 1:30pm

- [SHB 2068](#) - Exec Session - Creating the imagination library of Washington program. (Support/Monitoring)

Ways & Means (Senate) - Virtual - 2/22 @ 4:00pm

- [SHB 1590](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)
- [2SHB 1664](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

- [ESHB 1699](#) - Exec Session - Permitting individuals retired from the public employees retirement system, the teachers retirement system, and the school employees retirement system additional opportunities to work for a school district for up to 1,040 hours per school year while in receipt of pension benefits until July 1, 2025. (Support/High)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - Virtual - 2/23 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1280](#) - Exec Session - Concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities. (Support/Monitoring)
- [E2SHB 1723](#) - Public Hearing - Closing the digital equity divide by increasing the accessibility and affordability of telecommunications services, devices, and training. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

Health Care & Wellness (House) - Virtual - 2/23 @ 8:00am

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Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 8:00am

- [HB 1781](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the capital budget.

Education (House) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 10:00am

- [SSB 5181](#) - Exec Session - Providing school districts serving low-income communities with flexibility in financing their facilities.
- [SSB 5252](#) - Exec Session - Concerning school district consultation with local tribes.
- [SSB 5376](#) - Exec Session - Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds. (Support/Monitoring)

- [SSB 5497](#) - Exec Session - Extending voting authority to student members on the state board of education. (Support/Monitoring)
- [2SSB 5720](#) - Exec Session - Providing student financial literacy education. (Support/Monitoring)
- [SSB 5762](#) - Exec Session - Creating the purple star award. (Support/Monitoring)
- [ESSB 5878](#) - Exec Session - Clarifying visual and performing arts instruction.

Housing, Human Services & Veterans (House) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 10:00am

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- [SSB 5790](#) - Exec Session - Strengthening critical community support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Law & Justice (Senate) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 10:30am

- [ESHB 1630](#) - Exec Session - Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations.
- [ESHB 1705](#) - Exec Session - Concerning ghost guns. (Support/Monitoring)
- [ESHB 2037](#) - Exec Session - Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers. (Monitoring)

Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - Virtual - 2/24 @ 12:30pm

- [SHB 1800](#) - Exec Session - Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors. (Support/Monitoring)
- [2SHB 1890](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group. (Support/Monitoring)

Capital Budget (House) - Virtual - 2/25 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5933](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a school seismic safety grant program. (Remote testimony.) (Support/High)

1. Mental, physical health & SEL

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1664	Schools/support funding	OSPI "Banding" request legislation. Concerning prototypical school formulas for physical, social, and emotional support in schools.	S Ways & Means	Rule	Support	High
SHB 1800	Behavioral health/minors	Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors.	S Behavioral Heal	Eslick	Support	Monitoring
HB 1834	Student absences/mental hlth	Concerning student excused absences for mental health reasons.	S EL/K-12	Callan	Support	Monitoring
2SHB 1890	Children behavioral health	Concerning the children and youth behavioral health work group.	S Behavioral Heal	Callan	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5638	Mental health prof. licenses	Concerning expediting approval for applicants for an associate license as a social worker, mental health counselor, or marriage and family therapist.	H HC/Wellness	Wagoner		
E2SSB 5884	Behavioral health support	Establishing behavioral health support specialists.	H HC/Wellness	Trudeau		
SSB 5892	High schools/nursing pilot	Establishing pilot projects for utilizing high school student nursing assistant-certified programs to address the nursing workforce shortage and promote nursing careers in rural hospitals.	H HC/Wellness	Brown	Support	Monitoring

2. Preserving education funding

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1590 (SSB 5563)	Enrollment stabilization	Concerning enrollment stabilization funding to address enrollment declines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	S Ways & Means	Dolan	Support	High
HB 1808	Pupil transportation funding	Concerning pupil transportation funding.	S EL/K-12	Stonier		Monitoring
SSB 5581	Pupil transp. allocations	Addressing pupil transportation allocations.	H Approps	Wellman		Monitoring

3. Closing the Digital Divide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
E2SHB 1723	Telecommunications access	Closing the digital equity divide by increasing the accessibility and affordability of telecommunications services, devices, and training.	S Environment, E	Gregerson	Support	High

4. Special Education & Resources

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SSB 5376	Education ombuds awareness	Promoting awareness of the governor's office of the education ombuds.	H Education	Wilson	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5790	Community support services	Strengthening critical community support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	H Hous, Human Svc	Braun		

5. Preventing Gun Violence & Suicide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 1630	Weapons/certain meetings	Establishing restrictions on the possession of weapons in certain locations.	S Law & Justice	Senn		
ESHB 1705	Untraceable guns	Concerning ghost guns.	S Law & Justice	Berry	Support	Monitoring
SHB 1759	School websites/drug info.	Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, and firearms and ammunition, available through their websites and other communication resources.	S EL/K-12	Callan	Support	High
ESSB 5078 (HB 1164)	Large capacity magazines	Addressing firearm safety measures to increase public safety. High Capacity Magazines	H Civil R & Judi	Liiias	Support	High

6. Climate Change mitigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
E2SHB 1099	Comprehensive planning	Improving the state's climate response through updates to	S Ways & Means	Duerr	Support	Monitoring

		the state's comprehensive planning framework.				
HB 1280	Greenhouse gas/facilities	Concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities.	S Environment, En	Ramel	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5722 (HB 1774)	Greenhouse gases/buildings	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings.	H Env & Energy	Nguyen	Support	Monitoring
E2SSB 5842	Climate change	Concerning state laws that address climate change.	H Env & Energy	Carlyle		Monitoring

7. HiCap Screening

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1611	Highly capable students	Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students.	S EL/K-12	Dolan	Support	High

