

# Washington Library Association Legislative Report – February 9, 2024

We are past the fiscal cut off point and now all bills are on the floor or rules being voted on. The only bills that might be exempt from these cut offs are bills that will be necessary to implement one of the three budgets – operating, capital or transportation.

The big bills for WLA are doing well. First, SB 5824, the bill to make it hard to dissolve a public library by vote, is up for a hearing next week in House State Government and Tribal Relations. WLA will be testifying in favor of that bill. We expect it to move fairly easily.

The second bill, SHB 2331, dealing with instructional and supplemental materials in schools, is out of House Rules and now on the floor for a vote. WLA has been supporting this bill as it sets up a consistent system of review across the state and ensures that just one entity cannot make a materials removal decision without appeals processes. However, WLA's school library division has some additional amendments. We are waiting for the prime sponsor to get back to us on whether those amendments will be discussed in the House or during the Senate process.

Finally, we should know in the next two weeks if our budget provisos for school library/teacher-librarian grants and/or the additional money for OPSI to help districts with libraries will be accepted into the budget.

Monday is the day for bills to be out of the house of origin. WLA Day at the Capitol is next Wednesday. Should be a lot going on for that day!

## Upcoming Events

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/14 @ 10:30am**

- [ESHB 1277](#) - Public Hearing - Improving the consistency and quality of the implementation of the fundamental course of study for paraeducators. (Remote Testimony Available). (Low)

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/14 @ 10:30am**

- [ESB 5462](#) - Public Hearing - Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

### **Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/15 @ 8:00am**

- [SSB 5804](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in public schools. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)

### **Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/15 @ 1:30pm**

- [SHB 1044](#) - Public Hearing - Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/Medium)

**State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 2/16 @ 8:00am**

- [ESB 5824](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

**High Priority Bills**

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">SHB 1960</a> (2SSB 5882)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Rules R	Stonier	
<a href="#">2SHB 2313</a>	Digital equity	Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington.	H Rules R	Gregerson	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2331</a> (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	H 2nd Reading	Stonier	Support
<a href="#">SHB 2398</a>	Instruct. materials/parents	Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees.	H Rules R	Walsh	
<a href="#">SHB 2494</a>	School operating costs	Increasing state funding for operating costs in schools.	H Rules R	Bergquist	Support
<a href="#">HIR 4207</a>	School district bond voting	Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	H Education	Harris	Support

<a href="#">ESB 5824</a>	Dissolution of libraries	Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts.	H State Govt & Tr	Hunt	Support
<a href="#">2SSB 5882</a> (SHB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	S Passed 3rd	Stanford	
<a href="#">SJR 8207</a>	School district bonds	Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Support

### Medium Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">SHB 1044</a>	Capital assistance/schools	Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.	S EL/K-12	McEntire	Support
<a href="#">ESHB 1932</a>	Even-numbered year elections	Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.	H Passed 3rd	Gregerson	
<a href="#">HB 1978</a>	Intrastate mutual aid system	Adding special purpose and junior taxing districts to the intrastate mutual aid system.	S State Govt & El	Rule	
<a href="#">SHB 2250</a> (SB 6156)	Local elections	Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	H Rules R	Gregerson	
<a href="#">2SSB 5444</a>	Firearm sensitive places	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S 2nd Reading	Valdez	Concerns
<a href="#">SSB 5723</a> (HB 1882)	Even-numbered year elections	Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years.	S Rules 2	Valdez	
<a href="#">ESSB 5788</a>	Service animal training	Concerning service animal training.	H Civil R & Judi	Pedersen	
<a href="#">SSB 5804</a> (HB 2029)	Opioid overdose med./schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	H Education	Kuderer	
<a href="#">SB 5843</a>	Election security breaches	Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems.	H State Govt & Tr	Nguyen	
<a href="#">SSB 6299</a>	Employees/digital technology	Protecting employee rights in the workplace with regards to the use of digital technology.	S Rules 2	Stanford	

### Low Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">ESHB 1277</a>	Paraeducator course of study	Establishing rules to improve the consistency and quality of the implementation of the fundamental courses of study for paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Donaghy	
<a href="#">HB 1962</a>	Voter address changes	Improving voter registration list accuracy by improving voter address change processes for county election offices and voters.	H 2nd Reading	Low	
<a href="#">HB 2023</a>	Elections/language assist.	Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance.	H Rules R	Shavers	

