

This Week In Olympia

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About the TWIO

This Week in Olympia is emailed to active WASA and AEA members every Friday and is posted on WASA's website at www.wasa-oly.org. TWIO provides schedules for committee hearings, a Bill Watch (which tracks bills as they move through the legislature) and information on legislative issues important to school administrators.

WASA/WSSDA 2010 Legislative Conference

The WASA/WSSDA 2010
Legislative Conference will be held February 7-8 at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia. Registration information: www.wasa-oly. org/2010LegConference.
Invite your legislators to join you at the reception on Sunday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fir meeting room.

Week 2 - January 18-22, 2010

This Week in Review

The second week of the session opened with an excellent presentation by Paul Rosier (WASA), Gary Kipp (ÁWSP) and Dale Kinsley, Executive Director of the Washington State Leadership Academy (http://www. waleadershipacademy.org/resources/ presentations/assets/sec_2010_pres. pdf) "It turns out that leadership not only matters; it is secondary to teaching among school related factors in its impact on student learning..." The presentation was followed by a roll out of the Governor/OSPI/SBE agreed upon "accountability" bill SB 6696 (http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ summary.aspx?bill=6696&year=2009) which is coordinated to the state's application for RTTT. (www.wasa-oly. org/GovRTTT) A lot of collaborative work has been going on behind the scenes but the presenters Judy Hartmann, the Governor's K-12 policy director, Superintendent Randy Dorn and Mary Jean Ryan, chair of the SBE were quick to point out that there is still a lot of work to do before the bill is acted on by the full legislature. The Senate bill was divided into three separate bills in the House-HB 3038 Accountability; HB 3035 Evaluations; HB 3059 Alternative Routes and Preparation Programs. They will be heard next week.

The **Education Appropriations Committee** heard four bills on Tuesday which were passed out of committee on Thursday: HB 1757-a small district contingency fund; HB 1969-predictable funding for residential education; HB 2670-restoring the levy base and HJM 4020-a petition to Congress requesting forty percent funding of IDEA. A fifth bill, HB 2449-truancy payments-was heard but was not acted on.

The House Education Committee continues to hear a number of bills that Chair Quall has said relate to issues that need to be "kept on the table"-even though the legislature may not be able to act on them because of the budget problem. These include: Kindergarten outreach (HB 2834); antiharrassment strategies (HB 2801); school safety (HB 2835); gangs in schools (HB 2834); and dropout prevention (HB 2631). WASA testified that there were many good ideas and a need for support programs in schools but there is no money and we definitely want to avoid any more unfunded mandates.

The **Government Operations Committees** in both houses heard bills that WASA and WSSDA have been working on with members of the Local Government Coalition. The bills aim to address excessive public records requests (SB 6367/HB 2582) and provide a meet and confer option to resolve disputes. (SB 6368/HB 2583)

On Thursday, the **Senate Education Committee** heard bills relating to levies. WASA testified in favor of SB 6518-with concerns. The bill provides for a temporary four percent levy lift accompanied by a commensurate increase in levy equalization; calculating I-728, I-732 and K-4 in the base even if they aren't funded, and allowing a return to voters in mid-levy cycle if the base isincreased after a levy is passed. (www.wasa-oly.org/LevyBMertens) Our concern is that the state isn't funding basic education and -so far-has no revenue plan to do so. All this does is push the obligation to keep our schools solvent-back on local taxpayers-which is unfair and inequitable. (www.wasa-oly.org/LevyLidFundingBasicEd)

The Network for Excellence in Schools coalitions (McLeary vs State school funding lawsuit) announced that the court's decision which was due out this week will be delayed until February 23. www.waschoolexcellence.org

The Rebuilding Our Economic Future Coalition, which WASA belongs to, has invited all of us to attend a rally in Olympia on February 15. For details on the rally, go to http://fusewashington.org/budget. *This is for informational purposes only. Please do not distribute using school communications. If you are interested in receiving daily clips on budget news for <u>all</u> of state government impacted by the budget, WA Budget Press Clips, contact joshuawelter@gmail.com

The **Economic Revenue Forecast** will be reviewed on February 12. Budget writers are busily working on various budget scenarios behind the scenes. The revenue numbers and a possible "state bail out" factor into the negotiations. The possibility of a federal bail out is being debated in Congress. Details are expected sometime after the President's State of the Union address the end of January.

