Washington Library Association Legislative Report – 2024 FINAL

**Bills that Passed**

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| **Bill #** | **Abbrev. Title** | **Short Description** | **Status** | **Sponsor** | **Priority** | **Position** |
| [ESHB 1277](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1277) | Paraeducator course of study | Establishing rules to improve the consistency and quality of the implementation of the fundamental courses of study for paraeducators. | C 173 L 24 | Donaghy | Low |  |
| [E2SHB 1956](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1956) (SSB 5923) | Substance use prevention ed. | Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. | C 201 L 24 | Leavitt | Medium | Support |
| [HB 1962](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1962) | Voter address changes | Improving voter registration list accuracy by improving voter address change processes for county election offices and voters. | C 56 L 24 | Low | Low |  |
| [ESHB 2331](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2331) (SB 6208) | Public school materials | Bars school district boards of directors (school boards) from refusing to approve or prohibiting the use of an educational material on the basis that it relates to or includes the study of the role and contributions of individuals or groups that are part of a protected class as established in public school nondiscrimination provisions. Directs school boards to adopt or revise policies and procedures for reviews and removals of supplemental instructional materials and establishes related requirements. Establishes new requirements for written complaints about instructional materials. Requires recommendations of instructional materials committees to include recommendations for culturally and experientially representative materials. Directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop rules and guidelines related to the instructional materials and supplemental instructional materials provisions | C 316 L 24 | Stonier | High | Support |
| [E2SHB 2354](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2354) (SB 6230) | Tax increment areas | Creating an option for impacted taxing districts to provide a portion of their new revenue to support any tax increment area proposed within their jurisdiction. | C 236 L 24 | Street | Monitoring |  |
| [ESHB 2494](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2494) | School operating costs | Increases the allocations for materials, supplies and operating costs to cover inflationary cost increases. The MSOC per pupil amounts defined in state prototypical formulas are updated in statute to the 2023-24 school year and include a $21 per pupil increase, from $1,483.44 to $1,504.44 per pupil. The increase must be used to address growing costs in the enumerated categories. The $25 per pupil increase provided for technology in 2022-23 is updated in statute. The new 2023-24 general education MSOC per pupil amounts by category are: â¢ $178.98 for technology; â¢ $430.26 for utilities and insurance; â¢ $164.48 for curriculum and textbooks; â¢ $326.54 for other supplies; â¢ $22.65 for library materials; â¢ $28.94 for instructional professional development for certified and classified staff; â¢ $206.22 for facilities maintenance; and â¢ $146.37 for security and central office. | C 262 L 24 | Bergquist | High | Support |
| [2SSB 5444](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5444) | Firearms/certain premises | Concerning firearm sensitive places. | C 285 L 24 | Valdez | Medium | Concerns |
| [ESB 5462](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5462) | Inclusive learning standards | Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools. | C 157 L 24 | Liias | Medium | Support |
| [ESSB 5788](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5788) | Service animal training | Concerning service animal training. | C 161 L 24 | Pedersen | Medium |  |
| [SSB 5804](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5804) (HB 2029) | Opioid overdose med./schools | Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools. | C 214 L 24 | Kuderer | Medium | Support |
| [ESB 5824](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5824) | Dissolution of libraries | Libraries may be dissolved through a petition process whereby a petition must receive support from 25% 2or more of the eligible voters residing within the library district, and be filed with the board of trustees of the district no later than 90 days prior to the general election Library districts: After a library district has been in operation for three or more years, it may be dissolved by a vote of all qualified electors. A petition for dissolution by 25% or more qualified voters residing in the library district must be filed with the board of trustees no later than 90 days prior to the general election | C 266 L 24 | Hunt | High | Support |
| [E2SSB 5838](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5838) (2SHB 1934) | AI task force | Establishing an artificial intelligence task force. | C 163 L 24 | Nguyen | High |  |
| [SB 5843](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5843) | Election security breaches | Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems. | C 28 L 24 | Nguyen | Medium |  |
| [2SSB 5882](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5882) (SHB 1960) | Prototypical school staffing | The staffing ratios for paraeducators, office supports, and noninstructional aides are increased to the following amounts beginning in the 2023-24 school year: Paraeducators: elementary: 1.012, middle: 0.776, and high: 0.728 Office support: elementary: 2.088, middle: 2.401 and high: 3.345 The Superintendent of Public Instruction must develop rules that require school districts to use the additional funding to support increased staffing, prevent layoffs, or increase salaries | C 191 L 24 | Stanford | High |  |

**Bills That Did Not Pass**

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| [2SHB 1229](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1229) (Dead) (E2SSB 5112) | Voter registration | Updating processes related to voter registration. | H Rules X | Simmons | Monitoring |  |
| [HB 1244](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1244) (Dead) (SB 5692) | Enrichment levy authority | Increasing the maximum per pupil limit for enrichment levy authority. | H Rules X | Ramel | Medium |  |
