

WSPTA Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report – Week 6

Upcoming Events

Civil Rights & Judiciary (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 8:00am

- [ESSB 6002](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning driver privacy protections. (Remote Testimony Available).

Community Safety (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 10:30am

- [2ESSB 5268](#) - Public Hearing - Imposing community custody after a conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Low)
- [SSB 5855](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. (Remote Testimony Available).

Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/18 @ 10:30am

- [HB 1796](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SHB 2594](#) - Public Hearing - Ensuring that unhoused children and youths in Washington have equal access to free, appropriate public education. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [ESHB 2557](#) - Public Hearing - Providing parental access to special education evaluation reports. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [SHB 2360](#) - Exec Session - Expanding access to albuterol in public and private schools. (If measure is referred to committee.) (Monitoring)
- [ESHB 2534](#) - Exec Session - Promoting educational stability for children of military families. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 10:30am

- [SSB 5841](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the completion of postsecondary financial aid applications. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SSB 5956](#) - Public Hearing - Addressing artificial intelligence, student discipline, and surveillance in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available).

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 5963](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying funding for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.) (Support)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/18 @ 4:00pm

- [ESB 5872](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing the preK promise account. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)
- [SB 6065](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning school district transportation vehicle funds. (Remote Testimony Available).

Community Safety (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 8:00am

- [2ESSB 5268](#) - Exec Session - Imposing community custody after a conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm. (Concerns/Low)

Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/19 @ 8:00am

- [2SSB 5969](#) - Public Hearing - Reducing duplication between high school and beyond plans and individualized education program transition plans. (Remote Testimony Available). (If measure is referred to committee.)
- [SSB 6222](#) - Public Hearing - Supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware. (Remote Testimony Available).

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/19 @ 10:30am

- [ESHB 2165](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning false identification as a peace officer. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/19 @ 4:00pm

- [SB 6351](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing fiscal resources for students and children by providing targeted sales tax exemptions for schools and certain before-and-after school care programs and arts and cultural classes. (Remote Testimony Available).
- [SB 6228](#) - Exec Session - Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs.
- [SB 6231](#) - Exec Session - Removing a tax exemption for the replacement of equipment for data centers.

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- [SB 6229](#) - Exec Session - Concerning taxation of a long-term capital gain of a section 1202 small business stock.

Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/20 @ 10:30am

- [ESSB 5984](#) - Public Hearing - Regulating artificial intelligence companion chatbots. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support)

Saves State Money

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 2723	Tax preferences	Modifying existing tax preferences.	H Finance	Ramel		

#1: Closing the Funding Gaps

No bills.

#2: Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
3SHB 1634	Behavioral health/schools	Providing school districts and public schools with assistance to coordinate comprehensive behavioral health supports for students.	H 2nd Reading	Thai	Support	
HB 2038 (SB 5799)	Youth behavioral health acc.	Establishing the youth behavioral health account and funding the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms.	H Finance	Callan		
2SHB 2429 (SB 6224)	Youth behavioral health	Supporting children and youth behavioral health.	H Passed 3rd	Callan	Support	
SSB 5762	988 crisis hotline	Increasing the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention line tax.	S 2nd Reading	Orwall		
SB 5799 (HB 2038)	Youth behavioral health acc.	Establishing the youth behavioral health account and funding the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms.	S Ways & Means	Wilson		

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

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ESHB 1795 (SB 5654)	Student restraint, isolation	Addressing restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs.	H Passed 3rd	Callan	Support	
ESHB 2557	Sp. ed. evaluation reports	Providing parental access to special education evaluation reports.	H Passed 3rd	Chase		

#4: Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1152	Firearm storage	Enhancing public safety by establishing secure storage requirements for firearms in vehicles and residences.	H 2nd Reading	Doglio	Support	High
SHB 2320 (SB 6314)	Firearm manufacturing	Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing.	H 2nd Reading	Salahuddin	Support	High
2ESSB 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
HB 1796 (2SSB 5095)	School construction debt	Concerning school districts' authority to contract indebtedness for school construction.	S EL/K-12	Callan		
SSB 5901 (SHB 2470)	On-base school construction	Providing school construction assistance program facilities support for on-base schools.	S 2nd Reading	Christian		

Budget bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 2289 (SB 5998)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby		
HB 2295 (SB 6003)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger		
HB 2306 (SB 6005)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey		
SB 5998 (HB 2289)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2025-2027 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson		
SB 6003 (HB 2295)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau		
SB 6005 (HB 2306)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias		

Climate Change mitigation

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 2251	Climate commit. act accounts	Concerning climate commitment act accounts.	H 2nd Reading	Fitzgibbon		

