

Higher Education Bill Status & Upcoming Events Report

Upcoming Events

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/20 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5525 - Public Hearing - Concerning veterans' mental health services at institutions of higher education.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 3/21 @ 8:00am

- SSB 5100 - Public Hearing - Requiring financial literacy seminars for students at institutions of higher education.
- SB 5640 - Exec Session - Concerning technical college diploma programs.
- SSB 5022 - Exec Session - Providing information to students about education loans.
- SCR 8401 - Exec Session - Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.
- HB 2143 - Exec Session - Expanding opportunities for higher education students.

Higher Education (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 3/21 @ 8:00am

- 2SHB 1169 - Public Hearing - Enacting the student opportunity, assistance, and relief act.
- E2SHB 1440 - Public Hearing - Establishing a student loan bill of rights.
- HB 1499 - Public Hearing - Creating protections and fairness for students in the student loan disbursement process.
- E2SHB 1439 - Public Hearing - Regulating the institutions of higher education, including for-profit institutions and private vocational schools, to protect students from unfair business practices.

Law & Justice (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 3/21 @ 10:00am

- SHB 1129 - Public Hearing - Providing associate degree education to enhance education opportunities and public safety.

Capital Budget (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/21 @ 3:30pm

- SB 5087 - Exec Session - Concerning the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.

Commerce, Labor & Sports (Senate) - SHR 4, JACB - 3/22 @ 1:30pm

- EHB 1237 - Public Hearing - Modifying collective bargaining law to authorize providing additional compensation to academic employees at community and technical colleges.

Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 3/22 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5640 - Exec Session - Concerning technical college diploma programs.
- SSB 5022 - Exec Session - Providing information to students about education loans.
- SCR 8401 - Exec Session - Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.
- HB 2143 - Exec Session - Expanding opportunities for higher education students.

Education (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/23 @ 8:00am

- SSB 5064 - Exec Session - Concerning freedom of expression rights of students at public schools and institutions of higher education.

Higher Education (Senate) - SHR 3, JACB - 3/23 @ 8:00am

- SHB 1293 - Public Hearing - Concerning witnessing a student's college bound scholarship pledge when efforts to obtain a parent's or guardian's signature are unsuccessful.
- E2SHB 1512 - Public Hearing - Expanding college bound scholarship eligibility.
- SHB 2037 - Public Hearing - Reauthorizing the work group concerned with removing obstacles for higher education students with disabilities.

State Government (Senate) - SHR 2, JACB - 3/24 @ 8:00am

- SHB 1434 - Public Hearing - Adding the use of shared leave for employees who are sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy disability or for the purposes of parental leave to bond with the employee's newborn, adoptive, or foster child.
- SHB 1521 - Public Hearing - Addressing vacation leave.

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor	Position	Priority
HB 1007	Religious objectors	Accommodating the civil rights of religious objectors to mandatory payments to labor organizations.	H Labor & Workpl	Shea	Oppose	High
HB 1033	Private colleges/need grant	Expanding access to the state need grant by modifying awards for students attending private four-year institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Manweller	Concerns	Low
SHB 1057 (SSB 5022)	Education loan information	Providing information to students about education loans.	H Approps	Orwall	Neutral	Low
HB 1067 (SB 5048)	Operating budget 2017-2019	Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium	H Approps	Ormsby	Support	High

		operating appropriations.				
HB 1068 (SB 5047)	Operating sup budget 2017	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral	Low
HB 1075 (SB 5086)	Capital budget 2017-2019	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger	Support	High
HB 1107	Renaming branch campuses	Eliminating the term "branch" as an identifying factor for extensions of the public institutions of higher education.	S Higher Ed	Haler	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1129 (SSB 5069)	Associate degree education	Providing associate degree education to enhance education opportunities and public safety.	S Law & Justice	Haler	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1159 (SSB 5120)	Employment after govt service	Concerning employment after public service in state government.	H Rules R	Pellicciotti	Neutral	Monitoring
2SHB 1168	CTC full-time faculty	Supporting student success at community and technical colleges by increasing full-time faculty.	S Higher Ed	Gregerson	Neutral	Monitoring
2SHB 1169	Student loan assistance	Enacting the student opportunity, assistance, and relief act.	S Higher Ed	Orwall	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1179	Comm. colls./part-time empl.	Concerning compensation for part-time academic employees at community colleges.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	Neutral	Low
HB 1220	Flying of flags/higher ed.	Concerning the flying of flags on campuses of Washington state institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Klippert	Neutral	Monitoring
EHB 1237	Com & tech college employees	Modifying collective bargaining law to authorize providing additional compensation to academic employees at community and technical colleges.	S Com/Labor/Sport	Sells	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1238	Higher ed. faculty expansion	Creating new full-time tenure track positions	H Approps	Pollet	Neutral	Monitoring

