

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 10

Upcoming Events

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/17 @ 10:30am

- [2SHB 1587](#) - Public Hearing - Encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the opportunity scholarship program. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Community Safety (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 3/17 @ 1:30pm

- [ESSB 5105](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning sexually explicit depictions of minors. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5282](#) - Public Hearing - Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force. (Remote Testimony Available).

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/17 @ 1:30pm

- [SSB 5123](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [ESB 5235](#) - Public Hearing - Repealing and reorganizing outdated statutes concerning public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).

Human Services (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 3/17 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 1028](#) - Public Hearing - Addressing child exposure to violence. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [ESHB 1385](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/18 @ 10:30am

- [E2SSB 5098](#) - Public Hearing - Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/18 @ 1:30pm

- [2SHB 1497](#) - Public Hearing - Improving outcomes associated with waste material management systems. (Remote Testimony Available).

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 3/18 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5542](#) - Public Hearing - Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Low)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/18 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 5177](#) - Public Hearing - Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5253](#) - Public Hearing - Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5327](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Monitoring)

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/19 @ 1:30pm

- [ESHB 1651](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [HB 1796](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. (Remote Testimony Available).

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/19 @ 4:00pm

- [ESSB 5192](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)
- [E2SSB 5263](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning special education funding. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/20 @ 8:00am

- [ESSB 5004](#) - Exec Session - Updating emergency response systems in public schools including panic or alert buttons.
- [SB 5189](#) - Exec Session - Supporting the implementation of competency-based education.

- [SSB 5570](#) - Exec Session - Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes.
- [SSB 5253](#) - Exec Session - Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22.

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/20 @ 10:30am

- [ESHB 1296](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting a safe and supportive public education system. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Medium)
- [EHB 1393](#) - Exec Session - Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies.

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 3/20 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 2033](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the taxation of nicotine products. (Remote Testimony Available).

Higher Education & Workforce Development (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 3/20 @ 1:30pm

- [2SHB 1273](#) - Public Hearing - Improving student access to dual credit programs. (Remote Testimony Available).

Saves State Money

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| SHB 1450 | Transition to kindergarten | Concerning transition to kindergarten programs. | H Approps | Santos | | |
| HB 1475 (SB 5737) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | H Approps | Gregerson | | |
| SHB 1489 | Childhood ed./impl. dates | Delays ECEAP entitlement from the 2026-27 school year to the 2030-31 school year. | H Rules R | Ormsby | | Monitoring |
| HB 2012 | Transition to kindergarten | Funding the transition to kindergarten program. | H Approps | Bergquist | | |
| SB 5737 (HB 1475) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |

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| ESSB 5752 | Child care & early dev. | Modifying child care and early childhood development programs. | H EL & Human Svc | Wilson | | |
| SB 5769 | Transition to kindergarten | Addressing transition to kindergarten programs. | S 2nd Reading | Wellman | | |
| SB 5785 | Higher education costs | Modifying students' share of the education costs at institutions of higher education. | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |

#1: Closing the Funding Gaps

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| SHB 1356 | K-12 funding | Concerning K-12 funding. | H Approps | Bergquist | | Monitoring |
| ESSB 5192 | School district materials | Concerning school district materials, supplies, and operating costs. Appears the increase to all students is \$135, and for grades 9-12 \$28.05. Creates a new formula for calculating MSOC: For the purposes of calculating allocations under this subsection (8), a school district's full-time equivalent student enrollment is the average of the district's prior three school years' total annual average full-time equivalent enrollment. | H Approps | Nobles | Support | High |
| E2SSB 5263 | Special education funding | Concerning special education funding. | H Approps | Pedersen | Support | High |
| SB 5772 | Student enrollment | Calculating student enrollment for local effort assistance. | S 2nd Reading | Hansen | | |

#2: Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

No bills.

#3: Addressing Funding, Inclusion and Supports in Special Education

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--|----------------------------|--|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| SSB 5253 (SHB 1257) | Special education services | Extending special education services to students with disabilities until the end of the school year in which the student turns 22. | H Education | Cortes | | |

#4: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| E2SHB 1163 (SB 5140) | Firearm purchase | Enhancing requirements relating to the purchase, transfer, and possession of firearms. | S Law & Justice | Berry | Support | |
| ESHB 1385 | Background checks | Concerning fingerprint background check on applicants. | S Human Services | Taylor | Support | |
| HB 1386 | Firearms tax | Imposing a new tax on firearms, firearm parts, and ammunition. | H Finance | Thai | Support | |
| E2SSB 5098 | Weapons in certain areas | Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. | H Civil R & Judi | Valdez | Support | High |
| ESSB 5268 | Unlawful firearm possession | Classifying unlawful possession of a firearm as a violent offense. | H Community Safet | Wagoner | Concerns | Low |

#5: Expanding School Construction Funding Options

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1796 (2SSB 5095) | School construction debt | Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. | S EL/K-12 | Callan | | |
| ESSB 5004 | School emergency response | Updating emergency response systems in public schools including panic or alert buttons. - Defines what an emergency response system is: panic buttons, live video or audio streams, locking all doors, or 2-way interactive communication. | H Education | Torres | | |
| 2SSB 5095 (HB 1796) | School construction debt | Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. | S 2nd Reading | Dhingra | | |
| 2SSB 5186 | School district fac. funding | 55% majority passage for bonds | S Rules 2 | Krishnadasan | Support | High |
| SSJR 8200 | School district local funds | Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. | S Rules 2 | Cortes | Support | High |

Climate Change mitigation

No bills.