Digital Divide

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
2SHB 2365	Digital opportunities	Advancing digital opportunities for all.	H Rules R	Gregerson	Support	
HB 2432 (SSB 6222)	Students/surplus technology	Supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware.	H Rules R	Callan	Support	
SSB 6222 (HB 2432)	Students/surplus technology	Supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware.	H Education	Hunt		

General Education Watch List

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1289	Public school survey info.	Gathering survey information to improve the public school system.	H 2nd Reading	McClintock		
SHB 2266 (SSB 6069)	Supportive & emerg. housing	Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters.	H 2nd Reading	Peterson		Monitoring
SHB 2489	Public space/local use laws	Establishing statewide standards for when local governments may enforce laws regulating the use of public space for life-sustaining activities.	H Rules R	Gregerson		Monitoring
2SHB 2593	School district accounting	Addressing school district accounting, budgeting, and reporting requirements.	H 2nd Reading	Rude		
SHB 2661	Public records task force	Establishing the legislative task force on public records act modernization consisting of eight voting members and four nonvoting legislators.	H 2nd Reading	Rude		
HB 2734	Sugar-sweetened beverages	Creating a hunger free Washington through a sugar-sweetened beverage tax and precluding a supplemental nutrition assistance program waiver.	H Finance	Street		

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		
SSB 5574	History instruction	Providing instruction on Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander history in public schools.	S 2nd Reading	Nobles		
SSB 5943	Use of school impact fees	Concerning the use of school impact fees.	S 2nd Reading	Cortes		
SSB 6049	PRA/students & employees	Protecting student and employee information from public disclosure.	S Passed 3rd	Wilson		
SB 6052 (HB 2570)	Digital school transcripts	Establishing a statewide digital transcript data-sharing environment.	S 2nd Reading	Boehnke		
SB 6065	School vehicle funds	Concerning school district transportation vehicle funds.	H Approps	Dozier		
SSB 6069 (SHB 2266)	Supportive & emerg. housing	Encouraging permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, indoor emergency housing, and indoor emergency shelters.	S Rules 2	Alvarado		Monitoring
SSB 6089	Education data/P20W system	Increasing coordination and alignment throughout the P20W system.	S 2nd Reading	Slatter	Support	
2SSB 6239 (HB 2700)	State tort claims	Requiring arbitration for tort claims against the state of Washington and its subdivisions.	S 2nd Reading	Dhingra		
HI IL26-001	Parental rights/schools	Parental rights/schools	H Education			
SI IL26-001	Parental rights/schools	Parental rights/schools	S EL/K-12			
HI IL26-638	K-12 athletics participation	K-12 athletics participation	H Education			
SI IL26-638	K-12 athletics participation	K-12 athletics participation	S EL/K-12			

Immigration: Res. 18.51

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
ESHB 2165 (SB 5876)	Peace officer false ident.	Concerning false identification as a peace officer.	S Law & Justice	Obras		
SHB 2597	Immigration enforcement	Concerning remedies for violations of federal constitutional rights occurring during immigration enforcement.	H Rules R	Thai		
HB 2632	Noncitizen terminology	Modernizing terminology when referring to individuals who are not	H 2nd Reading	Thai		

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		citizens or nationals of the United States.				
SSB 5855 (HB 2173)	Law enf. face coverings	Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers.	H Community Safet	Valdez		
ESSB 5906	Data and personal safety	Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.	H Civil R & Judi	Hansen	Support	
ESSB 6002 (HB 2332)	Driver privacy	Concerning driver privacy protections.	H Civil R & Judi	Trudeau		

Meaningful High School Diploma

No bills.

New revenue

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 2038 (SB 5799)	Youth behavioral health acc.	Establishing the youth behavioral health account and funding the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms.	H Finance	Callan		
HB 2100 (SB 6093)	Payroll expense tax	Enacting an excise tax on large operating companies on the amount of payroll expenses above the minimum wage threshold of the additional medicare tax to fund services to benefit Washingtonians and establishing the Well Washington fund account.	H Finance	Scott		Monitoring
HB 2292 (SB 6229)	Small business stock gains	Concerning taxation of a long-term capital gain of a section 1202 small business stock.	H Finance	Berg		
SHB 2442 (SB 6294)	Local government fund use	Providing local governments tax resources and fund flexibility.	H 2nd Reading	Berg		
HB 2724 (SSB 6346)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon		
SB 5799 (HB 2038)	Youth behavioral health acc.	Establishing the youth behavioral health account and funding the account through the imposition of a business and occupation additional tax on the operation of social media platforms.	S Ways & Means	Wilson		

