

# Washington Library Association Legislative Report – January 26, 2024

## Update:

- First cut off is next Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- WLA priority bill SB 5824 passed 49-0 out of the State Senate. It now moves to the House State Government Committee. It should go to the House State Government and Tribal Relations Committee where Friend of Libraries Bill Ramos is the chair.
- WLA testified this week on HB 2331 and SB 6208, companion bills setting up a consistent process statewide for instructional and supplemental materials challenges in schools. Thank you to Justin McKaugh and Gavin Downing for coming to testify in person and to Sarah Logan for testifying remotely. (Did I miss someone testifying remotely). We are working on amendments with the prime sponsors. HB 2331 is up for executive session in the House. I expect this to be the vehicle that moves.
- Please take a look at the bills up for public hearing below and let me know if you think these rise to the level of WLA signing in or testifying – and what our position should be.

## Upcoming Events

### **Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 10:30am**

- [HB 2313](#) - Exec Session - Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington. (Support/High)

### **Labor & Commerce (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/29 @ 10:30am**

- [SB 6299](#) - Public Hearing - Protecting employee rights in the workplace with regards to the use of digital technology. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 6123](#) - Exec Session - Adjusting classified school employee salaries. (Medium)

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/29 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 2331](#) - Exec Session - Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials. (Support/High)
- [HB 2398](#) - Exec Session - Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees. (High)

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**State Government & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/30 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5209](#) - Exec Session - Establishing universal civic duty voting. (Low)

**State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 2455](#) - Public Hearing - Providing local governments options regarding elections for competing ballot measures. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm**

- [HB 1843](#) - Exec Session - Modifying school district elections. (Support/High)
- [HJR 4207](#) - Exec Session - Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds. (Support/High)
- [HB 2018](#) - Exec Session - Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students. (High)

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 1/30 @ 4:00pm**

- [SSB 5923](#) - Public Hearing - Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. (Remote Testimony Available). (Low)

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/31 @ 10:30am**

- [SB 5956](#) - Exec Session - Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies. (High)

**Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual - 2/2 @ 1:30pm**

- [SB 5895](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)

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<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1044</a> <b>Capital assistance/schools</b> Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.	S EL/K-12	McEntire	Medium	Support
<a href="#">SHB 1140 (ESSB 5187)</a> <b>Operating budget</b> Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Rules X	Ormsby	High	
<a href="#">SHB 1147 (ESSB 5200)</a> <b>Capital budget</b> Concerning the capital budget. Makes biennial capital budget appropriations for the 2023-25 fiscal biennium. â€¢ Makes 2023 supplemental capital budget appropriations for the 2021-23 fiscal biennium.	H Rules X	Tharinger	Monitoring	
<a href="#">2SHB 1229 (E2SSB 5112)</a> <b>Voter registration</b> Updating processes related to voter registration.	H Rules X	Simmons	Monitoring	
<a href="#">ESHB 1277</a> <b>Paraeducator course of study</b> Establishing rules to improve the consistency and quality of the implementation of the fundamental courses of study for paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Donaghy	Low	
<a href="#">SHB 1291 (SSB 5238)</a> <b>Academic employee bargaining</b> Expanding collective bargaining for employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education.	H Rules X	Fosse	Medium	Support
<a href="#">2SHB 1746 (SB 5718)</a> <b>State broadband map</b> Concerning a state broadband map. Requires the Statewide Broadband Office (Office) to develop and maintain a state broadband map. â€¢ Requires "covered entities" to submit data concerning broadband infrastructure deployment to the Office to assist in developing and maintaining the state broadband map. â€¢ Requires broadband service providers to have provided broadband mapping data to the Office in order to object to a proposed Public Works Board (PWB) broadband project. â€¢ Allows the PWB to prioritize applications from broadband service providers who have submitted broadband mapping data to the Office within the previous year.	H Rules X	Ryu	Medium	Support
<a href="#">HB 1843</a> <b>School district elections</b> Modifying school district elections.	H Education	Harris	High	Support
<a href="#">HB 1882 (SSB 5723)</a> <b>Even-numbered year elections</b> Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years.	H State Govt & T	Farivar	Medium	
<a href="#">SHB 1932</a> <b>Even-numbered year elections</b> Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.	H 2nd Reading	Gregerson	Medium	

