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Week 1 - January 8-12, 2018

On Monday, January 8, 2018, the Legislature convened its second year of the 65th Biennial Session. Historically, the focus of the "short" session, limited to 60 days, is on fine-tuning the two-year budget adopted in the previous session and addressing various (usually fairly minor) policy issues. In 2018, during this supplemental session, legislators will make necessary adjustments to the 2017–19 Operating Budget, but also have a series of substantive priority issues to address. Because the 2017 Legislature failed to adopt a full, two-year Capital Budget, finishing that job rises to the top of the "must do" list for most legislators (not to mention capital construction fund recipients that have projects on hold, including many school districts). With the Capital Budget continuing to be linked to a fix of the Supreme Court's 2016 *Hirst* water rights decision, solving that conundrum is also high on legislators' list.

Now that Democrats have complete control in Olympia (a majority in both the House and Senate, along with control of the governor's mansion), many issues considered core to Democratic values will be prioritized. This includes a laundry list of issues, such as: a state Voting Rights Act, reproductive parity, gun control, and climate change. While these issues will be prioritized and will be in play during this session, ultimately succeeding in passing legislation to address each issue will likely prove to be difficult. Democrats hold slim majorities in both houses and each Democratic caucus includes a handful of moderate members who will not support all of these issues.

Another important issue to solve is finding another \$1.0 billion this session to fully comply with the Supreme Court's *McCleary* ruling—by September 1, 2018. Prior to the start of this session (November 15), the Court said the Legislature's adoption of EHB 2242 (education funding plan) and SSB 5883 (2017–19 budget) "has satisfied the Court's mandate to fully fund the program of basic education" as established by ESHB 2261 (2009) and SHB 2776 (2010)—except the funding of staff salaries. Regarding salaries, Justices noted they were "satisfied that the new salary model established by EHB 2242 provides for full State funding of basic education salaries sufficient to recruit and retain competent teachers, administrators, and staff"; however, the full funding of salary increases is slated to be completed beyond the Court's September 1, 2018 deadline. To fully comply with the Court's Order, an additional \$1.0 billion (approximately) needs to be appropriated in this year's Supplemental Operating Budget. Whether the Legislature will do this is an open question. There is debate among legislators about whether it is

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necessary to even try and make this additional payment—and if they decide to tackle the requirement, there is a bigger debate about how to find the money.

This Week in Review

The first week of a long session is often full of ceremony and most legislative committees spend their time getting grounded on the issues before them. Work sessions fill most committee agendas and very little "real" action takes place in the early days of session. With 105 days, there is little need to rush as the session takes on the feel of a marathon. The 60-day supplemental session, however, is more like a sprint. With the exception of a handful of newly elected or appointed members (there are three new legislators this session: one newly elected senator, along with one senator and one representative filling vacant positions due to resignations), legislators know the issues and know the process—and time is too short to spend time spinning their wheels.

The first week of the 2018 session included a frenzy of activity. Almost all legislative committees had full agendas with public hearings—either on new bills or priority bills from last session (remember that in the second session in a biennium, ALL bills that were not adopted in the previous session are automatically revived). One of the few exceptions was the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. With last year's adoption of a comprehensive overhaul of Washington's K-12 funding system (EHB 2242), a number of new members on the Committee (along with a new Chair), and on-going questions about the real impacts to districts of the new law/budget, Committee members took time to hear from superintendents around the state.

On Tuesday, the full **Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee agenda** was focused on "the impact of EHB 2242." Invited superintendents were asked to discuss "challenges posed and suggestions for improvements" in several key policy areas, including: school district levies; special education funding; social and emotional learning; suspensions/expulsions in early elementary grades; and school construction issues. While some of these issues were not addressed in EHB 2242, there are changes in funding streams and limits in flexible funding (among other impacts). For example, school construction funding, including the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP), was not changed by EHB 2242; however, major policy drivers—the requirement to implement all-day kindergarten and drastically reduce K–3 class sizes—are part of the package, which have direct impacts on school facilities. One of the issues raised about school construction needs was the current 60 percent supermajority requirement to pass local bonds (necessary to access state dollars). Advancing a constitutional amendment allowing for a simple majority passage of school bonds continues to be on WASA's Platform and success will be difficult; however, it appears a growing number of legislators are at least willing to broach the conversation. In fact, earlier this week, a constitutional amendment to lower the bar to 55 percent (SB 6246/SJR 8213) was introduced. Obviously, this is not the perfect solution, but administrators should be thinking about whether or not this is acceptable—if the issue gains traction in the Legislature.