| [SHB 1291](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1291) (Dead) (SSB 5238) | Academic employee bargaining | Expanding collective bargaining for employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education. | H Rules X | Fosse | Medium | Support |
| [EHB 1478](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1478) (Dead) | Student rights | Establishing a statement of student rights. | H Rules X | Timmons | Monitoring |  |
| [HB 1670](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1670) (Dead) | Property tax limit factor | Changes the 101 percent revenue growth limit for local property taxes to 100 percent plus population changes and inflation, with a capped limit of 103 percent. | H Rules X | Ormsby | High | Support |
| [2SHB 1746](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1746) (Dead) (SB 5718) | State broadband map | Concerning a state broadband map. | H Rules X | Ryu | Medium | Support |
| [HB 1843](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1843) (Dead) | School district elections | Authorizes school districts to issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes, levy taxes to make payments on those bonds, and exceed the statutory debt limit with approval by 55% of the voters. Provides that the bill is void unless a constitutional amendment to this effect is approved at the next general election. | H Education | Harris | Medium | Support |
| [HB 1882](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1882) (Dead) (SSB 5723) | Even-numbered year elections | Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years. | H State Govt & T | Farivar | Medium |  |
| [ESHB 1932](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1932) (Dead) | Even-numbered year elections | Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation. | H Rules 3C | Gregerson | Medium |  |
| [SHB 1960](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=1960) (Dead) (2SSB 5882) | Prototypical school staffing | Increases staff allocations for teaching assistants, including any aspect of educational instructional services provided by classified employees, by 0.1 full-time equivalent(s) per school in the prototypical school funding model. | H Rules X | Stonier | Medium |  |
| [HB 2018](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2018) (Dead) | Schools/mobile device use | Requires the OSPI to select pilot sites to implement a strategy to restrict student mobile device use during instructional hours and to report back on implementing the restriction. Directs the OSPI to report to the Legislature with a summary of research on policies and procedures restricting student mobile device use during instructional hours and recommendations for successful restriction strategies. Requires the Washington State School Directors' Association to develop a model policy and procedures for restricting student mobile device use during instructional hours. Directs school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools to adopt, by the beginning of the 2027-28 school year, a policy and procedures for restricting student mobile device use during instructional hours. | H Approps | McClintock | Medium | Concerns |
| [HB 2023](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2023) (Dead) | Elections/language assist. | Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance. | H Rules 3C | Shavers | Low |  |
| [HB 2029](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2029) (Dead) (SSB 5804) | Opioid overdose/high schools | Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools. | H Education | Rule | Medium |  |
| [HB 2106](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2106) (Dead) | Library district annexation | Provides that voters within city or town that has been annexed into a rural county library district, island library district, or intercounty rural district may vote in an election held to determine whether the district will be dissolved. Requires that a rural county library district's, island library district's, or intercounty rural district's board of trustees must be modified to include representation from a city or town that is annexed into the district. | H Local Govt | Schmick | High | Oppose |
| [HB 2125](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2125) (Dead) | Contingent faculty benefits | Concerning the eligibility of state-mandated benefits for contingent faculty at community and technical colleges. | H Approps | Ortiz-Self | Medium |  |
| [HB 2142](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2142) (Dead) | Reading coaches grants | Creating a reading coaches grant program. | H Education | Corry | High |  |
| [HB 2148](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2148) (Dead) | Public school staff wages | Employment Security Department must conduct a comparative labor market analysis of salaries and other compensation for public school employees. The report is due by Sept 30, 2024. | H Education | Reeves | Medium |  |
| [HB 2212](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2212) (Dead) | School admin. allocations | Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators. | H Approps | Rule | Low |  |
| [HB 2223](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2223) (Dead) | Librarians in public schools | Increasing librarians in public schools from 0.663 in elementary schools to 0.75, and 0.519 in middle and high schools to 0.75. | H Approps | Rule | High | Support |
| [SHB 2250](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2250) (Dead) (SB 6156) | Local elections | Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections. | H Rules X | Gregerson | Medium |  |
| [HB 2284](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2284) (Dead) | Reading and writing literacy | Using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students by requiring that preservice and in-service elementary educators be trained to teach students to read and write using the evidence-based instructional practices in early literacy and reading and writing literacy. | H Education | Pollet | High |  |
| [2SHB 2313](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2313) (Dead) | Digital equity | Expands the purpose and duties of the Washington State Office of Equity regarding digital equity, including requiring the Office of Equity to monitor implementation of the Digital Equity Plan and conduct an outreach effort regarding broadband and digital equity programs. Establishes that the Digital Equity Forum is not required to advise the Department of Commerce regarding certain digital equity grant programs. Makes changes to the purpose and application selection criteria of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's technology grant program. | H Rules X | Gregerson | High | Support |
