

WASHINGTON STEM ADVOCACY COALITION CALL

3/17/2023 | NOTES

[Weekly Bill Tracker](#)

#TheRealMarchMadness continues! This week we were on the hill with regional network partners, meeting with legislators, providing testimony, and talking about the great work in regions that support our priorities. Next week we turn focus to the budget and bills moving through the policy committee ahead of the next cutoff March 29. Below are updates on priority bills and upcoming action alerts.

Big shout out and congratulations to our amazing Policy and Advocacy Intern, Shruti Mehta for finishing her undergraduate studies this week!

Washington STEM Priority Bills

SB 5243: Concerning high school and beyond planning.

Sponsors/Request: OSPI, Wellman (41st LD)

- **Thursday, 3/23:** Scheduled for executive session in the House Education Committee on 3/23 at 8:00 AM ([Watch Here](#)).
- On Tuesday 3/14, the bill had a public hearing in the House Education committee. Washington STEM and our network partner from the Northwest STEM Network provided testimony.

SB 5048: Eliminating college in the high school fees.

Sponsors: Mullet (5th LD) et al.

Tuesday, 3/21: Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce at 1:30 PM ([Watch Here](#))

ACTION: To sign in (only takes 1min)

Please navigate here <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House>
drop down committee → Postsecondary Education & Workforce
drop down date → 3/21
select agenda → 2SSB 5048
select type → [I would like my position noted for the legislative record](#)

ACTION: Written Testimony

Please navigate here <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/House>
drop down committee → Postsecondary Education & Workforce
drop down date → 3/21
select agenda → 2SSB 5048
select type → [I would like to submit written testimony](#)

HB 1146: Notifying high school students and their families about available dual credit programs and any available financial assistance.

Sponsors: Paul (10th LD) et al.

Monday, 3/20: Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM ([Watch Here](#))

ACTION: To sign in (only takes 1min)

Please navigate here <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Senate>
drop down committee → Early Learning & K-12 Education
drop down date → 3/20

select agenda → HB 1146

select type → [I would like my position noted for the legislative record](#)

HB 1316: Expanding access to dual credit programs.

Sponsors: Paul (10th LD) et al.

- Had a hearing on Monday of this week. Not yet scheduled for executive session.

Additional Action Alerts for Week 10:

HB 1525: Concerning eligibility for working connections child care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships.

Sponsors: Fosse (38th LD) et al.

- Heard in committee this Monday with compelling testimony from people with lived experience. Bill was passed out of committee on Wednesday and has now been scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Ways & Means committee ([Watch Here](#)).

ACTION: To sign in (only takes 1min)

Please navigate here <https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Senate>

drop down committee → Early Learning & K-12 Education

drop down date → 3/21

select agenda → 2SHB 1525

select type → [I would like my position noted for the legislative record](#)

Update on Career Connect Washington:

SB 5305: Establishing the office of career connect Washington.

- Although the bill is not advancing on the policy side, there is a path forward. The CCW team have prepared member requests in both the House and Senate that propose to retain the funding associated with the bill and which will direct WSAC to coordinate the cross -agency work group and support the ongoing work of Career Connect Washington.
- **Please see the attached updated legislative 1 pager.**
- Questions or insights please reach out to myself Maud Daudon at Maud.daudon@careerconnectwa.org

WHAT HAPPENED IN WEEK 10:

Updates from Orlando:

- Economic Revenue forecast will go live on March 20th at noon. We should start seeing budgets appear. We will likely see the senate budget proposal shortly after 3/20.
- The Senate Capital Budget Committee will unveil their capital budget on March 20th at 10:30 AM.
- Senate democrats will unveil their budget on Thursday, March 23rd and have scheduled a hearing for the budget on Friday, March 24th. They aim to pass their budget on Monday, March 27th.
- The House will unveil their budget on March 27th. The budget vehicle will likely be the Senate.

NOTE: Legislators are hosting Town Halls! If you can't make it to Olympia, there are other ways to engage with your legislators.

