

Upcoming Events

Health Care & Wellness (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/28 @ 8:00am

- [SB 5036](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning telemedicine. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/1 @ 8:00am

- [SSB 5072](#) - Public Hearing - Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)
- [SSB 5257](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

1. Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1027 (SB 5036)	Audio-only telemedicine	Concerning telemedicine.	H 2nd Reading	Riccelli	Support	
SHB 1069	Mental health counselor comp	Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	S Health & Long	Leavitt		
2SHB 1724	Behavioral health workforce	Increasing the trained behavioral health workforce.	H Rules R	Bateman		
SB 5036 (HB 1027)	Audio-only telemedicine	Concerning telemedicine.	H HC/Wellness	Muzzall	Support	
SSB 5189 (HB 1348)	Behavioral health support	Establishing behavioral health support specialists.	S Rules 2	Trudeau		
2SSB 5555	Certified peer specialists	Creating the profession of certified peer specialists.	S Rules 2	Randall		Monitoring

2. Addressing Critical Gaps in Education Funding

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1244 (SB 5692)	Enrichment levy authority	Increasing the maximum per pupil limit for enrichment levy authority.	H Rules R	Ramel	Support	Monitoring
SHB 1248	Pupil transportation	Concerning pupil transportation.	H Rules R	Stonier	Support	High

SB 5019	School safety staff	Concerning classified staff providing student and staff safety.	H Education	Wellman	Neutral	
2SSB 5174	Student transportation	Providing adequate and predictable student transportation.	S Rules 2	Wellman	Support	High

3. Preventing Gun Violence & Suicide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1143 (SB 5211)	Firearms/purchase & transfer	Concerning requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms.	H Rules R	Berry	Support	Medium
HB 1230	School websites/drug info.	Requiring school districts and other public education entities to make information from the department of health available.	H 2nd Reading	Callan	Support	Medium
SHB 1240 (SB 5265)	Firearms/assault weapons	Establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety.	H Rules R	Peterson	Support	High
SHB 1562	Violence	Reducing the risks of lethality and other harm associated with gun violence, gender-based violence, and other types of violence.	H Rules R	Thai	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5006	Waiver of firearm rights	Clarifying waiver of firearm rights.	H Civil R & Judi	Pedersen	Support	Medium
SSB 5078 (HB 1130)	Firearm industry duties	Protecting public safety by establishing duties of firearm industry members.	S Rules 2	Pedersen	Support	Medium
SSB 5561	Law enf. community grants	Extending the expiration date of the law enforcement community engagement grant project.	S Rules 2	Conway	Support	Low

4. Special Education Funding, Inclusion & Resources

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1109	Special education funding	Providing funding for school districts for special education.	H Rules R	Senn	Support	Low
2SHB 1305	Students with disabilities	Improving access to and provision of a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities.	H Rules R	Pollet	Support	Medium
SHB 1436	Special education funding	Funding special education.	H Rules R	Pollet	Concerns	High

2SHB 1479 (SB 5559)	Student restraint, isolation	Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Rules R	Callan	Support	Medium
SB 5031	Special ed safety net awards	Concerning safety net award distributions.	S 2nd Reading	Wellman		Monitoring
2SSB 5311 (HB 1211)	Special education funding	Concerning special education funding formula.	S Rules 2	Wellman	Support	High
2SSB 5315	Special education/nonpublic	Concerning nonpublic agencies operating special education programs for students with disabilities.	S Rules 2	Wilson		Monitoring

5. School Safety, Planning & Emergency Preparedness

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SB 5647	School safety/temp employees	Providing temporary employees necessary information about school safety policies and procedures.	S Rules 2	Torres	Support	Medium

Climate Change mitigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1170 (SSB 5093)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	H 2nd Reading	Street	Support	
2SHB 1176 (SB 5247)	Climate-ready communities	Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities.	H Rules R	Slatter	Support	Low
2SHB 1181 (SSB 5203)	Climate change/planning	Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.	H Rules R	Duerr	Support	
2SHB 1216 (SSB 5380)	Clean energy siting	Concerning clean energy siting.	H Rules R	Fitzgibbon	Support	Low
SHB 1589 (SSB 5562)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	H Rules R	Doglio	Support	
HB 1777	Energy contracting	Authorizing the use of performance-based contracting for energy services and equipment.	H Rules R	Doglio		Monitoring

SHB 1789	Ecosystem services	Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.	H Rules R	Reeves		
SSB 5057	Energy standards/commercial	Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings.	S Rules 2	Mullet		Monitoring
SSB 5093 (2SHB 1170)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	S Rules 2	Rolfes	Support	Low

Digital Divide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1392 (SB 5464)	Electronics repair	Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic equipment.	H Rules R	Gregerson	Support	

Educator Workforce

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 1565	Prof. education workforce	Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self	Support	
SSB 5054	Prof. learning communities	Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S 2nd Reading	Wellman		
SB 5180	Teacher mobility compact	Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	S Rules 2	Hunt	Support	Low
SB 5349 (SHB 1056)	Postretirement employment	Repealing some postretirement employment restrictions.	S Rules 2	Conway		Monitoring
SSB 5499	Multistate nurse licensure	Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact.	S Rules 2	Mullet		