It remains clear that we will have a major uphill climb in successfully advocating for major fixes to EHB 2242; however, it is also clear that more legislators (especially those on the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee) are starting to understand that their education funding plan is far from flawless.

Perhaps the biggest activity this week was the governor's annual presentation on the State of the State. On Tuesday, legislators convened for a Joint Session to receive Governor Inslee's address. The governor's State of the State address is always the major opportunity to lay out his agenda and priorities for the session (the other key

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opportunity is the presentation of a budget request). Governor Inslee certainly did use this time to express his strong support for a fairly aggressive agenda.

As anticipated, Inslee noted his support to fully comply with the Supreme Court's most recent McCleary Order by shifting money (\$1.0 billion) to the current biennium for educator salaries. He strongly stated, "It is crucial we implement the *McCleary* plan now." He also reiterated his support of the Career Connect Washington initiative (implementing a partnership with business, labor, and academia to provide access to apprenticeship opportunities to students). Unfortunately, his focus on K-12 education ended there. And this "priority" issue was lumped in with a multitude of other issues, also considered to be urgent. Those issues included a state-level Voting Rights Act, maintaining net neutrality. contraception and reproductive parity, mental and behavioral health care, controlling opioids, affordable housing, College Bound scholarships for Dreamers, gun control, and an end to the death penalty. It felt like the state's paramount duty got short shrift as it was swept up with a huge list of other priority issues.

Inslee did provide strong support for prompt action on a Capital Budget, saying to legislators, "If you want to help rural Washington—if you want more affordable housing, better mental health care and school construction—then do something about it and send this Capital Budget to my desk now." (This was really a swipe at Senate Republicans who continue to refuse to provide support to a Capital Budget—and specifically, the necessary bond bill—until the Legislature adopts a Hirst fix. The word "Hirst" or any discussion of water rights was conspicuously absent from Inslee's speech.)

Again, a State of the State Address is an opportunity to express the governor's priorities. K-12 was swept up with a host of other issues and was mostly given lip service, and it was almost forgotten as Inslee moved into the second half of his speech. In fourand-a-half pages, Inslee discussed over 20 issues (with a couple paragraphs for K-12 and a Capital Budget mixed in), but he closed his address with about four-and-a-half pages almost exclusively focused on climate change and his support for a new Carbon Emissions Tax. Which issue does Inslee feel is of paramount importance?

EHB 2242 Fixes

As noted previously, some legislators are coming to realize EHB 2242 needs at least a few "adjustments." As we've discussed in previous newsletters, WASA's 2018 Legislative Platform and our advocacy efforts will be focused on a series of "fixes" to EHB 2242. The 2018 Legislative Priorities of the Local Funding Work Group (LFWG), in which WASA is a founding member, is also focused on amending EHB 2242. The LFWG priorities closely align with WASA's Platform.

Other organizations are also putting forward proposals for revisions, including State Superintendent Chris Reykdal, Earlier this week Supt. Reykdal sent an e-mail to school district superintendents explaining his comprehensive proposal. First, be aware that these issues are very fluid and are changing rapidly. The attachment to Reykdal's e-mail outlining his proposed changes has already been amended and is outdated. This link to OSPI's Requested Revisions to EHB 2242 (2017) contains the most up-to-date version. To ensure you receive the newest information on this proposal and other information, you are encouraged to regularly check OSPI's EHB 2242 webpage and sign up for OSPI's EHB 2242 listserv. Also included in Reykdal's e-mail was a link to a spreadsheet detailing the financial impacts of his levy proposal. You are encouraged to review this information to better understand his proposal.