Tracking "Tell Your Story"

Tally: 4 school districts-21 legislators www.wasa-oly.org/StoryTracking

Retirement and Health Benefits

A number of new pension related bills were introduced during the last part of the first week of this legislature and during this past week. None of these bills were given recommendation from the Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP).

HB 2617/SB 6426 includes the elimination of the Employee Retirement Benefit Board which monitors and makes recommendations regarding the functioning of TRS, SERS and PERS Plan 3. This board's responsibilities will be taken over by the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS).

Senator Bailey has introduced two bills; one that tightens benefit increases, HB 2679, and another that modifies provisions regarding the methods of funding benefit increases for state retirement plans, HB 2871.

Senator Schoesler and Hobbs have introduced SJR 8223 which calls for a constitutional amendment on contribution rates. It calls for a 3/5th vote of both houses of the legislature to reduce the employer contribution rates recommend-

ed by the Pension Funding Council. The State Treasurer, James McIntire, has met with stakeholder groups, including our association, regarding the possibility of having a more focused constitutional amendment resolution introduced. This constitutional amendment would set specific rates for the unfunded liability of TRS and PERS Plan 1 and set some new rules regarding setting normal rates for Plans 2 and 3. At this time both the Federation of State Employees and Washington Education Association have expressed some concern regarding supporting such a measure.

Very little committee action has occurred on pension bills other than HB 1541, Past Part-Time Service Credit, and HB 2617, Eliminating Certain Boards and Commissions. At this time HB 2875 is the only health benefit related bill that could impact some school employees. The bill calls for the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) to implement health savings accounts (HSA). This issue is already in statute, however has never been initiated. The bill would allow the PEBB to contract with a third party administrator to fund HSA from participating employees' payroll systems.

Additional updated information can be found on our association's web site within this week's "Retirement/Health Benefit" bill watch. www.wasa-oly.org/RetirementBillWatch

AEA

This past Monday, AEA testified before Senate Ways and Means regarding our concerns and one positive issue in the Governor's 2010 Supplemental Budget. Specifically, we are concerned about challenges for school districts in terms of cash flow if the June 2010 appointment payment goes to July. WASBO is working with OSPI to look at some alternatives to this specific reduction. We also expressed concern about any more maintenance reductions, as maintenance budgets across the state are on a "thin edge." Finally, we urged the Committee to follow the Governor's lead, as she included in her supplemental operating budget, the current funding of the elimination of the reduced price student copay for K-12 breakfast and K-3 lunch.

WAMOA and WASBO collaborated on drafting a floor amendment on HB 2561, the jobs bill. However, Rep. Dunshee did not run our amendment, and the bill passed the House on Wednesday. We believe that the definition of "operational cost savings" needs clarification, in terms of how districts that don't use performance contracting can measure and report their savings. Our objective is that some districts, which may have financial difficulty meeting the leverage requirements for performance contracting, will have clear understanding of the alternative process. We will work with Senate Ways and Means to clarify this language. The bill was amended to change the time limit that a district which doesn't use performance contracting must track energy and operational cost savings either for 10 years or until the savings pay for the project, whichever is shorter.

We are developing specific responses to the several levy lid/levy equalization/levy base bills. Our AEA position is that if there is an increase in the levy lid, there should be an appropriate increase in levy equalization. We also feel that the levy base should include the full funding of I-728 and I-732.

Hearing Schedule Week of January 25–29

Monday, January 25

SENATE EARLY LEARNING & K-12 ED.