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		at the state's four-year public institutions of higher education.				
HB 1287	Collective bargaining	Addressing collective bargaining.	H Labor & Workpla	Chandler	Oppose	High
HB 1288	St retirement syst employers	Additional contribution rates for contributions made after the date the service is rendered for individual employers of the Washington state retirement systems.	H Approps	Chandler	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1293	College bound sch./signature	Concerning witnessing a student's college bound scholarship pledge when efforts to obtain a parent's or guardian's signature are unsuccessful.	S Higher Ed	Ortiz-Self	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1325 (SB 5087)	Capital projects/higher ed.	Concerning the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.	H Rules R	Tharinger	Support	Monitoring
E2SHB 1375	CTC course material costs	Providing students at community and technical colleges with the costs of required course materials.	S Higher Ed	Van Werven	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1397 (SB 5380)	CTC property tax exemption	Exempting property owned or used by community and technical colleges from property tax.	H Finance	Dolan	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1425	Ed. savings account pilot	Creating the Washington next generation educational savings account pilot program.	H Approps	Kilduff	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 1433 (SB 5592)	Tuition/activities fees	Decoupling services and activities fees from tuition.	S Higher Ed	Stambaugh	Support	High
SHB 1434 (SB 5295)	Shared leave/pregnancy	Adding the use of shared leave for employees who are sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy disability or	S State Governmen	Robinson	Support	High

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		for the purposes of parental leave to bond with the employee's newborn, adoptive, or foster child.				
HB 1438	Balanced budget/education	Suspending four-year balanced budget requirements in order to fulfill the state's education funding obligations.	H Approps	Ormsby	Neutral	Monitoring
E2SHB 1439	Higher ed student protection	Regulating the institutions of higher education, including for-profit institutions and private vocational schools, to protect students from unfair business practices.	S Higher Ed	Pollet	Neutral	Monitoring
E2SHB 1440 (SB 5210)	Student loan bill of rights	Establishing a student loan bill of rights.	S Higher Ed	Stonier	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1442	False academic credentials	Providing an exemption from the false academic credential law for doctorate degrees awarded by a religious institution.	H Hi Ed	Haler	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1447	Equal pay	Addressing equal pay.	H Labor & Workpl	Kraft	Neutral	Medium
HB 1448	Pregnancy accommodations	Providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.	H Labor & Workpl	Caldier	Neutral	Medium
SHB 1452 (SB 5361)	Opportunity scholarship prog	Concerning the opportunity scholarship program.	H 2nd Reading	Holy	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1484 (SB 5556)	PERS 1 & TRS 1/added benefit	Providing an enhanced retirement benefit for public employees' and teachers' retirement system plans 1.	H Approps	Dolan	Neutral	Medium
2SHB 1488	Higher ed opportunities	Expanding higher education opportunities for certain students.	H Rules R	Hansen	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1499	Student loan disbursement	Creating protections and fairness for students in the student loan disbursement process.	S Higher Ed	Pollet	Concerns	Monitoring
E2SHB	College bound	Expanding college	S Higher Ed	Bergquist	Oppose	Monitoring

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1512	schlrshp elig	bound scholarship eligibility.				
SHB 1521 (SSB 5296)	Vacation leave/state empl.	Addressing vacation leave.	S State Governmen	Dolan	Support	High
HB 1533 (SB 5555)	Wage and salary information	Addressing wage and salary information.	H Rules R	Dolan	Support	Monitoring
HB 1560	Retirement system defaults	Addressing plan membership default provisions in the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system.	S Ways & Means	Stanford	Neutral	Monitoring
E2SHB 1561	Open educational resources	Concerning open educational resources.	S Higher Ed	Frame	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1569	EBT cards/higher ed students	Requiring the department of social and health services to request all necessary exemptions and waivers from the federal government to allow students to use electronic benefit transfer cards at institutions of higher education.	H Erly Lrn/H Svc	Macri	Neutral	Monitoring
ESHB 1600	Career and college readiness	Increasing the career and college readiness of public school students.	S EL/K-12	Santos	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1607 (SB 5551)	Public emp. union elections	Requiring periodic certification elections for labor unions representing public employees.	H Labor & Workpla	Pike	Oppose	High
HB 1708 (SSB 5276)	Retirement system opt-out	Allowing new government employees the option of opting out of retirement system membership if the employee is age sixty or older when first hired, or when the employee's employer opts into retirement plan participation.	H Approps	Chandler	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1724	Minimum wage reduction	Reducing the minimum wage.	H Labor & Workpla	Klippert	Oppose	Monitoring