Second, because this information is fluid, please understand most of the proposals are not carved in stone. There has already been much conversation (and near panic) about the proposed definition of "resident student." Under the heading "statutory changes,"

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the document suggests that a statutory definition of "resident student" be created. Under the proposal, a "resident student" would be defined as a student who resides within the geographic boundaries of the school district and would EXCLUDE the following:

- Students who transfer into a school district by choice:
- Students who are enrolled through an alternative learning experience (ALE) who do not live inside the district;
- Students enrolled in prekindergarten; and
- Students who transfer from non-high to high school districts (counts in nonhigh district).

Many districts have already run an analysis to determine the impacts of this new definition—and some of the impacts are drastic. In expressing some of these concerns to OSPI staff, however, it was made clear this definition is not a hard-and-fast policy decision made by Superintendent Reykdal. His goal is to establish a clear definition of "resident student" and this proposal is simply a place to start the conversation; he is NOT wedded to this exact language. Understanding that, administrators should continue to express their concerns—along with advice and suggested language. This is one of those times where simply saying "No" and walking away does K-12 education a disservice. If administrators do not help establish an acceptable definition, someone else will provide a definition for us.

Third, Reykdal's proposal has been put into legislative language and was formally introduced this morning as HB 2721/SB 6362 (titled, "Modifying basic education provisions"). HB 2721 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee, while SB 6362 was sent to a policy committee, the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee. Neither bill has been scheduled for a public hearing yet, but both are expected to be heard in short order.

The Washington Education Association has also prepared a set of revisions to EHB 2242 and had legislation formally introduced this morning: HB 2717 (a Senate companion is expected to be dropped early next week). The bill has been referred to the House Appropriations Committee, but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

WEA has prepared a short summary of their bill, which they refer to as "Keeping the McCleary Promise," along with a side-by-side comparison of their bill and OSPI's request legislation.

Additional bills containing EHB 2242 fixes are anticipated to be introduced soon. Stay tuned.

2018 Session Guide Released

WASA's Legislative Session Guide, updated for the 2018 Session, has been completed and is available for your use on the **WASA website**.

The Guide includes all the tools your need to be engaged this session: WASA's 2018 Legislative Platform; rosters of all House and Senate members, with office, phone, and e-mail contact information; key dates in the Session; and a list of other handy resources.

Please also remember that the WASA website has a set of advocacy tools. Visit our Legislative Advocacy Center to get caught up on TWIO, check our Bill Watch or review Legislative Committee schedules. We will also continue to compile a library of Sample Legislative Communications including WASA talking points and sample letters from your colleagues. Keep coming back to hone your message—and consider providing us with your communications to help us build our library.

Additionally, to assist your understanding of EHB 2242 and to assist our advocacy efforts around the new law, be sure to review WASA's webpage dedicated to EHB 2242 resources. The page includes summaries, an analysis of allowable enrichment activities, information on levy ballot propositions, and levy communication strategies. The page is regularly updated, so continue to check back often.

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AEA

By Mitch Denning

From AEA's view, the 2018 session is off to a fast start. Right out of the shoot on Wednesday, the first bill the House passed was HB 1508, breakfast after the bell, by a vote of 85-13, in the same format is was passed on May 25, 2017. Similar to last year, 33 Republicans joined the 50 Democrats to make it a truly bipartisan effort. WSNA is very pleased about the bill's passage.

Then late vesterday, HB 1508 was sent to Senate Ways & Means and by-passed Senate Early Learning/K-12.

Also, yesterday, Sen. Lisa Wellman's bill, **SB 6003**, which is a bit different version of the HB 1508 bill, was heard in Senate Early Learning & K-12, the committee that Sen. Wellman chairs. The testimony was overwhelmingly positive with all twelve individuals testifying in favor of the bill, and about 100 additional supporters signing in PRO, not wishing to testify! No one signed in or testified against the bill!

