



Legislative Update

Washington State Board of Education
February 15, 2024

Legislative Committee

Purpose

- Serves in advisory capacity to the staff and the Board
- Develops the Board's annual legislative platform and year-round advocacy plan
- Provides guidance on legislative positions

Commitment

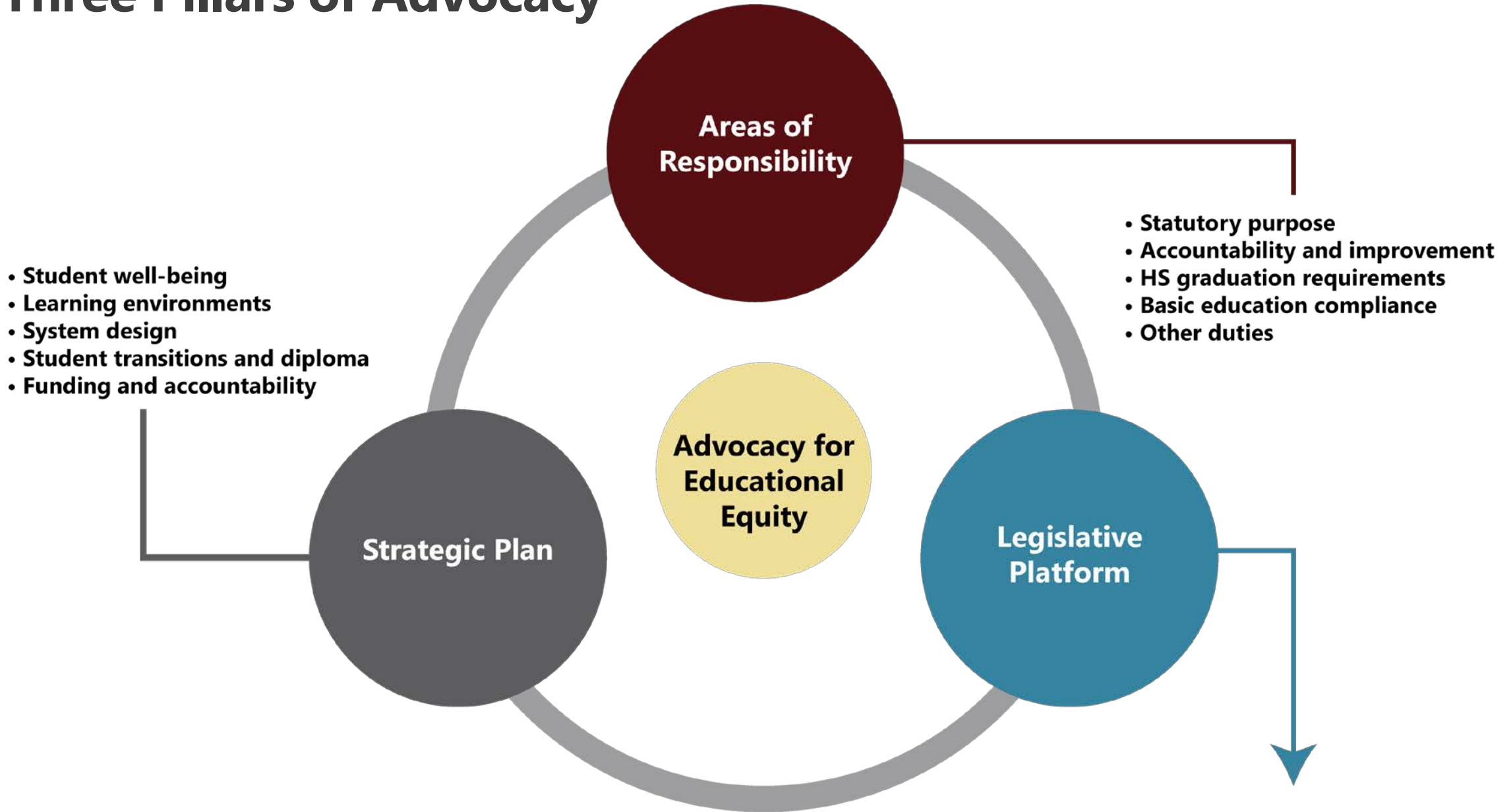
- Meets weekly during session and once or twice per month during interim