<a href="#"><u>HB 1956</u></a> (SSB 5923)	<b>Substance use prevention ed.</b> Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H EDDPS	Leavitt	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1960</u></a> (SSB 5882)	<b>Prototypical school staffing</b> Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Approps	Stonier	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1962</u></a>	<b>Voter address changes</b> Improving voter registration list accuracy by improving voter address change processes for county election offices and voters.	H Rules R	Low	Low	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1978</u></a>	<b>Intrastate mutual aid system</b> Adding special purpose and junior taxing districts to the intrastate mutual aid system.	H Rules R	Rule	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2018</u></a>	<b>Schools/mobile device use</b> Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students.	H Education	McClintock	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2023</u></a>	<b>Elections/language assist.</b> Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance.	H Approps	Shavers	Low	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2029</u></a> (SSB 5804)	<b>Opioid overdose/high schools</b> Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	H Education	Rule	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2106</u></a>	<b>Library district annexation</b> Concerning library districts with an annexed city or town.	H Local Govt	Schmick	High	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 2106</u></a>	Section 1 of this bill is unnecessary and does not solve the problem in Dayton that SB 5824 from the Secretary of State will solve. Section 2 actually changes the trustees for library districts, requiring election of trustees from every annexed city or jurisdiction. This would create an unmanageable situation for the library district.				
<a href="#"><u>HB 2125</u></a>	<b>Contingent faculty benefits</b> Concerning the eligibility of state-mandated benefits for contingent faculty at community and technical colleges.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2142</u></a>	<b>Reading coaches grants</b> Creating a reading coaches grant program.	H Education	Corry	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2148</u></a>	<b>Public school staff wages</b> Concerning a comparable wage analysis of public school staff compensation.	H Education	Reeves	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2212</u></a>	<b>School admin. allocations</b> Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule	Low	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2223</u></a>	<b>Librarians in public schools</b> Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2250</u></a> (SB 6156)	<b>Local elections</b> Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	H State Govt & T	Gregerson	Medium	

<a href="#"><u>HB 2284</u></a>	<b>Reading and writing literacy</b> Using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.	H Education	Pollet	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2313</u></a>	<b>Digital equity</b> Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington.	H Innov, Comm &	Gregerson	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2315</u></a>	<b>High school CPR &amp; AED instr.</b> Updating required instruction for high school students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators.	H Education	Caldier	Low	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2327</u></a>	<b>Digital equity/revenue</b> Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs.	H Finance	Gregerson	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2331</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 6208)</u></a>	<b>Public school materials</b> Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	H Education	Stonier	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2354</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 6230)</u></a>	<b>Tax increment areas</b> 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.	H Local Govt	Street	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2360</u></a>	<b>Digital workforce</b> Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.	H Exec Action	Slatter	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2380</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 6082)</u></a>	<b>Paraeducator compensation</b> Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	H Approps	Shavers	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2387</u></a>	<b>Schools/classified alloc.</b> Increasing classified allocations to improve student outcomes.  Provides additional funding for classified staff in prototypical school district	H Approps	Rude	Medium	Neutral
<a href="#"><u>HB 2398</u></a>	<b>Instruct. materials/parents</b> Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees.	H Education	Walsh	High	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2399</u></a>	<b>School library complaints</b> Requiring formal complaint systems for public school libraries.  1) It would invalidate all the existing school board policies around the state that have those decisions made by citizen committees, taking power from taxpayers and the community. 2) Most boards in the state already have policy around this (Board Policy 2020 and 2021, typically, using WSSDA numbering) 3) Larger boards delegate that authority away to committees because they don't want to be responsible for every decision around these issues; can you imagine a place like Seattle having to have individual hearings over a list of 200 books brought to them by bad-faith actors?	H Education	Walsh	High	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 2455</u></a>	<b>Competing ballot measures</b> Providing local governments options regarding elections for competing ballot measures.	H State Govt & T	Gregerson	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2458</u></a>	<b>K-12 experience factors</b>	H Approps	Rule	Monitoring	

Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff.

