



**Washington STEM  
Advocacy Coalition**

**2023 Legislative  
Session Review**

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# 2023 Washington STEM Legislative Priorities

- ❑ **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. *(PASSED AND FUNDED)*
- ❑ **Applying Dual Credit:** Increase equitable completion and application of dual credit by bridging the gaps between K-12 and higher education systems. *(PASSED AND FUNDED)*
- ❑ **High School to Postsecondary:** Improve the utility of postsecondary- and career-readiness strategies and tools through evidence and community voice. *(PASSED AND FUNDED)*

# EARLY LEARNING LEGISLATION

- ▶ **Early Learning Data Visualization Proviso**
  - ▶ \$300k FY 23-25. Senate Sponsor: Sen. Claire Wilson (30<sup>th</sup> LD) House Sponsor: Rep. Chipalo Street (37<sup>th</sup> LD)
  - ▶ Result: FUNDED in the BUDGET. Funds will go to DCYF
- ▶ **SB 5225: Increasing access to the working connections childcare program.** (Sen. Claire Wilson. 30<sup>th</sup> LD)
  - ▶ The bill increases access by modifying the income threshold and requirements expanding WCCC for more families, undocumented families, child care providers and families in the therapeutic court system.

## Support Legislation:

- ▶ **HB 1525:** Concerning eligibility for working connections child care benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships. (Rep. Mary Fosse, 38<sup>th</sup> LD)
- ▶ **HB 1550:** Transition To Kindergarten (Rep. Sharon Santos, 37<sup>th</sup> LD)
- ▶ **HB 1199:** Addressing licensed child care in common interest communities (Rep. Tana Senn, 41<sup>st</sup> LD)
- ▶ **SB 5316:** Concerning background check and licensing fees for programs administered by DCYF (Sen. Claire Wilson. 30<sup>th</sup> LD)



# EARLY LEARNING BUDGET INVESTMENTS (FY 24-25)

Working Connections Reimbursement Rate Increase	\$218.849 M
SB 5225: Working Connections Child Care Expansion	\$13.329M
HB 1525: Increased Access to Working Connections Child Care (apprenticeships)	\$2.7M
ECEAP Expansion	\$19.3M
Early ECEAP	\$4.785M
ECEAP Slot Rate Increase	\$50.059M
ECEAP Complex Needs Fund	\$5.787M
Child Care Complex Needs Fund	\$15.396M
Tribal Early Learning Grants	\$7.5M
Equity Grants	\$5.248M
Early Learning Facilities Grants	\$47.05M
Early Learning Data Visualization Proviso	\$300K
Child Care Access and Living Wage Proviso	\$533K



**2SSB 5225 WORKING CONN. CHILD CARE**

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# K-12 LEGISLATION

- ▶ **SB 5048: Eliminating College in the High School Fees (Sen. Mark Mullet, 5<sup>th</sup> LD)**
  - ▶ The bill eliminates all fees, funding \$300 per student up to per course maximums.
- ▶ **HB 1316: Expanding access to dual credit programs (Rep. Dave Paul, 10<sup>th</sup> LD)**
  - ▶ The bill expands a successful Summer Running Start Pilot program to be statewide.

## Support Legislation:

- ▶ **HB 1013:** Establishes the Regional Apprenticeship Program (Rep. Jacquelin Maycumber, 7th LD)
- ▶ **SB 5702:** Advancing equity in programs for highly capable students. (Sen. T'wina Nobles, 28th LD)
- ▶ **HB 1238:** Providing Free School Meals for All (Rep. Marcus Riccelli, 3rd LD)
- ▶ **HB 1658:** Authorizing public high school students to earn elective credit for paid work experience. (Rep. Clyde Shavers, 10th LD)
- ▶ **HB 1308:** Concerning high school graduation pathway options. (Rep. Monica Stonier, 49th LD)
- ▶ **HB 1565:** "Educator Workforce Act" (Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self, 21<sup>st</sup> LD)
- ▶ **CTE Dual Credit Pilot**