## Monitoring Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">2SHB 1956</a> (SSB 5923)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H 2nd Reading	Leavitt	
<a href="#">2SHB 2354</a> (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.	H Rules R	Street	
<a href="#">SHB 2455</a>	Competing ballot measures	Providing local governments options regarding elections for competing ballot measures.	H Rules R	Gregerson	
<a href="#">SHB 2458</a>	K-12 experience factors	Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff.	H Rules R	Rule	
<a href="#">HJR 4209</a> (SJR 8209)	Residential ex./property tax	Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.	H Finance	Berg	
<a href="#">ESB 5363</a>	Cannabis advertising	Concerning cannabis retailer advertising.	H Reg Subst & Gam	MacEwen	
<a href="#">ESB 5462</a>	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Liias	
<a href="#">SSB 5770</a>	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S 2nd Reading	Pedersen	
<a href="#">SJR 8209</a> (HJR 4209)	Residential ex./property tax	Concerning a constitutional amendment providing for a residential real property exemption from property taxes levied for state purposes.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	
<a href="#">SCR 8414</a>	Civic health committee	Creating a joint select committee on civic health.	H State Govt & Tr	Lovick	

## Other Bills

No bills.

## Dead Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
<a href="#">HB 1011</a>	Long-term care/repeal	Repealing the long-term services and supports trust program.	H HC/Wellness	Abbarno	
<a href="#">HB 1091</a>	Tax increases/voter approval	Requiring voter approval of tax increases.	H State Govt & T	Walsh	
<a href="#">HB 1092</a>	State property tax/valuation	Concerning the valuation of property for purposes of state property tax levies.	H Finance	Walsh	
<a href="#">HB 1137</a>	Return-to-work opportunities	Creating equitable access to return-to-work opportunities in workers' compensation.	H Labor & Workpl	Mosbrucker	Neutral

<a href="#">SHB 1140</a> (ESSB 5187)	Operating budget	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Rules X	Ormsby	
<a href="#">HB 1141</a> (SB 5188)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	
<a href="#">SHB 1147</a> (ESSB 5200)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Rules X	Tharinger	
<a href="#">HB 1158</a> (ESSB 5082)	Advisory votes	Encouraging electoral participation and making ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory votes.	H State Govt & T	Walén	Neutral
<a href="#">SHB 1174</a>	Jail-based voting	Improving access and removing barriers to jail-based voting.	H Approps	Simmons	Support
<a href="#">HB 1195</a>	Weapons/parks & hospitals	Prohibiting the open carry of certain weapons in public parks and public hospitals.	H Civil R & Judi	Senn	Support
<a href="#">HB 1212</a>	Outdoor recreation fees	Concerning outdoor recreation affordability.	H Innov, Comm & E	Dye	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 1220</a> (SB 5209)	Universal civic duty voting	Establishing universal civic duty voting.	H State Govt & Tr	Mena	
<a href="#">2SHB 1229</a> (E2SSB 5112)	Voter registration	Updating processes related to voter registration.	H Rules X	Simmons	
<a href="#">HB 1244</a> (SB 5692)	Enrichment levy authority	Increasing the maximum per pupil limit for enrichment levy authority.	H Rules C	Ramel	
<a href="#">SHB 1273</a> (E2SSB 5243)	High school and beyond plans	Concerning high school and beyond planning.	H Approps	Berg	
<a href="#">SHB 1291</a> (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	Support
<a href="#">HB 1376</a>	School practice standards	Aligning policies to reflect the updated standards of practice for school district staff.	H Education	Santos	
<a href="#">EHB 1478</a>	Student rights	Establishing a statement of student rights.	H Rules 3C	Timmons	
<a href="#">HB 1483</a>	State school levies	Providing property tax relief by reducing both parts of the state school levies.	H Finance	Orcutt	
<a href="#">HB 1556</a> (SB 5495)	Property tax rebates	Concerning property tax rebates for homeowners and renters.	H Finance	Berg	
<a href="#">SHB 1609</a>	School library info and tech	Concerning school library information and technology programs.	H Approps	Eslick	Support
<a href="#">HB 1670</a>	Property tax limit factor	Raising the limit factor for property taxes.	H Rules R	Ormsby	Support
<a href="#">HB 1680</a>	Rural library districts	Protecting intercounty rural library districts' ability to fund public library	H Finance	Kretz	Support

