

# WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE REPORT – January 19, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual - 1/23 @ 8:00am

- [SB 6230](#) - Public Hearing - 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. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

### Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 10:30am

- [HB 2313](#) - Public Hearing - Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)

### Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- [HB 2360](#) - Exec Session - Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act. (High)

### State Government & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/23 @ 1:30pm

- [SB 6232](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing a pilot common public records portal. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)
- [SB 5209](#) - Public Hearing - Establishing universal civic duty voting. (Remote Testimony Available). (Low)

### Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 4:00pm

- [HB 2331](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)
- [HB 2398](#) - Public Hearing - Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)
- [HB 2018](#) - Public Hearing - Improving student outcomes by restricting mobile device use by public school students. (Remote Testimony Available). (High)

### Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 8:00am

- [HB 2354](#) - Public Hearing - 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. (Remote Testimony Available). (Monitoring)

**Early Learning & K-12 Education (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/24 @ 10:30am**

- [SB 6082](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)
- [SB 6123](#) - Public Hearing - Adjusting classified school employee salaries. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)
- [SB 6208](#) - Public Hearing - Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials. (Remote Testimony Available). (Support/High)

**State Government & Tribal Relations (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 1:30pm**

- [HB 2250](#) - Public Hearing - Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections. (Remote Testimony Available). (Medium)

**Education (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 8:00am**

- [HB 1956](#) - Exec Session - Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. (Monitoring)

**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. (High)

**Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 10:30am**

- [HB 2354](#) - Exec Session - 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. (Monitoring)

**High Priority Bills**

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
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<a href="#"><u>SHB 1140</u></a> (ESSB 5187)	<b>Operating budget</b> Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Rules X	Ormsby	
<a href="#"><u>HB 1843</u></a>	<b>School district elections</b> Modifying school district elections.	H Education	Harris	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 1960</u></a> (SB 5882)	<b>Prototypical school staffing</b> Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.	H Approps	Stonier	
<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	
	<b>Library district annexation</b> Concerning library districts with an annexed city or town.	H Local Govt	Schmick	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 2142</u></a>	<b>Reading coaches grants</b> Creating a reading coaches grant program.	H Education	Corry	
<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	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2223</u></a>	<b>Librarians in public schools</b> Increasing librarians in public schools.	H Approps	Rule	Support
<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	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2313</u></a>	<b>Digital equity</b> Furthering digital equity and opportunity in Washington.	H Innov, Comm &	Gregerson	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2327</u></a>	<b>Digital equity/revenue</b> Providing a revenue stream to fund digital equity programs.	H Finance	Gregerson	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2331</u></a> (SB 6208)	<b>Public school materials</b> Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.	H Education	Stonier	Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 2360</u></a>	<b>Digital workforce</b> Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.	H Postsec Ed & W	Slatter	
<a href="#"><u>HB 2398</u></a>	<b>Instruct. materials/parents</b> Requiring parent representation on instructional materials committees.	H Education	Walsh	

	<b>School library complaints</b>	H Education	Walsh	Oppose
	Requiring formal complaint systems for public school libraries.			
<a href="#"><u>HB 2399</u></a>	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?			
<a href="#"><u>HJR 4207</u></a>	<b>School district bond voting</b>	H Education	Harris	Support
	Amending the Constitution to allow 55 percent of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.			
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5054</u></a>	<b>Prof. learning communities</b>	S Rules X	Wellman	Concerns
	Promoting and facilitating the use of professional learning communities.			
	<b>Dissolution of libraries</b>	S 2nd Reading	Hunt	Support
<a href="#"><u>SB 5824</u></a>	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.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5870</u></a>	<b>Early learning programs</b>	S EL/K-12	Wilson	
	Expanding and streamlining eligibility for early learning programs.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5882</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 1960)</u></a>	<b>Prototypical school staffing</b>	S EL/K-12	Stanford	
	Increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 5956</u></a>	<b>Enrichment levies limit</b>	S EL/K-12	Wellman	
	Concerning the maximum per-pupil limit for enrichment levies.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 6018</u></a>	<b>Early learning coordinators</b>	S EL/K-12	Wilson	
	Designating early learning coordinators at educational service districts.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 6208</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(HB 2331)</u></a>	<b>Public school materials</b>	S EL/K-12	Nobles	Support
	Modifying requirements for public school instructional and supplemental instructional materials.			
<a href="#"><u>SB 6232</u></a>	<b>Public records portal pilot</b>	S State Govt & El	Wilson	
	Establishing a pilot common public records portal.			
<a href="#"><u>SJR 8207</u></a>	<b>School district bonds</b>	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Support
	Amending the Constitution to allow a majority of voters voting to authorize school district bonds.			

## Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1291</u></a> (SSB 5238)	<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 Support
<a href="#"><u>2SHB 1746</u></a> (SB 5718)	<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 Support
<a href="#"><u>HB 1882</u></a> (SSB 5723)	<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
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1932</u></a>	<b>Even-numbered year elections</b> Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.	H Rules R	Gregerson
<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
<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
<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 Postsec Ed & W	Ortiz-Self
<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
<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 Neutral
<a href="#"><u>SB 5444</u></a>	<b>Firearm sensitive places</b> Concerning firearm sensitive places.	S Law & Justice	Valdez Neutral
<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
<a href="#"><u>SSB 5788</u></a>	<b>Service animal training</b> Concerning service animal training.	S 2nd RdConsCal	Pedersen

<a href="#"><b>SSB 5804</b></a> <b>(HB 2029)</b>	<b>Opioid overdose/high schools</b> Concerning opioid overdose reversal medication in high schools.	S Rules 2	Kuderer
<a href="#"><b>SB 5843</b></a>	<b>Election security breaches</b> Concerning security breaches of election systems and election-related systems.	S Rules 2	Nguyen
<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 Labor & Comm	Nobles
<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
<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
<a href="#"><b>SB 6082</b></a> <b>(HB 2380)</b>	<b>Paraeducator compensation</b> Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	S EL/K-12	Nobles
<a href="#"><b>SB 6123</b></a>	<b>Classified school employees</b> Adjusting classified school employee salaries.	S EL/K-12	Wellman
<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

### Low Priority Bills

<b>Bill Details</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Position</b>
<a href="#"><b>ESHB 1277</b></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
<a href="#"><b>HB 1962</b></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
<a href="#"><b>HB 2023</b></a>	<b>Elections/language assist.</b> Improving meaningful access to elections by increasing language assistance.	H Exec Action	Shavers
<a href="#"><b>HB 2212</b></a>	<b>School admin. allocations</b> Increasing allocations for principals, assistant principals, and other certificated building-level administrators.	H Approps	Rule
<a href="#"><b>HB 2315</b></a>	<b>High school CPR &amp; AED instr.</b>	H Education	Caldier

Updating required instruction for high school students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators.

<a href="#">SB 5209</a> (HB 1220)	<b>Universal civic duty voting</b> Establishing universal civic duty voting.	S State Govt & El	Hunt
<a href="#">SSB 5923</a> (HB 1956)	<b>Substance use prevention ed.</b> Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	S Ways & Means	Wellman
<a href="#">SB 6156</a> (HB 2250)	<b>Local elections</b> Increasing representation and voter participation in local elections.	S State Govt & E	Nobles

### Monitoring Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<a href="#">SHB 1147</a> (ESSB 5200)	<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
<a href="#">2SHB 1229</a> (E2SSB 5112)	<b>Voter registration</b> Updating processes related to voter registration.	H Rules X	Simmons
<a href="#">HB 1956</a> (SSB 5923)	<b>Substance use prevention ed.</b> Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education.	H Education	Leavitt
<a href="#">HB 2354</a> (SB 6230)	<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
<a href="#">HB 2380</a> (SB 6082)	<b>Paraeducator compensation</b> Increasing compensation for Washington paraeducators.	H Approps	Shavers
<a href="#">HJR 4209</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
<a href="#">ESB 5462</a>	<b>Inclusive learning standards</b> Promoting inclusive learning standards and instructional materials in public schools.	S Passed 3rd	Lias
<a href="#">SB 5770</a>	<b>Property tax</b> Providing state and local property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen
<a href="#">SB 6230</a> (HB 2354)	<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

<a href="#"><u>SB 6253</u></a>	<b>Learning assistance program</b> Increasing funding for the learning assistance program.	S EL/K-12	Nobles
<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
<a href="#"><u>SCR 8414</u></a>	<b>Civic health committee</b> Creating a joint select committee on civic health.	S State Govt & E	Lovick

### Other Bills

No bills.