8. School Safety, Planning & Emergency Preparedness

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 2037	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.	S Law & Justice	Goodman		Monitoring
SSB 5933 (HB 2095)	School seismic safety grants	Establishing a school seismic safety grant program.	H Cap Budget	Frockt	Support	High

9. Dismantling racism

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1074	Fatality reviews	Concerning overdose and suicide fatality reviews.	S Rules 2	Peterson	Support	Monitoring
E2SHB 1153	Language access in schools	Increasing language access in public schools.	S EL/K-12	Orwall	Support	Medium
SHB 1735	Peace officers/use of force	Modifying the standard for use of force by peace officers.	S Rules 2	Johnson		
SSB 5252	School consultation/tribes	Concerning school district consultation with local tribes.	H Education	Wellman		
ESB 5264	Americans of Chinese descent	Declaring January as Chinese American history month and encouraging public schools to commemorate the month.	H State Govt & Tr	Wagoner	Support	Monitoring

Budget bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1781 (SB 5651)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 1816 (SB 5693)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
SB 5651 (HB 1781)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Frockt		

SB 5693 (HB 1816)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes		
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Career-connected, STEM, CTE

No bills.

COVID/early action

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1746	Students/COVID-19 pandemic	Updating the 2015 report and recommendations for supporting student success through measuring and mitigating community risk and protective predictors since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic.	S EL/K-12	Ortiz-Self	Support	Monitoring

Dual credit & High School Graduation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
E2SHB 1162	High school graduation	Concerning high school graduation credit and pathway options.	S EL/K-12	Stonier	Support	Medium
E2SHB 1760	Dual credit program access	Expanding access to dual credit programs.	S Ways & Means	Paul	Support	Medium
SHB 1867	Dual credit program data	Concerning dual credit program data.	S EL/K-12	Paul	Support	Monitoring

General Education Watch List

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
EHB 1453	Voters' pamphlets	Concerning voters' pamphlets. Sec. 15 would require a person who writes pro/con statements to live in the jurisdiction.	S State Govt & El	Bergquist		Monitoring
SHB 1617	State and school holidays	Aligning state and school holidays.	S EL/K-12	Morgan		
SHB 1644	Pupil transp./electric	Permitting funds in the transportation vehicle fund to be used for electric and other clean pupil transportation vehicle feasibility planning and fueling station infrastructure.	S EL/K-12	Senn	Support	Monitoring
SHB 1941	Active shooter drills	Prohibiting active shooter scenarios for school safety-related drills.	S EL/K-12	Walén	Support	Monitoring
SHB 2068	Imagination library	Creating the imagination library of Washington program. (Dolly Parton bill)	S Human Svcs, Ree	Stonier	Support	Monitoring

2SHB 2078 (SB 5925)	Outdoor learning grant prg.	Establishing the outdoor school for all program.	S Ways & Means	Rule		Monitoring
SSB 5497	Board of ed. student members	Extending voting authority to student members on the state board of education.	H Education	Wilson	Support	Monitoring
ESSB 5878	Arts instruction	Clarifying visual and performing arts instruction.	H Education	Rolfes		

Higher Ed Access & Affordability

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
E2SHB 1659	Higher education grants	Making higher education more affordable and accessible for students by bridging the gap between cost and need to reduce barriers, improve opportunity, and advance economic security.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Slatter	Support	Monitoring
EHB 1687	College bound scholar./GPA	Enhancing the college bound scholarship program by increasing opportunities for students to attend community and technical colleges.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Bergquist	Support	Monitoring
E2SHB 1736	State student loan program	Establishing a state student loan program.	S Higher Ed & Wor	Sullivan	Support	Monitoring
HB 1805 (SB 5797)	Opportunity scholarship prog	Concerning the opportunity scholarship program.	S Ways & Means	Paul	Support	Monitoring
2SHB 1835	Postsecondary enrollment	Creating outreach and completion initiatives to increase postsecondary enrollment.	S Higher Ed & Wo	Hansen		
2SSB 5789	Innovation challenge program	Creating the Washington career and college pathways innovation challenge program.	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Randall	Support	Monitoring

New revenue

No bills.

Paraeducators

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
EHB 1942	Paraeducator course of study	Concerning the provision of the paraeducator fundamental course of study.	S EL/K-12	Donaghy		Monitoring

Resolution (Supports)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1833	School meals/electronic info	Establishing an electronic option for the submission of household income information required for participation in school meals and programs.	S EL/K-12	Berg	Support	Monitoring
SHB 1878 (SB 5798)	Schools/comm. eligibility	Increasing public school participation in the community eligibility provision of the United States department of agriculture.	S EDUDP	Riccelli	Support	Monitoring
SHB 1955	Dependency/education	Creating uniformity in education requirements for students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding.	S EL/K-12	Rule	Support	Monitoring
2SSB 5720	Student financial literacy	Providing student financial literacy education.	H Education	Mullet	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5762	Purple star award	Creating the purple star award.	H Education	Wagoner	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5785	Transitional food assistance	Concerning transitional food assistance.	H Hous, Human Svc	Lovelett		

School Construction & Simple Majority

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SSB 5181	Low-income school districts	Providing school districts serving low-income communities with flexibility in financing their facilities.	H Education	Honeyford		

Workforce Shortages

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 1699	Work in retirement/schools	Permitting individuals retired from the public employees retirement system, the teachers retirement system, and the school employees retirement system additional opportunities to work for a school district for up to 1,040 hours per school year while in receipt of pension benefits until July 1, 2025.	S Ways & Means	Bergquist	Support	High

Uncategorized Bills

No bills.