AEA's testimony on SB 6003 had three recommendations which Sen. Wellman seemed to optimistically receive, including (1) consider adding the Farm-to-School Program sections in the House-passed HB 1508 to promote student learning in an agricultural setting, and to provide opportunities for potential high school dropouts to stay in school; (2) replacing the required sugar amendment from the House-passed bill with a similar amendment adopted by Wellman's committee in 2017. Rather than requiring schools to choose breakfast after the bell foods which contain less than 25% by weight added sugar, which is a challenging mandate for school nutrition staffs, OSPI is working on a similar amendment they submitted last year which would direct OSPI to be a resource to school districts in how to serve foods that are low in sugar; and (3) consider removing the word "organic" from the OSPI grant section so they would provide grant funding for school gardens rather than school "organic" gardens to grow food for school breakfast and lunch. Such non-organic gardens would be much easier for staff and students to grow. SB 6003 is scheduled for executive session on Monday, January 15.

WAMOA was busy also, as we testified yesterday in Senate Ways & Means in favor of SB 6090, a compromise 2017–19 full Capital Budget. As you're aware, a water-rights policy disagreement involving the Supreme Court's Hirst decision in 2016 resulted in there being no 2017–19 Capital Budget at the end of the long 2017 session.

Both WAMOA and WSNA support the Legislature passing a full 2017–19 Capital Budget as a first order of business during this session.

Our testimony yesterday in Ways & Means centered around three points, including (1) supporting the Urgent School Repair Grant, which would be coordinated by OSPI with consultation from WAMOA; this grant was highly successful from 2005-13, especially for small schools; (2) supporting the Healthy Kids/Healthy Schools Grant, which would fund the replacement of lead-contaminated drinking water fixtures, physical education equipment and kitchen equipment. WSNA strongly supported this grant in 2015 as many kitchen facilities were improved by grant funds. Also, as in 2015-17, WAMOA and Department of Health would consult with OSPI on this grant process; and (3) supporting

the establishment of a Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving School Construction Funding. Such a task force would look at current components of the SCAP program which have been underfunded for many years.

SB 6090 is scheduled for an executive session in Ways & Means on Monday, January 15.

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Pensions/Health Benefits

By Fred Yancey - The Nexus Group

"Sit Down; Buckle Up, and Hang On!" Sign on Six Flags Roller Coaster Ride

The 2018 legislature has begun. The introduction of bills began even before the doors opened in January with over 100 bills pre-filed. Since then, 20 plus pages of newly introduced bills have continued to be filed daily. The ride has begun and ends on February 6 for fiscal cutoff. After that, only bills that are NTIB (Necessary to Implement the Budget) will still be on the track. Meanwhile, committee hearings are being held and future hearings are being scheduled. See below for some bills of import and notice of upcoming hearings.

Pension Related Proposals

Cost of Living Adjustments:

There are numerous bills that have been introduced that would grant some modest financial relief to TRS 1 and PERS 1 plan retirees.

Background: These retiree groups have not had any cost of living (COLA) raise in their retirement benefit since the COLA was taken away in 2011. Also, in 2011, the health benefit subsidy paid by the state toward the cost of Medicare Supplemental Insurance was lowered from \$183/month to \$150/month. Yet, premiums continue to rise. Uniform PEBB insurance costs, for example, just increased over \$50/month starting January 2018.

HB 2323/SB 6290 – would grant a one-time 3% COLA for all Plan 1 members.

Representatives Dolan, Appleton, Muri, Stonier, Stambaugh, Cody, Goodman, Fey, Bergquist, Santos, Johnson, Slatter, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, Pellicciotti, Valdez, Haler, Kilduff, McDonald, Chapman, Sells, Blake, Reeves, Macri, Kloba, Jinkins, Ortiz-Self, Condotta, Pollet, Doglio, Young, and Stanford.

Senators Hunt, Chase, Van De Wege, Ranker, Kuderer, Hasegawa, Keiser, Palumbo, and Saldaña.

HB 2452/SB 6305 – would grant a one-time 3% COLA on the first \$25,000 of pension to a maximum of a \$750 increase. It would also cap the cost of insurance for retirees to no more than 50% of the premium.

Representatives Dolan, Johnson, Appleton, Haler, Kagi, Slatter, Macri, Stanford, Ryu, Sells, Frame, Fitzgibbon, Young, Stonier, Kloba, Valdez, Pollet, Holy, Steele, and Doglio.