<a href="#"><u>HJR 4207</u></a>	<b>School district bond voting</b> Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	H Education	Harris	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>HJR 4209</u></a> (SJR 8209)	<b>Residential ex./property tax</b> Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.	H Finance	Berg	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5054</u></a>	<b>Prof. learning communities</b> Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S Rules X	Wellman	High	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>SB 5209</u></a> (HB 1220)	<b>Universal civic duty voting</b> Establishing universal civic duty voting.	S State Govt & El	Hunt	Low	
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5444</u></a>	<b>Firearm sensitive places</b> Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Ways & Means	Valdez	Medium	Concerns
<a href="#"><u>ESB 5462</u></a>	<b>Inclusive learning standards</b> Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Liias	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5723</u></a> (HB 1882)	<b>Even-numbered year elections</b> Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years.	S Rules 2	Valdez	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>SB 5770</u></a>	<b>Property tax</b> Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>ESSB 5788</u></a>	<b>Service animal training</b> Concerning service animal training.	S Passed 3rd	Pedersen	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5804</u></a> (HB 2029)	<b>Opioid overdose med./schools</b> Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	S 2nd RdConsCal	Kuderer	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>ESB 5824</u></a>	<b>Dissolution of libraries</b> Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts.  1. It eliminates the current statute language barring annexed public library district members from having a say in the proposal to dissolve the library district. The current language reflects previous legislative intent to treat municipal (city funded) libraries differently than multi-community library districts. In practice though, residents of many cities gave up on running stand-alone libraries in lieu of a joining larger districts, similar to fire and emergency services. The suggested updated language in 5824 better matches current practice and eliminates the "taxation without representation" issue by allowing all of the library taxpayers within the district to vote on proposed dissolution. 2. It increases the minimum petition signature threshold for dissolution from 10 percent to 35 percent, bringing the process closer to representing the will of the impacted residents of the library district.	S Passed 3rd	Hunt	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5843</u></a>	<b>Election security breaches</b> Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems.	S Rules 2	Nguyen	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>SB 5870</u></a>	<b>Early learning programs</b>	S EL/K-12	Wilson	High	

Expanding and streamlining eligibility for early learning programs.

<a href="#"><b>SSB 5882</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 1960)</b></a>	<b>Prototypical school staffing</b> Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	S Ways & Means	Stanford	High	
<a href="#"><b>SB 5895</b></a>	<b>Academic employee bargaining</b> Concerning collective bargaining for certain employees who are enrolled in academic programs at public institutions of higher education.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Medium	
<a href="#"><b>SSB 5923</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 1956)</b></a>	<b>Substance use prevention ed.</b> Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Low	
<a href="#"><b>SB 5956</b></a>	<b>Enrichment levies limit</b> Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	S EL/K-12	Wellman	High	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6002</b></a>	<b>PESB transfer to OSPI</b> 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	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6003</b></a>	<b>Board of education/OSPI</b> Concerning the superintendent of public instruction chairing and administering the state board of education.	S EL/K-12	Hunt	Medium	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6018</b></a>	<b>Early learning coordinators</b> Designating early learning coordinators at educational service districts.	S EL/K-12	Wilson	High	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6082</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 2380)</b></a>	<b>Paraeducator compensation</b> Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Nobles	Medium	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6123</b></a>	<b>Classified school employees</b> Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S EL/K-12	Wellman	Medium	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6156</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 2250)</b></a>	<b>Local elections</b> Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	S State Govt & E	Nobles	Low	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6204</b></a>	<b>Curriculum establishment</b> Concerning the school districts' authority to establish their curriculum.	S EL/K-12	McCune	Medium	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6208</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 2331)</b></a>	<b>Public school materials</b> Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	S EL/K-12	Nobles	High	Support
<a href="#"><b>SB 6230</b></a> <a href="#"><b>(HB 2354)</b></a>	<b>Tax increment areas</b> 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	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6232</b></a>	<b>Public records portal pilot</b> Establishing a pilot common public records portal.	S State Govt & E	Wilson	High	
<a href="#"><b>SB 6253</b></a>	<b>Learning assistance program</b>	S EL/K-12	Nobles	Monitoring	

Increasing funding for the learning assistance program.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 6299</u></a>	<b>Employees/digital technology</b> Protecting employee rights in the workplace with regards to the use of digital technology.	S Labor & Comm	Stanford	Medium	
<a href="#"><u>SJR 8207</u></a>	<b>School district bonds</b> Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	High	Support
<a href="#"><u>SJR 8209</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HJR 4209)</u></a>	<b>Residential ex./property tax</b> Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	Monitoring	
<a href="#"><u>SCR 8414</u></a>	<b>Civic health committee</b> Creating a joint select committee on civic health.	S 2nd Reading	Lovick	Monitoring	

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