| [HB 2315](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2315) (Dead) | High school CPR & AED instr. | Updating required instruction for high school students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators. | H Education | Caldier | Low |  |
| [HB 2327](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2327) (Dead) | Digital equity/revenue | Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs by creating a wireless device tax. | H Finance | Gregerson | High | Support |
| [HB 2360](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2360) (Dead) | Digital workforce | Creates the Washington Digital Empowerment and Workforce Inclusion Act to support Washingtonians in achieving verifiable levels of digital literacy and accessing information technology and information technologyâenabled careers. | H Approps | Slatter | Medium | Support |
| [HB 2380](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2380) (Dead) (SB 6082) | Paraeducator compensation | Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators. | H Approps | Shavers | Monitoring |  |
| [HB 2387](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2387) (Dead) | Schools/classified alloc. | Increasing classified allocations to improve student outcomes. | H Approps | Rude | Medium | Neutral |
| [SHB 2398](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2398) (Dead) | Instruct. materials/parents | Requires school district instructional materials committees (IMCs) to include one or more parents of students, with the parent members equaling less than one-half of the total membership of the IMC. Includes an exemption to the parent members requirement for school districts with fewer than 2,000 students that are unable to recruit parents to serve on an IMC. Requires school districts to ensure equitable opportunity for participation on IMCs by parents of enrolled students that reflect the demographics and learning needs in the district. | H Rules X | Walsh | High | Oppose |
| [HB 2399](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2399) (Dead) | School library complaints | Requiring formal complaint systems for public school libraries. | H Education | Walsh | High | Oppose |
| [SHB 2455](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2455) (Dead) | Competing ballot measures | Providing local governments options regarding elections for competing ballot measures. | H Rules X | Gregerson | Monitoring |  |
| [SHB 2458](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=2458) (Dead) | K-12 experience factors | Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff. | H Rules X | Rule | Monitoring |  |
| [SSB 5054](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5054) (Dead) | Prof. learning communities | Encourages school districts to establish a school calendar that provides up to four hours each week for certificated instructional staff to engage in professional learning communities (PLCs) during the school day. Modifies the definition of instructional hours to include hours students are engaging in educational activities under the supervision of noncertificated staff while certificated staff participate in PLCs. Specifies that school districts providing time for PLCs must meet specified requirements | S Rules X | Wellman | Medium | Concerns |
| [SB 5067](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5067) (Dead) (HB 1645) | County legislative meetings | Concerning meetings of county legislative authorities. | S Rules X | Dozier | Low | Neutral |
| [ESSB 5102](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5102) (Dead) | School library info and tech | - Requires school district boards of directors to provide resources and materials for the operation of school library information and technology (LIT) programs, and to ensure that each student has access to an LIT program that meets specified requirements. - Requires school districts to adopt policies and procedures related to district obligations for LIT programs and student access. - Permits school districts meeting specified requirements to staff LIT programs with noncertificated staff members that are overseen by a certificated teacher-librarian. - Requires school districts with more than 2,000 enrolled students to employ a minimum of one teacher-librarian for every 1,000 enrolled students. - Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide data, information, summaries of best practices, and other assistance to school districts for the purpose of implementing LIT program requirements | S Rules X | Wellman | High | Support |
| [SSB 5126](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5126) (Dead) (HB 1444) | Common school trust revenue | Makes the prioritized project list of the Small School District Modernization Grant Program the first priority of appropriations from the Common School Construction Fund after payment of principal and interest for skill center bonds. Starting in the 2025-27 biennium, no less than $60 million in new appropriations in the capital budget must be used to fund the small school district prioritized list, and any remaining amounts in the common school construction fund may be appropriated for other common school construction purposes. This amount increases to $70 million in the 2027-29 biennium and increases to $80 million in the 2029-31 biennium and every biennium thereafter. | S Rules X | Pedersen | High | Support |
| [ESSB 5207](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5207) (Dead) (SHB 1426) | Controlled entities | Concerning campaign contributions by controlled entities. | S Rules X | Billig | Low | Neutral |
| [SB 5209](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5209) (Dead) (HB 1220) | Universal civic duty voting | Establishing universal civic duty voting. | S Transportation | Hunt | Low |  |
| [2ESSB 5284](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5284) (Dead) | Campaign finance disclosure | Concerning campaign finance disclosure. | S Rules 3 | Nguyen | Low | Neutral |
| [ESB 5363](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5363) (Dead) | Cannabis advertising | Concerning cannabis retailer advertising. | S Rules 3 | MacEwen | Monitoring |  |