Members

- Mary (Chair)
- Angela
- Bill
- Brooke
- Castulo
- Patty
- Paul



Three Pillars of Advocacy



2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM PRIORITIES

The Board's platform centers on creating an **EQUITABLE EDUCATION SYSTEM**

FOCUS PRIORITIES:



Support the Whole Child to Create the Conditions Needed for Learning

- *Student well-being*
- *Trauma-informed practices*
- *Staff diversity*
- *Culturally affirming offerings*



Expand and Strengthen Opportunities for Powerful Learning

- *Dual language + Seal of Biliteracy*
- *Since Time Immemorial*
- *Ninth Grade Success Initiative*
- *Mastery-based Learning Collaborative*



Build Capacity for Education Partners to Better Serve Students and Families

- *School-community partnerships*
- *Student voice*
- *Administrative needs*



Achieving our goals requires investment in three **FOUNDATIONAL PRIORITIES**
Equitable Funding + Special Education + Learning Recovery

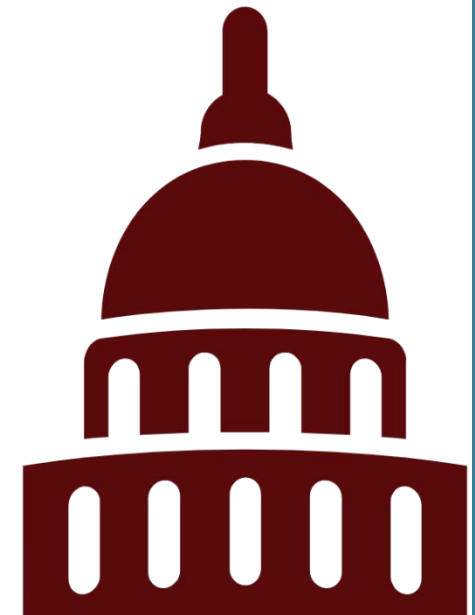


2024 Legislative Session

- Second year of the 68th Biennial Session
- "Short" session (60 days)

Today is Day 39

- Convened January 8 and ends March 7
- Legislature to adopt supplemental budgets



Hill Climb

Thank you to board members who participated!
Castulo, Donalda, Mary, and Patty



- ✓ 10 meetings with legislators and staff
- ✓ Met Lt. Governor Denny Heck
- ✓ Attended the House MLK celebration
- ✓ Castulo's first time testifying



Cutoff Dates

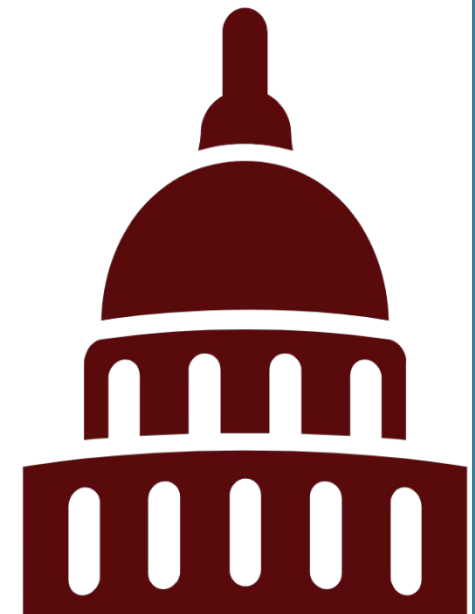
House of Origin

- Jan. 31 – Policy Committee
- Feb. 5 – Fiscal Committee
- Feb. 13 – House of Origin Floor