Senators Hunt, Baumgartner, Braun, Palumbo, Hawkins, Keiser, Conway, Hasegawa, Kuderer, and Chase.

HB 2511/SB 6340 – would grant a one-time 3% COLA on the first \$25,000 of pension to a maximum of a \$750 increase. This is agency request legislation from the Select Committee on Pension Policy which voted 13-2 to request legislative action.

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Representatives Manweller, Fitzgibbon, Muri, Fey, Hayes, Valdez, and Kloba; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy.

Senators Conway, Bailey, Hobbs, Walsh, Hasegawa, Hunt, and Mullet; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy.

Strategy: Numerous coalition partners including WEA, the Federation of State Employees, and the Washington State School Retirees Association are working with legislators on these bills. Consensus is being sought on a strategy to get an increase in these retiree pensions by passing one of these proposals.

Retirement Plan Default:

HB 1560 – addresses plan membership default provisions in the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system. It changes the present retirement plan default for new hires from Plan 3 to Plan 2.

New employees often neglect to consider action on this matter, and aside from this switch saving the state dollars, a choice to move to a defined contribution 401K style plan should be a conscious decision, not made by default. (Another pesky detail for Plan 3 members is that they can only change the percentage of salary they want to contribute to their plan (the current default is 3%) if they change school districts.)

WASA will be supporting this change.

A public hearing seeking public testimony before the House Appropriations Committee is scheduled on January 17, at 3:30 p.m. in House hearing room A. The bill is scheduled for Executive Action the next day.

Representatives Stanford, Chandler, Ormsby, Harris, Bergquist, Fey, Stonier, Peterson, and Doglio.

Substitute Options for early Retirees:

On January 16, the Senate Ways & Means Committee will have a public hearing for testimony on three bills that could expand the potential opportunities for early retirees to work in school districts. The hearing will be held starting at 3:30 p.m. in Senate hearing room 4.

Presently, early retirees (below 65 years of age) can be used in school districts as substitute teachers for up to 867 hours per year without suspension of pension benefits. The employing school district must compensate the district's substitute teachers at a rate that is at least 85% of the full daily amount allocated by the state to the district for substitute teacher compensation. All three bills contain these same limitations on hours and wages.

SB 5310 – authorizes a teacher in Plan 2 or 3 who retired under alternate early retirement provisions to be employed exclusively as a coach.

Senators Hunt, Baumgartner, and Mullet.

HB 1685/SSB 5487 – allows retired principals or teachers to return as teacher mentors or advisors in teacher preparation programs.

Representatives Santos, Harris, Ortiz-Self, Macri, Goodman, Muri, Lovick, Pollet, and Slatter; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Senators Zeiger, Rolfes, Chase, Keiser, Hunt, Saldaña, and Wellman; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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SB 5601 – in addition to returning to work as a substitute teacher in an instructional capacity, a retired teacher who retired under an early retirement option may be employed in an administrative or supervisory capacity without suspension of pension benefits.

Senators Darneille, Hasegawa, Wellman, Chase, and Saldaña.

HB 2379/SB 6289 – would allow retired classified employees to return to work under the same restrictions. This would include bus drivers, paraprofessionals, OT's, PT's, and others. This bill has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing.

Representatives Doglio, Orcutt, Dolan, Appleton, Muri, Stambaugh, Chandler, Fey, Bergquist, Johnson, Valdez, Haler, Kilduff, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, and Lovick.

Senators Conway, Chase, Van De Wege, Ranker, and Hunt.

SB 6185 – would delete the original sunset date for use of retiree as substitutes. The August 1, 2020, expiration date would be removed.

Senator Wellman.

School Employee Benefit Board (SEEB) Health Related Proposals

The earlier TWIO covered recent actions by the SEBB board as they move to implement the consolidated health insurance pool of which all school districts and personnel will be members by January 1, 2020. Numerous 'clean up' and or suggested changes have been introduced.

HB 2438/SB 6241 – this bill is a 'clean up' bill that just makes the intent and provisions of the original legislation clearer.