1:30–3:30 p.m. JAC Room 1

Public Hearing:

 SB 6696 Regarding education reform http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6696&year=2009

SB 6630 Updating references to the Washington assessment of student learning.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6630&year=2009

Executive Session:
 SB6403 Regarding accountability and support for vulnerable students and dropouts
 http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6403&year=2009

2. SB 6488 Regarding school levies

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6488&year=2009

3. SB6518 Changing school levy provisions

 http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6518&year=2009
 SB6601 Adjusting local school finance related to non-resident students enrolled in online learning. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6601&year=2009

 SB6502 Restoring the school district levy base http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6502&year=2009

 SB6446 Authorizing advertising on school buses. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6466&year=2009

SENATE WAYS & MEANS

3:30-5:30 p.m. JAC Room 4

Public Hearing: To be announced.

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

3:30-5:30 p.m. JLOB Room A

Public Hearing:

3. HB 2872 Establishing a period of public and legislative review of appropriations legislation.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2872&year=2009 6. HB 2731 Creating an early learning program for

educationally at-risk children.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2731&year=2009

Tuesday, January 26

HOUSE EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

8:00-10:00 a.m. JLOB Room A

Work Session:

Review of Quality Education Council Report and Recommendations.

Public Hearing:

 HB 2759 Adjusting local school finance related to nonresident students enrolled in online learning. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2759&year=2009

2. HB 2893 Changing school levy provisions.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2893&year=2009
3. HB 2776 Regarding funding distribution formulas for

K-12 education. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2776&year=2009

4. HB 2840 Examining levy-funded employee-related

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2840&year=2009

5. HB 2746 Concerning a comprehensive K–12 education policy.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2746&year=2009

HOUSE EDUCATION

10:00-12:00 Noon JLOB Room A

Public Hearing:

1. HB 2852 Concerning college-level online learning by high school students.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2852&year=2009

- 2. HB 2904 Concerning the powers and duties of the office of education ombudsman.
 - http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2904&year=2009

 HB 2913 Authorizing innovative interdistrict cooperative

high school programs. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2913&year=2009

4. HB 2915 Regarding mathematics and science high school graduation requirements.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2915&year=2009

HB 3025 Establishing an alternative route to a high school diploma.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3025&year=2009

 HB 2996 Including approved private schools in the superintendent of public instruction's record check information rules.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2996&year=2009 Possible Executive Session:

 SHB 1418 Establishing a statewide dropout reengagement system.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1418&year=2009

 HB 2586 Encouraging kindergarten outreach http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2586&year=2009

 HB 2621 Designating resource programs for science, technology, engineering and mathematics instruction in K–12.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2621&year=2009

 HB 2801 Regarding antiharassment strategies in public schools.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2801&year=2009

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3:30–5:30 p.m. JAC Room 4

Public Hearing:

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HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

3:30–5:30 p.m. JLOB Room A

Possible Executive Session:

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 HB 2731 Creating an early learning program for educa tionally at-risk children. (If measure is referred to committee.)

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2731&year=2009

Wednesday, January 27

SENATE EARLY LEARNING & K-12 ED.

8:00–10:00 a.m. JAC Room 1

Work Session:

Overview of IDEA, Part C, Early Intervention Program. *Public Hearing:*1. SB 6593 Transferring the administration of infant and

 SB 6593 Transferring the administration of infant and toddler early intervention program to department of learning.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6593&year=2009 Work Session:

Overview of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program.

Wednesday, January 27 cont'd

SENATE EARLY LEARNING & K-12 ED. cont'd 8:00-10:00 a.m. JAC Room 1

Public Hearing:

- 1. Regarding eligibility requirements for the early childhood education and assistance program [S-3966.1]
- 2. SB 6517 Promoting early learning.

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6517&year=2009

Requiring a plan for a voluntary program of early learning as a part of basic education [S-4129.2]

HOUSE EDUCATION

1:30–3:30 p.m. JLOB Room A

Public Hearing:

- HB 3059 Expanding options for educator preparation. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3059&year=2009
- 2. HB 3035 Regarding educator performance and innovation.
- http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3035&year=2009

 B. HB 3038 Regarding standards and accountability in

education. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3038&year=2009

SENATE WAYS & MEANS

1:30–3:30 p.m. JAC Room 4

Public Hearing: To be announced.

HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

3:30–5:30 p.m. JLOB Room A

Possible Executive Session:

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http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2872&year=2009

Thursday, January 28

SENATE EARLY LEARNING & K-12

10:00-12:00 Noon JAC Room 1

Public Hearing:

- Regarding the basic education instructional allocation distribution formula. [S-4023.2]
- 2. Regarding the recommendations of the QEC [S-4023.2]
- SB 6629 Convening a working group to make recommendations defining a basic eduation program for highly capable students. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6629&year=2009
- SB 6604 Providing flexibility in the education system http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6604&year=2009
- SB 6620 Recognizing successful schools and school districts by providing flexibility for schools. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6620&year=2009

HOUSE EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

1:30–3:30 p.m. JLOB Room A

Possible Executive Session:

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SENATE WAYS & MEANS

1:30–3:30 p.m. JAC Room 4

Public Hearing:

To be announced.

Friday, January 29

HOUSE EDUCATION

8:00-10:00 a.m. JLOB Room A

Public Hearing:

- HB 3036 Řequiring a public meeting before a school district contracts for nonvoter-approved debt. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3036&year=2009
- 2. HB 3026 Regarding school district compliance with state and federal civil rights laws.
- http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=3026&year=2009
 4. HB 1697 Regarding career and technical student orga
 - nizations. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1697&year=2009
- 5. HB 2393 Creating the go global foreign study program. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2393&year=2009 Possible Executive Session:
- HB 2904 Concerning the powers and duties of the office of education ombudsman. http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2904&year=2009

Committee Members/Keeping up with the Legislative Session

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http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate

House of Representatives http://www.leg.wa.gov/House

Office of the Governor

http://www.governor.wa.gov/

OSPI

http://www.k12.wa.us

Senate Early Learning & K–12 Education http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/EDU/

House Education

http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/ED/

Senate Ways and Means

http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/

House Ways and Means

http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/WAYS/

House Education Appropriations

http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/APPE/

House Capital Budget

http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/CB/

TVW

http://www.tvw.org

Bill Watch

This Week in TWIO we start to track bills that have been introduced. A bill's "status" changes as it is heard in committee and then either dies or moves to the floor of the House or Senate. It then crosses over to the other side and goes through the same process. Bills, including sponsors, amendments, actions and history can be found by clicking on the bill number.

February 9 is the last day to hear bills in the house of origin policy committees.