		services through exclusion from tax increment financing apportionment.			
<a href="#">HB 1703</a>	Local property tax levies	Imposing local property tax levies wholly credited against the state property tax to provide support and services for veterans' assistance and for persons with developmental disabilities or mental health needs.	H Local Govt	Orcutt	
<a href="#">HB 1741</a>	Prototypical school formulas	Increasing prototypical school formulas to support student health, well-being, and educational outcomes.	H Approps	Rule	Concerns
<a href="#">2SHB 1746 (SB 5718)</a>	State broadband map	Concerning a state broadband map.	H Rules X	Ryu	Support
<a href="#">HB 1793</a>	Wireless devices tax	Funding digital equity by imposing a tax on certain wireless devices.	H Finance	Gregerson	
<a href="#">SHB 1821</a>	Postsecondary credentials	Creating a postsecondary credential transparency work group.	H Approps	Slatter	Support
<a href="#">HB 1843</a>	School district elections	Modifying school district elections.	H Education	Harris	Support
<a href="#">HB 1882 (SSB 5723)</a>	Even-numbered year elections	Giving cities and towns the freedom to switch their general elections to even-numbered years.	H State Govt & T	Farivar	
<a href="#">HB 2018</a>	Schools/mobile device use	Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students.	H Approps	McClintock	
<a href="#">HB 2029 (SSB 5804)</a>	Opioid overdose/high schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	H Education	Rule	
<a href="#">HB 2106</a>	Library district annexation	Concerning library districts with an annexed city or town.	H Local Govt	Schmick	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 2125</a>	Contingent faculty benefits	Concerning the eligibility of state-mandated benefits for contingent faculty at community and technical colleges.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	
<a href="#">HB 2142</a>	Reading coaches grants	Creating a reading coaches grant program.	H Education	Corry	
<a href="#">HB 2148</a>	Public school staff wages	Concerning a comparable wage analysis of public school staff compensation.	H Education	Reeves	
<a href="#">HB 2212</a>	School admin. allocations	Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule	
<a href="#">HB 2223</a>	Librarians in public schools	Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule	Support
<a href="#">HB 2284</a>	Reading and writing literacy	Using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students.	H Education	Pollet	
<a href="#">HB 2315</a>	High school CPR & AED instr.	Updating required instruction for high school students in	H Education	Caldier	

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		cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators.			
<a href="#">HB 2327</a>	Digital equity/revenue	Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs.	H Finance	Gregerson	
<a href="#">HB 2360</a>	Digital workforce	Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.	H Approps	Slatter	
<a href="#">HB 2380</a> (SB 6082)	Paraeducator compensation	Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	H Approps	Shavers	
<a href="#">HB 2387</a>	Schools/classified alloc.	Increasing classified allocations to improve student outcomes.	H Approps	Rude	Neutral
<a href="#">HB 2399</a>	School library complaints	Requiring formal complaint systems for public school libraries.	H Education	Walsh	Oppose
<a href="#">HJR 4200</a>	Owner-occupied property/tax	Setting the taxable value of owner-occupied property.	H Finance	Walsh	
<a href="#">HJR 4203</a>	School district bonds	Amending the Constitution to allow a simple majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	H Education	Stonier	
<a href="#">SB 5008</a>	K-12 instr. materials/access	Providing parents and legal guardians access to instructional materials.	S EL/K-12	McCune	
<a href="#">SB 5024</a>	K-12 education/parent rights	Establishing parents' bill of rights related to their child's public education.	S EL/K-12	Dozier	
<a href="#">SB 5029</a>	School district boards	Empowering school district boards of directors.	S EL/K-12	Short	
<a href="#">SB 5040</a>	Enhanced docs/citizenship	Requiring notation on enhanced documents that the holder of the document has demonstrated the citizenship requirements sufficient to register to vote.	S Transportation	Wilson	
<a href="#">SSB 5047</a> (ESHB 1048)	Voting rights act	Enhancing the Washington voting rights act.	S Rules X	Saldana	Support
<a href="#">SSB 5054</a>	Prof. learning communities	Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.	S Rules X	Wellman	Concerns
<a href="#">SB 5063</a>	Gubernatorial emergencies	Establishing balanced legislative oversight of gubernatorial powers during a declared emergency.	S State Govt & E	Wilson	
<a href="#">SB 5067</a> (HB 1645)	County legislative meetings	Concerning meetings of county legislative authorities.	S Rules X	Dozier	Neutral
<a href="#">ESSB 5102</a>	School library info and tech	Concerning school library information and technology programs.	S Rules 3	Wellman	Support
<a href="#">SSB 5126</a> (HB 1444)	Common school trust revenue	Providing common school trust revenue to small school districts.	S Rules 3	Pedersen	Support
<a href="#">SSB 5154</a> (2SHB 1131)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes	
<a href="#">SSB 5158</a>	State & local taxation	Concerning transparency in state and local taxation.	S Rules X	Wilson	Support