Representative Cody; by request of Health Care Authority.

Senators Hobbs, Fain, Mullet, and Keiser; by request of Health Care Authority.

HB 2655/SB 6286 - would add by July 1, 2018, one member nominated by the Washington State School Directors' Association and one member from the Washington Association of School Administrators to the SEBB Board.

Representatives Dolan, Harris, Kilduff, Robinson, and Santos.

Senators Braun, Rolfes, Wellman, and Zeiger.

HB 2657/SB 6288 – would make substantive changes in the original proposal including allowing districts to have their own insurance pool and cover more benefits than currently allowed in the original legislation. The monthly insurance benefit allocated to school districts in the biennial omnibus operating budget to be funded at a rate that is no less than the monthly employer funding rate that is provided to state agencies for state employee benefits. The state reimbursement would be adjusted to reflect coverage of eligible employees who work 630 hours or more. Board membership is increased and compensation for substitutes for those serving is paid. Also, districts that currently operate a health benefit trust would be allowed to continue subject to certain conditions.

See **HB 2657** for further detail.

Representatives Stonier, Bergquist, Ortiz-Self, Haler, Reeves, Pollet, Kilduff, Dolan, Doglio, Stanford, Appleton, Valdez, Wylie, Macri, Johnson, and Santos.

Senators Frockt, Chase, Conway, Van De Wege, Ranker, and McCoy.

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Family and Medical Leave

HB 2702/SB 6338 - makes technical corrections in the family and medical leave act passed last session.

Representatives Robinson, McCabe, and Springer; by request of Employment Security Department.

Senators Keiser, Fain, and Lijas: by request of Employment Security Department.

Other

HB 2490/SB 6210 - requires certain information to be included in the state-tribal education compact if a tribal school chooses to participate in the teachers' retirement system and/or the school employees' retirement system. Requires the department of retirement systems to make reasonable efforts to seek quidance from the federal internal revenue service, if available, to ensure that this act does not jeopardize qualification of the state retirement plans under section 401(a) of the internal revenue code.

Representatives Santos, Harris, Muri, Wylie, and Johnson; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Senators Conway, Schoesler, McCoy, Hobbs, Rolfes, and Hunt; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy.

HB 2703/SB 6339 – deals with determining eligibility for unemployment insurance and determining the amount due.

See HB 2703 for further detail.

Representatives Sells, McCabe, Doglio, Dolan, and Gregerson; by request of Employment Security Department.

Senators Keiser, Hasegawa, King, Conway, Ranker, Saldaña, and Wellman; by request of Employment Security Department.

SB 6192 - requires each contract year or equivalent of full-time employment in a certificated or classified position with a school district within the state to be credited to the state officer or employee as one year of qualifying service, to the extent that rates of vacation leave accrual are based upon total state employment.

Senators Hunt and Kuderer.



Legislative Resources

Committee Meeting Schedule

Legislative Committees Meetings are scheduled to be held at the following times but are subject to change.

Up-to-date meeting schedules and agendas are available on the **State Legislature** website.

Mondays

1:30-3:25 p.m.

Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Senate Hearing Room 1

House Education House Hearing Room A

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Senate Ways & Means Senate Hearing Room 4

House Appropriations House Hearing Room A

Tuesdays

1:30-3:25 p.m.

Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Senate Hearing Room 1

House Education House Hearing Room A

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Senate Ways & Means Senate Hearing Room 4

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Senate Ways & Means Senate Hearing Room 4

House Appropriations House Hearing Room A

Thursdays

8-9:55 a.m.

House Education House Hearing Room A

1:30-3:25 p.m.

Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Senate Hearing Room 1

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Senate Ways & Means Senate Hearing Room 4

House Appropriations House Hearing Room A

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Washington State Government http://www.access.wa.gov

State Legislature

http://www.leg.wa.gov

Senate

http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate

House of Representatives http://www.leg.wa.gov/House

Legislative Committees

http://www.leg.wa.gov/ legislature/pages/ committeelisting.aspx

Legislative Schedules

http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/ calendar.aspx

Office of the Governor

http://www.governor.wa.gov

OSPI

http://www.k12.wa.us

http://www.tvw.org

Session Cutoff Calendar

January 8, 2018

First Day of Session.