HOUSE	TITLE	STATUS SPONSOR
SHB 1418	Dropout reengagement	H Education Kagi
HB 1541	Half-time edu employment	H Ways & Means Seaquist
	Community & surplus schools	H Cap Budget White
2SHB 1646	WASL/math and science	H Education Sullivan
HB 1697	Career & tech student orgs	H Education Liias
HB 1757	Small school district fund	H Education Apps Haigh
SHB 1774 SHB 1776	Basic education allocations School district levies	H Ways & Means Haigh H Ways & Means Ericks
SHB 1940	Schools & edu service distr	H Ways & Means Bailey
SHB 1969	Residential education	H Education Apps Haigh
HB 1975	School impact fees	H LG & Housing Santos
HB 2142	School plant funding	H Cap Budget Roach
SHB 2147	Student achievement gap	H Education Liias
2SHB 2167 HB 2392	Education system flexibility Teachers' strikes	H Education Maxwell H Education Simpson
HB 2393	Go global foreign study prgm	H Education McCoy
HB 2431	At-risk children/basic educ	H Early L&CS Haler
HB 2449	Truancy payments/schools	H Education Apps Appleton
HB 2452	State indebtedness/evidences	H Cap Budget Dunshee
HB 2561	Energy cost savings & jobs	H Exec Action Dunshee
HB 2580 HB 2582	Secondary career & tech edu	H Education Liias H SGTribalAff Hurst
HB 2583	Agency websites/pub records Pub record request violation	H Exec Action Haigh
HB 2586	Kindergarten outreach	H Education Sullivan
HB 2609	Vulnerable students	H Education Junt
HB 2616	School district reorg plan	H Education Hunt
HB 2621	K–12 schools resource progs	H Education Orwall
HB 2631	Dropout prevention program	H Education Probst
HB 2654 HB 2670	Elementary math specialists School district levy base	H Education Wallace H Education Apps Haigh
HB 2731	At-risk children program	H Early L&CS Goodman
HB 2733	School-based vaccination	H HC/Wellness White
HB 2739	School crosswalk violations	H Trans Simpson
HB 2746	K-12 education policy	H Education Apps Hope
HB 2759 HB 2776	Online learning/nonresidents	H Education Apps Maxwell
HB 2801	K–12 education funding Antiharassment strategies	H Educaiton Apps Sullivan H Education Liias
HB 2834	Gangs & hate groups/schools	H Education Probst
HB 2835	School safety zones	H Education Probst
HB 2840	School district costs	H Education Apps Kretz
HB 2849	Sch. for blind/deafness ctr.	H Education Apps Haigh
HB 2852 HB 2867	College-level learning	H Education Parker
HB 2868	Early learning School district bidding	H Early L&CS Kagi H SGTribalAff Campbell
HB 2877	Educational employees/stock	H Ways & Means Moeller
HB 2885	School districts/flexibility	H Education Crouse
HB 2893	School levies	H Education Apps Sullivan
HB 2904	Education ombudsman	H Education Kagi
HB 2913 HB 2915	High school programs	H Education Haigh H Education Quall
HB 2960	Math & science/graduation School funding model portal	H Education Apps Probst
HB 2996	OSPI record check info rules	H Education Quall
HB 3002	K-12 classified staff/waiver	H Hi Ed Sells
HB 3025	H.S. diploma/alternative	H Education Quall
HB 3026	State & fed civil rights law	H Education Santos
HB 3035 HB 3036	Educator performance School district debt	H Education Quall H Education Quall
HB 3038	Education accountability	H Education Maxwell
HB 3039	Truancy process costs	H Judiciary Pedersen
HB 3042	Early learning dept licenses	H Early L&CS Seaguist
HB 3058	Truancy & court petitions	H Judiciary Appleton

Bill Watch cont'd

HB 3059 SB 6222 SB 6226 SB 6249 SB 6363 SB 6367 SB 6368 SB 6403 SB 6428 SB 6466 SB 6488 SB 6491 SB 6501 SB 6502 SB 6511 SB 6502 SB 6511 SB 6512 SB 6511 SB 6512 SB 6513 SB 66519 SB 66519 SB 66500 SB 6620 SB 6620 SB 6620 SB 6630 SB 6643 SB 6668	Educator preparation options Kids at hope Truancy petition compliance Kids at hope School crosswalk violations Agency websites/pub records Pub record request violation Vulnerable students Complaint filed w/ an agency Advertising on school buses School levies Sch. for blind/deafness ctr. St. board of health/schools Educational employees/stock School district levy base Gangs & hate groups/schools School safety zones Early learning School levies Becca bill process Math & science/graduation Infant & toddler program Online learning/nonresidents Education system flexibility OSPI record check info rules School district flexibility Highly capable students Updating WASL references 2nd-class school districts Early childhood program	H Education S EL/K–12 S HumServ/Corr S EL/K–12 S Transportation S GovtOp&Elect S GovtOp&Elect S EL/K–12 S GovtOp&Elect S EL/K–12	Orwall Franklin Stevens Franklin Marr Hatfield Hatfield Kauffman Kline Shin Oemig Oemig Tom Pridemore Tom Hobbs Gordon McAuliffe Oemig McAuliffe Gordon Oemig Hobbs McAuliffe Gordon Oemig Hobbs McAuliffe Gordon Oemig Hobbs McAuliffe Kauliffe McAuliffe McAul
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