# K-12 BUDGET INVESTMENTS (FY 24-25)

<p>SB 5048: Elimination of College in the High School Fees</p> <p>HB 1316: Access to Dual Credit (Summer Running Start)</p> <p>HB 1013: Establishing Regional Apprenticeship Programs</p>	<p>SBCTC: \$7.74M          UW: \$3.285M          EWU: \$5M          CWU: \$8.06M</p> <p>OSPI: \$1K</p> <p>OSPI: \$4M</p>
<p>Computer Science Grants</p> <p>Climate Science Grants</p> <p>Dual Language Grants (including Tribal Language Grants)</p> <p>LASER (Leadership in Science Education Reform)</p> <p>Grant program for CBOs collaborate with school districts to support learning recovery and acceleration</p> <p>Grants to school districts to expand CTE graduation pathway options, including career-connected learning opportunities.</p>	<p>OSPI: \$2M          OSPI: \$6M          OPSI: \$6.51M          OSPI: \$1M</p> <p>OSPI: \$7.91M</p> <p>OSPI: \$2.3M</p>
<p>HB 1238: Providing Free School Meals</p> <p>HB 1436: Funding special education.</p>	<p>OSPI: \$23.449M</p> <p>~\$400M</p>

# CAREER PATHWAYS LEGISLATION

- ▶ **SB 5243: Concerning High School and Beyond Planning (Sen. Lisa Wellman, 41<sup>st</sup> LD)**
  - ▶ The bill provides guidance to have a statewide platform for the HSBP
  - ▶ HSBP is a tool students begin in middle school with a career and interest survey and is designed to guide students in their course taking, extracurriculars, and postsecondary pursuits aligned with their individualized career goals and interests.
  - ▶ Implementation varies bright spots and not so bright spots.
    - ▶ Washington STEM Provided language to partner with existing community and regional networks.
- ▶ **Investments to Career Connect Washington**

## Support Legislation:

- ▶ **SB 5593: Student Data Transfer (Sen. Marko Liias, 21<sup>st</sup> LD)**
- ▶ **SB 5079: Concerning the date by which tuition operating fees are established.(Sen. John Braun, 20<sup>th</sup> LD)**
- ▶ **HB 1176: Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities.(Rep. Vandana Slatter, 48<sup>th</sup> LD)**
- ▶ **HB 1232: Enhancing the college bound scholarship program.(Rep. Steve Bergquist, 11<sup>th</sup> LD)**





# Career Pathways Budget Investments (FY 24-25)

SB 5243- High School and Beyond Planning	OSPI	\$168K
SB 5593- Student Data Transfer	OSPI	\$968k
HB 1559- Student Basic Needs at Public Postsecondary Institutions Act	SBCTC	\$5.236M
Regional Challenge Grants	WSAC	\$16M
Bridge Grants	WSAC	\$55M
Washington Student Loan Program	WSAC	\$91M
Building the Long-term Care Workforce	WTB	\$3.4M
Washington State MESA	SBCTC UW EWU	\$4.41M \$1M \$500K

# Career Pathways Career Connect Washington (FY 24-25)

Career Connected Learning Grants (Regional Networks/Intermediaries)	ESD	\$14.51M
Career Launch Grants at 4- Year Institutions	WSAC	\$2M
Career Connected Learning Coordinators	OSPI	\$2.7M
Career Connected Learning Tribal Liaison	OSPI	\$300K
Career Prep & Career Launch Equipment Funding	SBCTC OSPI	\$5M \$4M

## Investments Across Washington:

### **SBCTC CTE Dual Credit Pilot:**

\$700K for a pilot program to increase career and technical education dual credit participation and credential attainment in professional technical programs

**FAFSA Completion:** \$100K to WSAC to partner with a non-profit in Tacoma for a comprehensive study on the feasibility and potential impacts on postsecondary enrollment of a policy of universal free application for FAFSA completion.

### **West Sound STEM Network:**

\$250K to support increase STEM activities for students in school and after school and to develop industry education pathways in high demand sectors.

**Child Care Access and Living Wage Proviso:** \$533K to support an implementation plan to expand access to Washington's mixed delivery child care system.







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