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HB 1733 (SB 5640)	Tech. college diploma prgs	Concerning technical college diploma programs.	S Higher Ed	Springer	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1737 (SB 5525)	Higher ed./veteran health	Concerning veterans' mental health services at institutions of higher education.	H Approps	Volz	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1768	Open ed. resources pilot prg	Concerning the Washington open educational resources pilot grant program at the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College.	H Approps	Stambaugh	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1841 (SB 5476)	State need grant eligibility	Expanding state need grant eligibility.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1847	Higher ed. affordability	Supporting higher education affordability.	H Approps	Haler	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1887	Pub. empl. survivors/tuition	Granting a tuition and fees exemption for children and surviving spouses of public employees of public agencies.	H Hi Ed	Dolan	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1888	CTC faculty & staff benefits	Improving student success at community and technical colleges by considering benefits of full-time faculty and staff.	H Hi Ed	Doglio	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1910	Higher ed. economic impact	Requiring a study of economic impacts of contributions of institutions of higher education in various economic sectors.	H Tech & Econ D	Tarleton	Neutral	Monitoring
EHB 1913 (SB 5677)	Schools/leasehold excise tax	Creating a leasehold excise tax exemption for certain leasehold interests in facilities owned or used by schools, colleges, or universities.	S Higher Ed	Dolan	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 1951 (SSB 5545)	Public emp. bargaining/OPMA	Requiring public employee collective bargaining sessions to be open meetings.	H Labor & Workpl	Manweller	Oppose	High
HB 1955	GET program payout values	Increasing the dependability of the guaranteed education	H Hi Ed	Bergquist	Neutral	Monitoring

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		tuition program.				
HB 2034 (SB 5028)	Native American curriculum	Requiring teacher preparation programs to integrate Native American curriculum developed by the office of the superintendent of public instruction into existing Pacific Northwest history and government requirements.	H Education	Lovick	Neutral	Monitoring
SHB 2037	Higher ed. disability wk grp	Reauthorizing the work group concerned with removing obstacles for higher education students with disabilities.	S Higher Ed	Frame	Neutral	Monitoring
HB 2143	Higher ed. financial aid	Expanding opportunities for higher education students.	H Hi Ed	Haler	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5017	Student loan information	Requiring that student loan information be provided to students.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	Neutral	Low
SSB 5022 (SHB 1057)	Education loan information	Providing information to students about education loans.	H Hi Ed	Bailey	Neutral	Low
SB 5047 (HB 1068)	Operating sup budget 2017	Making 2017 supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5048 (HB 1067)	Operating budget 2017-2019	Making 2017-2019 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support	High
SSB 5064	Student freedom of express.	Concerning freedom of expression rights of students at public schools and institutions of higher education.	H Education	Fain	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5066 (HB 1817)	Zero-based budget reviews	Concerning state budgeting through zero-based budget reviews.	H Approps	Miloscia	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5074	College bound scholarship	Aligning eligibility for the college bound scholarship program with the state need grant program.	S Higher Ed	Froct	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5086	Capital budget	Concerning the capital	S Ways & Means	Honeyford	Neutral	Monitoring

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(HB 1075)	2017-2019	budget.				
SB 5087 (SHB 1325)	Capital projects/higher ed.	Concerning the evaluation and prioritization of capital budget projects at the public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education.	H Cap Budget	Honeyford	Support	Monitoring
SSB 5100	Financial literacy seminars	Requiring financial literacy seminars for students at institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Bailey	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5108	Political committees	Concerning contributions from political committees to other political committees.	S State Governme	Billig	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5111 (HB 1730)	Capital gains excise tax	Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Support	High
SB 5112 (HB 1549)	Tax preferences	Investing in education and other vital public services by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, making administrative revenue changes, and redirecting existing revenue sources.	S Ways & Means	Braun	Support	High
SB 5113 (HB 1550)	B&O tax/education	Investing in education by modifying the business and occupation tax and providing small business tax relief.	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Support	High
SB 5127 (HB 1555)	Carbon pollution tax	Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Support	High
SB 5166	Sales tax/indebtedness	Concerning a sales tax exemption provided to	S Ways & Means	Ericksen	Neutral	Monitoring