February 2, 2018

Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation committees.

February 6, 2018

Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation committees in house of origin.

February 14, 2018

Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).

February 23, 2018

Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal, Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation committees.

February 26, 2018

Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal. Senate Ways & Means, and Transportation committees.

March 2, 2018*

Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).

March 8, 2018

Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

*After the 54th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets. messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

Bill Watch

TWIO tracks critical education bills each week as they are introduced. Detailed bill information can be accessed by clicking on the bill number. The following is a list of the bills of highest interest to school administrators. A more comprehensive bill watch list is located on the **WASA website**.

Bill #	Title	Status	Sponsor
<u>HB 1005</u>	Agency rule-making authority	H State Govt, Elections	Taylor
<u>HB 1006</u>	The right to work	H Labor & Workplace	Shea
<u>HB 1007</u>	Religious objectors	H Labor & Workplace	Shea
<u>HB 1011</u>	Gender-segregated facilities	H Judiciary	Taylor
HB 1012	High school graduation/science test	H Education	Taylor
HB 1015	Carrying concealed pistols	H Judiciary	Shea
<u>HB 1021</u>	Funding education first	H Appropriations	MacEwen
HB 1023	Military students/activities	H Education	MacEwen
<u>HB 1025</u>	Appropriations legislation priorities	H Appropriations	Taylor
HB 1033	Private colleges/need grant	H Higher Education	Manweller
HB 1034	State officials/legal action	H Judiciary	Manweller
HB 1035	Prevailing wage survey data	H Labor & Workplace	Manweller
ESHB 1046	Certificates of achievement	H Rules 3C	MacEwen
<u>HB 1051</u>	Infrastructure financing	H Capital Budget	DeBolt
SHB 1060	Medical marijuana/students	H Rules 3C	Blake
SHB 1067	Operating Budget	H Appropriations	Ormsby
<u>HB 1068</u>	Operating Supplemental budget 2017	H Appropriations	Ormsby
<u>HB 1072</u>	Constitutionality of acts	H Judiciary	Koster
2SHB 1075	Capital Budget 2017–2019	H 2nd Reading	Tharinger
2SHB 1080	State general obligation bonds	H 2nd Reading	Tharinger
<u>HB 1146</u>	Transportation Sup budget 2015–2017	H Transportation	Clibborn
<u>HB 1158</u>	I-200 repeal	H Capital Budget	Santos
<u>HB 1159</u>	Employment after government service	H State Govt, Elections	Pellicciotti
SHB 1160	Sunshine committee	H State Govt, Elections	Springer
2SHB 1169	Student loan assistance	H Appropriations	Orwall
<u>HB 1174</u>	Firearms/hunting education	H Education	Muri
HB 1203	School construction taxes	H Finance	Young
<u>HB 1206</u>	State estate tax, repealing	H Finance	Young