<a href="#">ESSB 5207</a> (SHB 1426)	Controlled entities	Concerning campaign contributions by controlled entities.	S Rules 3	Billig	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 5209</a> (HB 1220)	Universal civic duty voting	Establishing universal civic duty voting.	S Transportation	Hunt	
<a href="#">SSB 5237</a>	Education law noncompliance	Establishing complaint procedures to address noncompliance with certain state education laws.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	Concerns
<a href="#">SSB 5248</a> (HB 1710)	Tutoring & extended learning	Using COVID-19 relief funding on high quality tutoring and rigorous extended learning programs.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support
<a href="#">SB 5264</a> (SHB 1015)	Paraeducator requirements	Concerning minimum employment requirements for paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Wellman	
<a href="#">ESSB 5284</a>	Campaign finance disclosure	Concerning campaign finance disclosure.	S 3rd Reading	Nguyen	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 5321</a> (ESHB 1335)	Personal identifying info.	Concerning the unauthorized publication of personal identifying information.	S Law & Justice	Valdez	
<a href="#">SB 5343</a>	School construction costs	Reducing costs and increasing efficiency in school construction.	S EL/K-12	Schoesler	Neutral
<a href="#">SB 5351</a> (ESHB 1155)	Consumer health data	Addressing the collection, sharing, and selling of consumer health data.	S Law & Justice	Dhingra	
<a href="#">SSB 5378</a>	Voter education	Concerning voter education.	S Rules X	Kauffman	
<a href="#">SB 5407</a> (HB 1303)	Property tax administration	Concerning the administration of property taxes.	S Ways & Means	Robinson	Oppose
<a href="#">SSB 5441</a>	School district curricula	Promoting the adoption of school district curricula that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
<a href="#">SB 5495</a> (HB 1556)	Property tax rebates	Concerning property tax rebates for homeowners and renters.	S Ways & Means	Kuderer	
<a href="#">SB 5577</a>	Capital broadband program	Establishing and making appropriations for the capital broadband investment acceleration program.	S Environment, E	Torres	
<a href="#">SB 5618</a>	Local property tax limit	Increasing the local property tax revenue growth limit.	S Loc Gov, Land	Kuderer	Support
<a href="#">SSB 5626</a>	K-12 media literacy	Expanding and enhancing media literacy and digital citizenship in K-12 education.	S Rules 3	Liias	Support
<a href="#">SB 5671</a>	K-12 experience factors	Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff.	S EL/K-12	MacEwen	
<a href="#">SB 5692</a> (HB 1244)	Enrichment levy authority	Increasing the maximum per pupil limit for enrichment levy authority.	S EL/K-12	Lovelett	
<a href="#">SB 5718</a> (2SHB 1746)	State broadband map	Concerning a state broadband map.	S Environment, E	Wellman	Support
<a href="#">SB 5719</a> (HB 1679)	Student homelessness group	Modifying and extending requirements of a work group convened to address the needs of	S Ways & Means	Hunt	



		students in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or both.			
<a href="#">SB 5870</a>	Early learning programs	Expanding and streamlining eligibility for early learning programs.	S EL/K-12	Wilson	
<a href="#">SB 5895</a>	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	
<a href="#">SSB 5923</a> (2SHB 1956)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
<a href="#">SSB 5956</a>	Enrichment levies limit	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
<a href="#">SB 6002</a>	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	
<a href="#">SB 6003</a>	Board of education/OSPI	Concerning the superintendent of public instruction chairing and administering the state board of education.	S EL/K-12	Hunt	
<a href="#">SB 6018</a>	Early learning coordinators	Designating early learning coordinators at educational service districts.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
<a href="#">SB 6082</a> (HB 2380)	Paraeducator compensation	Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Nobles	
<a href="#">SB 6123</a>	Classified school employees	Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
<a href="#">SB 6156</a> (SHB 2250)	Local elections	Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	S State Govt & E	Nobles	
<a href="#">SB 6204</a>	Curriculum establishment	Concerning the school districts' authority to establish their curriculum.	S EL/K-12	McCune	
<a href="#">SB 6208</a> (SHB 2331)	Public school materials	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	S EL/K-12	Nobles	Support
<a href="#">SB 6230</a> (2SHB 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	
<a href="#">SSB 6232</a>	Public records portal pilot	Establishing a pilot common public records portal.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
<a href="#">SB 6253</a>	Learning assistance program	Increasing funding for the learning assistance program.	S EL/K-12	Nobles	
<a href="#">SIM 8000</a>	Campaign contributions	Concerning contributions to election campaigns.	S State Govt & E	Kuderer	
<a href="#">SJR 8204</a>	Property taxes/residence	Concerning property tax relief.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	Oppose

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