

WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE REPORT – February 2, 2024

Upcoming Events

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 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)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/3 @ 9:00am

- [HB 2023](#) - Exec Session - Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance. (Low)

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 2/3 @ 9:00am

- [SSB 5882](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)

- [SSB 5444](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning firearm sensitive places. (Remote Testimony Available). (Concerns/Medium)

- [SSB 5956](#) - Public Hearing - Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)

High Priority Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
HB 1960 (SSB 5882)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Approps	Stonier	
HB 2018	Schools/mobile device use	Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students.	H Approps	McClintock	
HB 2223	Librarians in public schools	Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule	Support
SHB 2313	Digital equity	Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington.	H Approps	Gregerson	Support
HB 2327	Digital equity/revenue	Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs.	H Finance	Gregerson	
SHB 2331 (SB 6208)	Public school materials	Bars school district boards of directors (school boards) from refusing to approve or	H Rules R	Stonier	Support

		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			
HB 2360	Digital workforce	Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.	H Approps	Slatter	
SHB 2398	Instruct. materials/parents	Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees.	H Rules R	Walsh	
HIR 4207	School district bond voting	Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.	H Education	Harris	Support
ESB 5824	Dissolution of libraries	Concerning the dissolution of libraries and library districts.	S Passed 3rd	Hunt	Support
SSB 5882 (HB 1960)	Prototypical school staffing	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	S Ways & Means	Stanford	
SSB 5956	Enrichment levies limit	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
SB 6018	Early learning coordinators	Designating early learning coordinators at educational service districts.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
SSB 6232	Public records portal pilot	Establishing a pilot common public records portal.	S Ways & Means	Wilson	
SJR 8207	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
SHB 1044	Capital assistance/schools	Providing capital financial assistance to small school districts with demonstrated funding challenges.	S EL/K-12	McEntire	Support
SHB 1932	Even-numbered year elections	Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.	H 2nd Reading	Gregerson	

HB 1978	Intrastate mutual aid system	Adding special purpose and junior taxing districts to the intrastate mutual aid system.	H Rules R	Rule	
HB 2125	Contingent faculty benefits	Concerning the eligibility of state-mandated benefits for contingent faculty at community and technical colleges.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	
SHB 2250 (SB 6156)	Local elections	Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	H Rules R	Gregerson	
HB 2387	Schools/classified alloc.	Increasing classified allocations to improve student outcomes.	H Approps	Rude	Neutral
SSB 5444	Firearm sensitive places	Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Ways & Means	Valdez	Concerns
SSB 5723 (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	
ESSB 5788	Service animal training	Concerning service animal training.	S Passed 3rd	Pedersen	
SSB 5804 (HB 2029)	Opioid overdose med./schools	Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	S Passed 3rd	Kuderer	
SB 5843	Election security breaches	Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems.	S 2nd Reading	Nguyen	
SB 5895	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	
SB 6123	Classified school employees	Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
SSB 6299	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
ESHB 1277	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	
HB 1962	Voter address changes	Improving voter registration list accuracy by improving voter address change processes for county election offices and voters.	H Rules R	Low	
HB 2023	Elections/language assist.	Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance.	H Approps	Shavers	
HB 2212	School admin. allocations	Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule	

SB 5209 (HB 1220)	Universal civic duty voting	Establishing universal civic duty voting.	S Transportation	Hunt	
SSB 5923 (SHB 1956)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	

Monitoring Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
SHB 1956 (SSB 5923)	Substance use prevention ed.	Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H Approps	Leavitt	
SHB 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.	H Finance	Street	
HB 2380 (SB 6082)	Paraeducator compensation	Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	H Approps	Shavers	
SHB 2455	Competing ballot measures	Providing local governments options regarding elections for competing ballot measures.	H Rules R	Gregerson	
HB 2458	K-12 experience factors	Making experience factor adjustments for certificated instructional staff.	H Approps	Rule	
HJR 4209 (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	
SB 5363	Cannabis advertising	Concerning cannabis retailer advertising.	S 3rd Reading	MacEwen	
ESB 5462	Inclusive learning standards	Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	H Education	Liias	
SB 5770	Property tax	Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	
SJR 8209 (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	
SCR 8414	Civic health committee	Creating a joint select committee on civic health.	H State Govt & Tr	Lovick	

Other Bills

No bills.