| [SSB 5626](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5626) (Dead) | K-12 media literacy | Directs the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to integrate media literacy skills and content knowledge into relevant state learning standards, as the state learning standards are revised. Defines the term media literacy. Modifies and expands the Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship Grant Program. | S Rules X | Liias | High | Support |
| [SSB 5723](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5723) (Dead) (HB 1882) | Even-numbered year elections | Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years. | S Rules X | Valdez | Medium |  |
| [SSB 5770](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5770) (Dead) | Property tax | Providing state and local property tax reform. | S Rules X | Pedersen | Monitoring |  |
| [SB 5870](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5870) (Dead) | Early learning programs | Directs the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to allow categorical eligibility for the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) program for families participating in certain early learning programs. Makes additional child care and early learning employees eligible for WCCC if other requirements are met. Provides that the WCCC income eligibility requirements are met if an applicant or consumer is eligible for or receiving basic food benefits. Expands eligibility for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) to include a child who has a person in their household receiving or eligible for basic food benefits. Modifies eligibility for Birth-to-Three ECEAP, which is subject to appropriations, to mirror ECEAP | S EL/K-12 | Wilson | High |  |
| [SB 5895](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5895) (Dead) | Academic employee bargaining | Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education. | S Ways & Means | Nobles | Medium |  |
| [SSB 5923](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5923) (Dead) (E2SHB 1956) | Substance use prevention ed. | Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | Low |  |
| [SSB 5956](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=5956) (Dead) | Enrichment levies limit | Provides that a school district's maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levy purposes must be multiplied by the district's regionalization factor. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | High |  |
| [SB 6002](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6002) (Dead) | PESB transfer to OSPI | Transferring the professional educator standards board and the paraeducator board to the office of the superintendent of public instruction. | S EL/K-12 | Hunt | Medium |  |
| [SB 6003](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6003) (Dead) | Board of education/OSPI | Concerning the superintendent of public instruction chairing and administering the state board of education. | S EL/K-12 | Hunt | Medium |  |
| [SB 6018](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6018) (Dead) | Early learning coordinators | Requires each educational service district to designate an early learning coordinator to support increased collaboration, recruitment, enrollment, and service delivery across Washington's preK through 3rd grade. Specifies certain minimum duties for these early learning coordinators. | S Ways & Means | Wilson | Medium |  |
| [SB 6082](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6082) (Dead) (HB 2380) | Paraeducator compensation | Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators. | S EL/K-12 | Nobles | Medium |  |
| [SB 6123](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6123) (Dead) | Classified school employees | Adjusting classified school employee salaries. | S Ways & Means | Wellman | Medium |  |
| [SB 6156](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6156) (Dead) (SHB 2250) | Local elections | Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections. | S State Govt & E | Nobles | Low |  |
| [SB 6204](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6204) (Dead) | Curriculum establishment | Concerning the school districts' authority to establish their curriculum. | S EL/K-12 | McCune | Medium | Oppose |
| [SB 6208](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6208) (Dead) (ESHB 2331) | Public school materials | Prohibits school districts, charter schools, and state-tribal education compact schools from refusing to approve or prohibit the use of any instructional or supplemental instructional material on the basis that it relates to or includes the study of the role and contributions of any individual or group who is part of a protected class unless the content contains discriminatory bias. Directs the Instructional Materials Committee to include recommendations for culturally and experientially representative instructional materials. Requires policies and procedures governing requested reviews and removals of instructional and supplemental instructional materials. Defines supplemental instructional materials as those in school libraries and educational materials not expressly required by the school or district and are selected at the discretion of a certificated teacher. | S EL/K-12 | Nobles | High | Support |
| [SB 6230](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6230) (Dead) (E2SHB 2354) | Tax increment areas | Creating an option for impacted taxing districts to provide a portion of their new revenue to support any tax increment area proposed within their jurisdiction. | S Loc Gov, Land | Rivers | Monitoring |  |
| [SSB 6232](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6232) (Dead) | Public records portal pilot | Establishes a pilot common public records portal for the purpose of developing a model public records access system that will provide free and convenient access to commonly requested public records. | S Ways & Means | Wilson | High |  |
| [SB 6253](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6253) (Dead) | Learning assistance program | Increasing funding for the learning assistance program. | S EL/K-12 | Nobles | Monitoring |  |
| [SSB 6299](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?Year=2023&BillNumber=6299) (Dead) | Employees/digital technology | Protecting employee rights in the workplace with regards to the use of digital technology. | S Rules X | Stanford | Medium |  |