- Senate Democrats schedule [here.](#)
- House Democrats schedule [here.](#)
- House Republican info [here.](#)

WA STEM Action in Olympia:

- This week we continued a series of Legislative Engagement Days with our Regional Networks.
- On Tuesday, we were on the hill with the Northwest STEM Network and Snohomish STEM Network. We had 10+ meetings with regional legislators and even some impromptu connections. We provided in person testimony and handed out quite a few small pies from a local family farm in honor of Pi Day!
- On Thursday, we were back at it with the West Sound STEM Network! Another 10+ meetings talking about the impact of dual credit, career connected learning, and strengthening tools like the High School and Beyond Plan in the transition from high school to postsecondary.
- Next week will close out this series with Career Connect Southwest and the Apple STEM Network.

Brief Update on Bills We Are Tracking for Week 10: (as always, check out our bill tracker for the complete list)

SB 5225: Increasing access to the working connections child care program.

Sponsors: Wilson, C (30th LD) et al.

- Bill had a public hearing this week on Tuesday and passed out of committee today! This bill will likely head to House Appropriations. Thank you to everyone who signed in as pro.

SB 5711: Extending the terms of eligibility for the Washington college grant program.

Sponsors/Request: OSPI, Nobles (28th LD) et al.

- Bill was passed out of committee today!

SHB 1565: Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.

- 3/13: Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM

HB 1565: Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce.

Sponsors: Ortiz-Self (21st LD) et al.

- The public hearing was on Monday of this week. The bill has not been scheduled for executive session yet.

HB 1013: Establishing regional apprenticeship programs

- Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education on Wednesday. Not yet scheduled for Executive Session.

SHB 1332: Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes.

- Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education on Thursday.
- Not yet scheduled for Executive Session.

SB 5593: Improving equity in the transfer of student data between K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

- 3/13: Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM.
- Mar 20: Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM

SHB 1238: Providing free school meals for all.

- 3/16: Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM. (Committee Materials)
- 3/20: Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM (Subject to change).

SHB 1559: Establishing the student basic needs at public postsecondary institutions act.

- Tuesday 3/21: Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 4:00 PM

SB 5079: Concerning the date by which tuition operating fees are established

- 3/17: Passed out of House Postsecondary Education and Workforce Development

Please refer to the Weekly Bill tracker for more.

WEEK 11 FLOOR ACTION AND COMMITTEES:

Check for updates on the [WA Legislature Website](#). Bills are still being added.

MONDAY:

- 1:30 PM: House Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: Senate Ways and Means
 - [Agenda](#)

TUESDAY:

- **1:30PM**: House Postsecondary Education & Workforce
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning
 - [Agenda](#)
- **4:00 PM**: House Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: Senate Ways and Means
 - [Agenda](#)

WEDNESDAY:

- 8:00 AM: Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: House Postsecondary Education & Workforce
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: House Appropriations
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: Senate Ways and Means
 - [Agenda](#)

THURSDAY:

- 8:00 AM: House Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 1:30 PM: Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: Senate Ways and Means
 - [Agenda](#)
- 4:00 PM: House Appropriations
 - [Agenda](#)

FRIDAY:

- 8:00 AM: House Postsecondary Education & Workforce
 - [Agenda](#)
- 8:00 AM: House Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning
 - [Agenda](#)
- 10:30 AM: Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development
 - [Agenda](#)
- 2:00 PM: Senate Ways and Means
 - [Agenda](#)

WASHINGTON STEM LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2023

- **Early Learning System Improvements:** Support the equitable implementation of the Fair Start for Kids Act through improvements to agency measurement and transparency. Support community efforts for increased investments to develop the early childcare workforce.
- **Applying Dual Credit:** Increase equitable completion and application of dual credit by bridging the gaps between K-12 and higher education systems.
- **High School to Postsecondary:** Improve the utility of postsecondary- and career-readiness strategies and tools through evidence and community voice.

ACTION: Invite a colleague, changemaker, or leader. Please ask them to sign up here to join the 2023 Washington STEM Advocation Coalition, receive notifications and information about future policy calls, and get updates on Coalition efforts.

Learn more on our website: <https://washingtonstem.org/advocacy2023/>

The WA STEM Advocacy Coalition exists to collect and disseminate information pertaining to statewide education policy. We exist to provide feedback and evidence-based recommendations to the Legislature. *Joining our weekly informational sessions to hear updates on our policy and advocacy does not in itself constitute lobbying.*