General Education Watch List

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1015 (SB 5264)	Paraeducator requirements	Concerning minimum employment requirements for paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Santos	Support	Low
SHB 1277	Paraeducator course of study	Establishing rules to improve the consistency and quality of the	H 2nd Reading	Donaghy	Support	Low

		implementation of the fundamental courses of study for paraeducators.				
SHB 1346 (2SSB 5071)	Purple star award	Creating the purple star award.	S EL/K-12	Shavers	Support	Low
HB 1478	Student rights	Establishing a statement of student rights.	H Rules R	Timmons		
SHB 1692	Student advisory groups	Creating student advisory groups.	H Rules R	Bergquist	Neutral	
2SSB 5071 (SHB 1346)	Purple star designation	Creating the purple star award.	S Rules 2	Nobles	Support	Low
SB 5355	Sex trafficking prev. ed.	Mandating instruction on sex trafficking prevention and identification for students in grades seven through 12.	S 2nd Reading	Wilson		
SB 5449	School buses/other use	Concerning the requirements for school buses used for purposes other than the transportation of students.	S Transportation	Warnick		

Highly Capable Student ID & Access

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SSB 5072	Highly capable students	Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students.	H Education	Nobles	Support	High

Meaningful High School Diploma

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1146	Dual credit program notice	Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.	S EL/K-12	Paul	Support	
HB 1308	Graduation pathway options	Concerning high school graduation pathway options.	H 2nd Reading	Stonier	Support	Medium
2SHB 1316	Dual credit program access	Expanding access to dual credit programs.	H Rules R	Paul	Support	
SHB 1658	Work experience/H.S. credit	Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience.	H 2nd Reading	Shavers	Support	
2SSB 5048	College in high school fees	Eliminating college in the high school fees.	S Rules 2	Mullet	Support	Medium
2SSB 5243 (SHB 1273)	High school and beyond plans	Concerning high school and beyond planning.	S Rules 2	Wellman	Concerns	Medium

SB 5527	Graduation pathway options	Adding additional courses to the list of courses approved as a graduation pathway option.	S Rules 2	Mullet		Monitoring
2SSB 5670	Running start/10th grade	Permitting 10th grade students to participate in running start in online settings.	S Rules 2	Hawkins	Concerns	

New revenue

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1473 (SB 5486)	Wealth/property tax	Investing in Washington families and creating a more fair tax system by enacting a narrowly tailored property tax on extreme wealth derived from the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property.	H Finance	Thai	Support	
HB 1670	Property tax limit factor	Raising the limit factor for property taxes.	H Rules R	Ormsby		

Resolution (Supports)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1207	Harassment/schools	Preventing and responding to harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in schools.	H 2nd Reading	Senn	Support	
HB 1232	College bound scholarship	Enhancing the college bound scholarship program.	H 2nd Reading	Bergquist	Support	
2SHB 1238 (SSB 5339)	Free school meals	Providing free school meals for all.	H Rules R	Riccelli	Support	
SHB 1504 (ESSB 5257)	Elementary school recess	Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H 2nd Reading	Low	Support	
2SHB 1550	Transition to kindergarten	Assisting eligible children in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten by establishing the transition to kindergarten program.	H Rules R	Santos		Monitoring
2SHB 1559 (SB 5566)	Postsecondary student needs	Establishing the student basic needs at public postsecondary institutions act.	H Rules R	Entenman		

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events

Report – Week 8

HB 1575 (SB 5612)	Cultural access programs/tax	Modifying the sales and use tax for cultural access programs by allowing the tax to be imposed by a councilmanic or commission authority and defining timelines and priorities for action.	H Rules R	Reed	Support	
HB 1622	Students/homelessness	Supporting the needs of students experiencing homelessness.	H Rules R	Fey	Support	Low
HB 1679 (SB 5719)	Student homelessness group	Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.	H Rules R	Rule	Support	Low
SHB 1693 (SSB 5702)	Student homelessness pilot	Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	H Rules R	Lekanoff	Support	
SHB 1701	Institutional ed. programs	Concerning basic education services to youth who are served through institutional education programs.	H 2nd Reading	Callan	Support	
HB 1823	WA student loan program	Modifying the Washington student loan program.	H Rules R	Timmons		Monitoring
SB 5079	Tuition establishment date	Concerning the date by which tuition operating fees are established.	H Postsec Ed & Wk	Braun		Monitoring
ESSB 5257 (SHB 1504)	Elementary school recess	Ensuring elementary school students receive sufficient daily recess.	H Education	Nobles	Support	
SSB 5365	Vapor and tobacco/minors	Preventing use of vapor and tobacco products by minors.	S 2nd Reading	Saldana	Support	
SB 5462	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	S 2nd Reading	Liias		
SSB 5626	K-12 media literacy	Expanding and enhancing media literacy and digital	S Rules 2	Liias	Support	

		citizenship in K-12 education.				
SSB 5702 (SHB 1693)	Student homelessness pilot	Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot program.	S Rules 2	Trudeau	Support	Low
SB 5711 (HB 1156)	College grant eligibility	Extending the terms of eligibility for the Washington college grant program.	S Rules 2	Nobles	Support	

School Construction & Simple Majority

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1044	Capital assistance/schools	Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.	H Rules R	McEntire		
SHB 1050	Apprenticeship utilization	Expanding apprenticeship utilization requirements.	H Rules R	Riccelli		
SSB 5126 (HB 1444)	Common school trust revenue	Providing common school trust revenue to small school districts.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	Support	
SB 5344	Public school revolving fund	Establishing a public school revolving fund.	S Rules 2	Schoesler		
SJR 8203	Public school revolving fund	Establishing a public school revolving fund.	S Rules 2	Schoesler		