SSB 6162 (HB 2621)	Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S 2nd Reading	Krishnadasan		
SB 6228 (HB 2707)	Prescription drugs/taxes	Removing a tax exemption for the warehousing and reselling of prescription drugs.	S Ways & Means	Frame		
SB 6229 (HB 2292)	Small business stock gains	Concerning taxation of a long-term capital gain of a section 1202 small business stock.	S Ways & Means	Frame		
SB 6231 (HB 2708)	Data center equipment/taxes	Removing a tax exemption for the replacement of equipment for data centers.	S Ways & Means	Frame		
SSB 6346 (HB 2724)	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen		
SB 6347 (HB 2725)	Estate tax rates	Undoing the recent changes to the estate tax.	S 2nd Reading	Kauffman		

Resolution (Supports)

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 1295	Reading and writing literacy	Using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.	H Rules R	Pollet	Support	
3SHB 1834 (ESSB 5708)	Online services/minors	Protecting Washington children online.	H 2nd Reading	Callan	Support	
2SHB 2105 (SSB 5852)	Immigrant workers	Concerning immigrant worker protections.	H Passed 3rd	Ortiz-Self		
SHB 2159 (ESB 5872)	PreK promise account	Establishing the preK promise account.	H Rules R	Bergquist	Support	
SHB 2225 (ESSB 5984)	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	H 2nd Reading	Callan	Support	
SHB 2360 (SSB 5951)	Albuterol access in schools	Expanding access to albuterol in public and private schools.	H Passed 3rd	Donaghy		Monitoring
2SHB 2438	Early education scholarship	Establishing the supporting our early education degree seekers scholarship.	H Rules R	Bergquist		
SHB 2492 (SSB 6282)	Apprenticeships/wellness	Requiring state registered	S Labor & Comm	Nance		

		apprenticeships in the building and construction trades to provide behavioral health and wellness training.				
ESHB 2534 (SB 6277)	Military families/education	Promoting educational stability for children of military families.	H Passed 3rd	Shavers		
HB 2586 (SB 5963)	Passport to careers program	Modifying funding for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant.	H Rules R	Timmons		
SHB 2594	Unhoused children/education	Ensuring that unhoused children and youths in Washington have equal access to free, appropriate public education.	H Passed 3rd	Reeves		
SSB 5841	Financial aid applications	Concerning the completion of postsecondary financial aid applications.	H Education	Boehnke		
SSB 5855 (HB 2173)	Law enf. face coverings	Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers.	H Community Safet	Valdez		
ESB 5872 (SHB 2159)	PreK promise account	Establishing the preK promise account.	H Approps	Wilson	Support	
ESSB 5906	Data and personal safety	Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents.	H Civil R & Judi	Hansen	Support	
SB 5907 (SHB 2099)	ECEAP access/military	Expanding access to the early childhood education and assistance program for military families.	S 2nd Reading	Nobles		

SSB 5951 (SHB 2360)	Albuterol access in schools	Expanding access to albuterol in public and private schools.	S Rules 2	Cortes		Monitoring
SSB 5956	AI use/student discipline	Addressing artificial intelligence, student discipline, and surveillance in public schools.	H Education	Nobles		
SB 5962	Spring blade knives	Concerning spring blade knives.	S Rules 2	Nobles		
SB 5963 (HB 2586)	Passport to careers program	Modifying funding for the passport to careers program and eligibility for the Washington college grant.	S Passed 3rd	Nobles	Support	
2SSB 5969	IEP transition plans	Fulfilling high school and beyond plan requirements with individualized education program transition plans.	S Passed 3rd	Cortes		
ESSB 5984 (SHB 2225)	AI companion chatbots	Concerning regulation of artificial intelligence companion chatbots.	H Tech, Econ Dev	Wellman	Support	
SSB 6130 (HB 2341)	National voter reg. day	Celebrating national voter registration day.	S Rules 2	Krishnadasan		
SSB 6282 (SHB 2492)	Apprenticeships/wellness	Requiring state registered apprenticeships in the building and construction trades to provide behavioral health and wellness training.	S 2nd Reading	Nobles		

SB 5814 impact

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
SHB 2257 (SSB 6113)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	H Rules R	Berg		Monitoring
SSB 6113 (SHB 2257)	Tax administration	Concerning taxes administered by the department of revenue.	S 2nd Reading	Frame		
SB 6351	School sales tax exemptions	Increasing fiscal resources for students and children by providing	S Ways & Means	Cortes		

		targeted sales tax exemptions for schools and certain before-and-after school care programs and arts and cultural classes.				
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Uncategorized Bills

No bills.