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		state and local governments, public school districts, and public charter schools on construction when the funds were obtained from indebtedness.				
SB 5174	Labor orgs/unfair practices	Amending the consumer protection act to prohibit labor organizations from engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices.	S 2nd Reading	Angel	Oppose	High
SB 5210 (E2SHB 1440)	Student loan bill of rights	Establishing a student loan bill of rights.	S Higher Ed	Liias	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5219 (ESHB 1807)	Campaign finance disclosure	Increasing transparency of contributions by creating the Washington state DISCLOSE act of 2017.	S State Governme	Billig	Neutral	Monitoring
SSB 5276 (HB 1708)	Retirement system opt-out	Allowing new government employees the option of opting out of retirement system membership if the employee is age sixty or older when first hired, or when the employee's employer opts into retirement plan participation.	S Rules 2	Bailey	Neutral	Monitoring
SSB 5296 (SHB 1521)	Six months/vacation leave	Removing the requirement that an employee must work at least six months before taking vacation leave.	S 2nd Reading	Braun	Neutral	Monitoring
SSB 5339	Religious objector/labor org	Accommodating the civil rights of religious objectors to mandatory payments to labor organizations.	H Labor & Workpla	O'Ban	Concerns	High
SB 5361 (SHB 1452)	Opportunity scholarship prog	Concerning the opportunity scholarship program.	S Ways & Means	Bailey	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5371	Public sector union finances	Protecting public sector workers' rights	S 2nd Reading	Becker	Oppose	Medium

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		through public disclosure of public sector unions' finances.				
SB 5423	Workplace bullying	Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Chase	Support	Monitoring
SB 5476 (HB 1841)	State need grant eligibility	Expanding state need grant eligibility.	S Higher Ed	Frockett	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5479	Shared parental leave	Establishing a shared parental leave program.	S 2nd Reading	Saldaña	Support	Monitoring
SB 5525 (HB 1737)	Higher ed./veteran health	Concerning veterans' mental health services at institutions of higher education.	H Approps	Wilson	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5531	Pregnancy accommodations	Providing reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnant women.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Baumgartner	Concerns	Monitoring
SSB 5545 (HB 1951)	Public emp. bargaining/PRA	Requiring public employee collective bargaining proposals, fiscal impact analyses, and agreements to be made public.	S Rules 2	Wilson	Oppose	High
SB 5550	Contracting for services	Authorizing state agencies and institutions of higher education to contract for services.	S Rules 2	Rossi	Oppose	High
SB 5551 (HB 1607)	Public emp. union elections	Requiring periodic certification elections for labor unions representing public employees.	S Rules 2	Rossi	Oppose	High
SB 5556 (HB 1484)	PERS 1 & TRS 1/added benefit	Providing an enhanced retirement benefit for public employees' and teachers' retirement system plans 1.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5568	Tuition freeze	Freezing tuition at institutions of higher education.	S Higher Ed	Liias	Neutral	Medium
SB 5575	Contracted highway workers	Including highway workers employed on a transportation project by a contractor in the tuition and fee	S Ways & Means	Palumbo	Neutral	Monitoring

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		exemption for children and surviving spouses of highway workers.				
SB 5584	College & univ. presidents	Concerning college and university presidents.	S Rules 2	Baumgartner	Oppose	High
SB 5640 (HB 1733)	Tech. college diploma prgs	Concerning technical college diploma programs.	H Hi Ed	Conway	Neutral	Monitoring
SSB 5653	Public employee benefits prg	Addressing the administration of the public employees' benefits program.	S 2nd Reading	Becker	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5666 (SHB 1840)	Washington promise program	Establishing the Washington promise program.	S Higher Ed	Frockt	Neutral	Monitoring
SSB 5684	Higher ed. infrastructure	Creating the higher education infrastructure act.	S Rules 2	Palumbo	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5692	Mandatory union dues	Prohibiting requiring employees to pay dues or fees to a labor union as a condition of employment.	S Com/Labor/Spor	Baumgartner	Oppose	High
SB 5742	Wrking connect. child care	Concerning working connections child care eligibility for applicants or consumers enrolled in programs that will lead to a baccalaureate degree.	S Ways & Means	Palumbo	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5820	Higher ed. financial aid	Concerning financial aid at institutions of higher education.	S Rules 2	Wilson	Neutral	Monitoring
SB 5821	Tax preferences repeal	Funding the state need grant by repealing tax preferences.	S Higher Ed	Chase	Neutral	Monitoring
SJR 8208	Four-year balanced budget	Requiring the legislature to enact a four-year balanced budget.	S 2nd Reading	Fain	Neutral	Low
SCR 8400	Cutoff dates	Establishing cutoff dates for the consideration of legislation during the 2017 regular session of the sixty-fifth legislature.	S Filed Sec/St	Schoesler	Neutral	Monitoring
SCR 8401	2016 workforce training plan	Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.	H Hi Ed	Bailey	Neutral	Monitoring

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