Digital Divide

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| ESHB 1483 (SB 5423) | Digital electronics/repair | Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital | S Environment, En | Gregerson | Support | Medium |

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| | | electronics in a secure and reliable manner. | | | | |
| 2SHB 1503 | Digital equity | Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington state. | S Environment, En | Gregerson | Support | Low |
| HB 1517 | Digital equity/revenue | Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs. | H Finance | Gregerson | | |

General Education Watch List

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| EHB 1393 | Commencement/cultural exp. | Providing public school students with opportunities for cultural expression at commencement ceremonies. | S EL/K-12 | McEntire | | |
| SB 5177 | Professional dev. resources | Considering the experiences of historically marginalized and underrepresented groups when identifying professional development resources on certain topics. | H Education | Nobles | | |
| ESB 5235 | Public school statutes | Repealing and reorganizing outdated statutes concerning public schools. Amending RCW 28A.175.145 and 28A.235.120; adding a new section to chapter 28A.235 RCW; recodifying RCW 28A.623.030; and repealing RCW 28A.335.300, 28A.415.315, 28A.415.330, 28A.415.380, 28A.600.045, 28A.605.040, 28A.623.005, 28A.623.010, 28A.623.020, 28A.625.100, 28A.625.110, 28A.625.150, 28A.630.198, 28A.630.810, 28A.655.071, 28A.655.130, 28A.655.280, 28A.690.010, 28A.690.020, and 28A.690.030. | H Education | Wellman | | |

Meaningful High School Diploma

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| 2SHB 1285 | Financial education | Making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools, starting with the graduating class of 2031. | S EL/K-12 | Rude | Concerns | Medium |
| SSB 5327 | Learning standards | Concerning learning standards and graduation requirements. | H Education | Wellman | Concerns | Monitoring |

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New revenue

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
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| HB 1319 | Wealth tax | Enacting a wealth tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible property. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1320 | Business & occupation tax | Modifying business and occupation tax rates to fund programs and services to benefit Washingtonians. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 1334 | Property tax revenue growth | Modifying the annual regular property tax revenue growth limit. | H Finance | Pollet | | |
| HB 1785 | Excessive executive comp. | Imposing a surcharge on publicly traded companies providing excessive executive compensation. | H Finance | Doglio | | |
| HB 1995 | Tax preferences | Concerning tax preferences. | H Finance | Thomas | | |
| HB 2019 | Estate tax | Making the estate tax more progressive. | H Finance | Street | | |
| HB 2033 | Nicotine product taxation | Concerning the taxation of nicotine products. | H Finance | Stonier | | |
| SB 5786 (HB 2035) | Liquor license fees | Increasing license, permit, and endorsement fees. | S Labor & Comm | Stanford | | |

Resolution (Supports)

| Bill # | Abbrev. Title | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Position | Priority |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| HB 1028 | Child exposure to violence | Addressing child exposure to violence. | S Human Services | Goodman | | |
| 2SHB 1273 | Dual credit program access | Improving student access to dual credit programs for CTE courses. | S Higher Ed & Wor | Paul | | |
| ESHB 1296 | Public education system | Promoting a safe and supportive public education system. | S EL/K-12 | Stonier | Concerns | Medium |
| HB 1475 (SB 5737) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | H Approps | Gregerson | | |
| SHB 1489 | Childhood ed./impl. dates | Delays ECEAP entitlement from the 2026-27 school year to the 2030-31 school year. | H Rules R | Ormsby | | Monitoring |
| 2SHB 1497 | Waste material management | Improving outcomes associated with waste material management systems. | S Environment, En | Doglio | | |
| HB 1556 (SB 5542) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. | S Rules 2 | Entenman | Support | |

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| 2SHB 1587 | Partner promise scholarships | Encouraging local government partner promise scholarship programs within the opportunity scholarship program. | S Higher Ed & Wor | Bergquist | Support | |
| ESHB 1651 (SB 5693) | Teacher residency & apprent. | Concerning teacher residency and apprenticeship programs. | S EL/K-12 | Ortiz-Self | | |
| ESSB 5105 (HB 1169) | Sexually explicit depictions | Concerning offenses involving fabricated depictions of minors. | H Community Safet | Orwall | | |
| SSB 5123 (HB 1855) | Discrimination in schools | Expanding protections for certain students to promote inclusivity in public schools. | H Education | Nobles | Support | |
| ESSB 5181 | Parents rights in education | Amending the parents rights initiative to bring it into alignment with existing law. | H Education | Wilson | | Monitoring |
| SB 5189 | Competency-based education | Supporting the implementation of competency-based education. | H Education | Wellman | | |
| SSB 5282 | Missing children adv. board | Reestablishing the advisory board for the missing and exploited children task force. | H Community Safet | Wellman | | |
| 2SSB 5358 (HB 1280) | Career & tech. ed./6th grade | Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. | H Approps | Braun | | |
| SB 5542 (HB 1556) | HS completers/CTC tuition | Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges. | H Postsec Ed & Wk | Boehnke | Support | Low |
| SSB 5570 (HB 1894) | Tribes/K-12 instruction | Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes. | H Education | Kauffman | | |
| ESSB 5708 (2SHB 1834) | Online services/minors | Protecting Washington children online. | H ConsPro&Bus | Frame | | |
| SB 5737 (HB 1475) | National board bonuses | Suspending the national board for professional standards certification bonuses for certificated instructional staff. | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |
| ESSB 5752 | Child care & early dev. | Modifying child care and early childhood development programs. | H EL & Human Svc | Wilson | | |
| SB 5785 | Higher education costs | Modifying students' share of the education costs at | S Ways & Means | Robinson | | |

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Uncategorized Bills

No bills.