HB 1539

HB 1542

Sexual abuse of students

Dropout prevention/farming

H Education

H Education

McCabe

Doglio

Career & technical education

Property tax revenue limit

HB 1756

HB 1764

H Education

H Finance

Manweller

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HB 2110

School district health plans

H Education

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<u>HB 2152</u>	Fiscal matters T.O.	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2153	Fiscal matters T.O.	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2161	Education T.O.	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2162	Education T.O.	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2164	Revenue T.O.	H Finance	Ormsby
HB 2170	Capital budget T.O.	H Capital Budget	Tharinger
HB 2171	Gen. obligation bonds T.O.	H Capital Budget	Tharinger
HB 2185	Basic education program	H Appropriations	Lytton
SHB 2186	Taxes	H Finance	Lytton
HB 2191	Budget stabilization appropriations	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2192	Public works account taxes	H Appropriations	Ormsby
HB 2194	Public works/material source	H Capital Budget	Maycumber
HB 2216	School siting/GMA	H Environment	Fitzgibbon
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HB 2299	Supplemental Operating Budget	H Appropriations	Ormsby
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<u>HB 2491</u>	AP computer science as math	H Education	Santos
<u>HB 2492</u>	Alternative learning courses	H Education	Santos
<u>HB 2493</u>	2nd grade reading assessments	H Education	Santos
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<u>HB 2495</u>	Academic acceleration program	H Education	Santos
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<u>SB 5076</u>	School district bonds	S Ways & Means	Mullet
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<u>SB 5183</u>	Career & technical education	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
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SB 5226	School district liability	S Law & Justice	Zeiger
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SSB 5313	Civics ed. & campaign compliance	S Ways & Means	Fain
<u>SB 5318</u>	Agriculture science education	S Ways & Means	Hunt
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<u>SB 5367</u>	Pupil transportation funding	S Ways & Means	Becker
<u>SB 5379</u>	Cross-laminated timber	S State Govt/Tribal Rela/Elec	McCoy
<u>SB 5385</u>	Carbon pollution tax	S Energy, Environ	Hobbs
<u>SB 5417</u>	ASB food & beverage sales	S Early Learning & K-12	Chase
<u>SB 5420</u>	Declaration of Human Rights	S Early Learning & K-12	Chase
SB 5432	Special education funding allocation	S Early Learning & K-12	Rolfes
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<u>SSB 5545</u>	Public employee bargaining/PRA	S Rules X	Wilson
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<u>SB 5562</u>	School district waivers	S Early Learning & K-12	Fortunato
<u>SB 5563</u>	Truancy law costs	S Human Services/Corrections	Fortunato
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S Early Learning & K-12

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SB 6004	State property tax reduction	S Ways & Means	Mullet
SB 6032	Supp. operating budget	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
SB 6033	State property tax reduction	S Ways & Means	Ericksen
SB 6063	Aerial crop protection/schools	S Energy, Enviro	Wellman
SB 6064	Capital budget/public art	S State Govt/Tribal Rela/Elec	Wellman
SB 6065	Student interrogations	S Early Learning & K-12	Wellman
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SB 6089	State general obligation bonds	S Ways & Means	Frockt
SB 6090	Capital Budget 2017–2019	S Ways & Means	Frockt
SB 6092	Automatic voter registration	S State Govt/Tribal Rela/Elec	Billig
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SB 6096	Carbon pollution tax	S Energy/Environ/Technology	Ranker
SB 6110	Job applicants/arrests, etc.	S Labor & Commerce	Salda?a
SB 6132	2nd grade reading assessments	S Early Learning & K–12	Wellman
SB 6133	CTE course equivalency options	S Early Learning & K–12	Zeiger
SB 6134	Alternative learning courses	S Early Learning & K–12	Wellman
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SB 6136	AP computer science as math	S Early Learning & K–12	Rolfes
SB 6141	Student distress response	S Early Learning & K–12	McCoy
SB 6144	Student assessment requirements	S Early Learning & K–12	Wellman
SB 6148	Homeless education equity	S Early Learning & K–12	Palumbo
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SB 6162	Dyslexia	S Early Learning & K–12	Zeiger
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<u>SB 6174</u>	Budget stabilization account	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
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SB 6203	Carbon pollution	S Energy/Environ/Technology	Carlyle
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SB 6210	Tribal schools/retirement	S Ways & Means	Conway
SB 6223	Foster children education outcomes	S Early Learning & K–12	Carlyle
SB 6224	Regional school safety centers	S Early Learning & K-12	Van De Wege
SB 6229	Bargaining representatives access	S Labor & Commerce	Van De Wege
SB 6241	School employees' benefits	S Ways & Means	Hobbs
SB 6246	School district bonds, 55%	S State Govt/Tribal Rela/Elec	Mullet
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SJM 8001	Elections, money spent on	S State Govt/Tribal Rela/Elec	Hasegawa
SJR 8200	Publicly funded schools	S Early Learning & K-12	Baumgartner
SJR 8202	School district bonds	S Ways & Means	Mullet
SJR 8204	Individual income tax prohibited	S Failed 3rd	Fortunato
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School district bonds, 55%

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