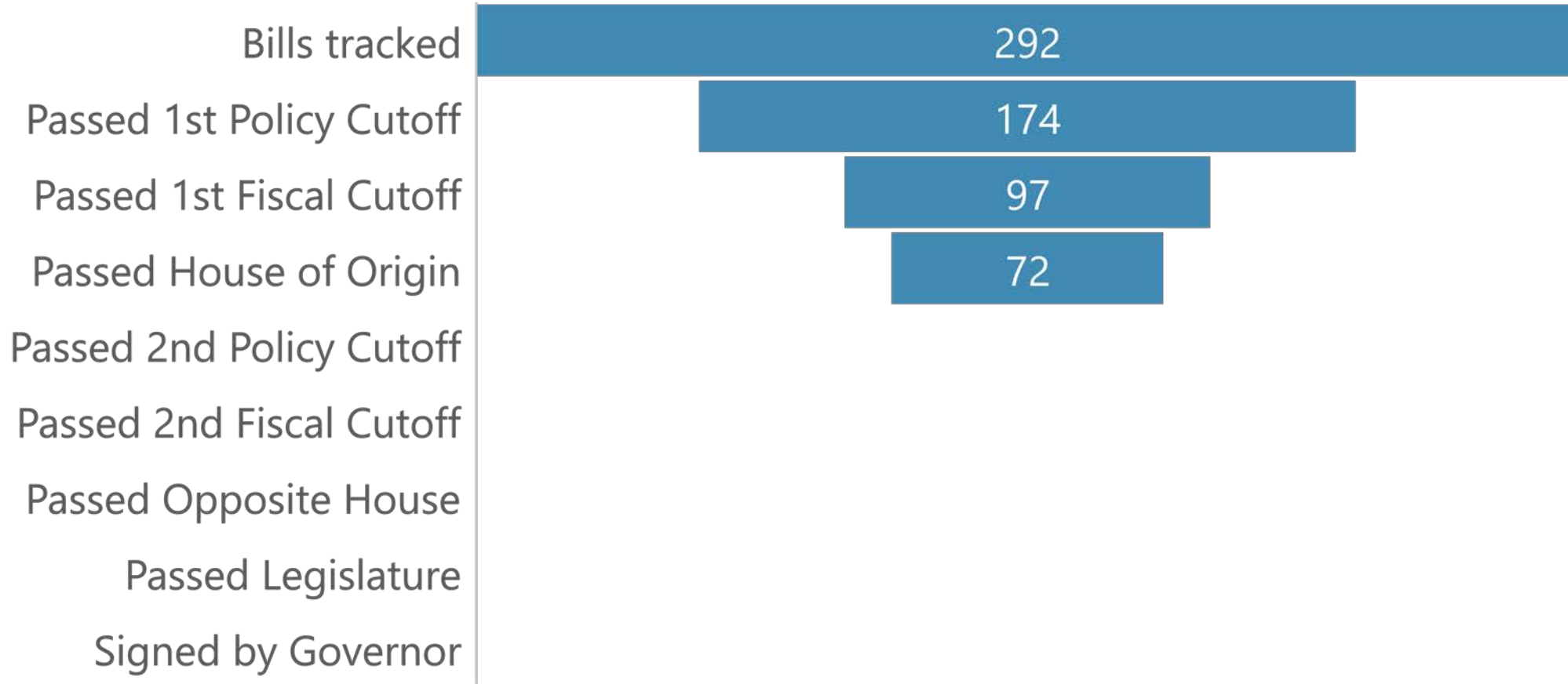
Opposite House

- Feb. 21 – Policy Committee
- Feb. 26 – Fiscal Committee
- Mar. 1 – Opposite House Floor

Sine Die – March 7



Status of Bills Tracked



SBE Session Activity (Weeks 1 – 6)

- Sign-ins
Signed in 50 times on 41 bills
- Testimony
2 staff and 5 Board members provided testimony 22 times (14 live and 8 written) on 15 bills
Special thanks to Castulo, Donalda, Brooke, Bill, and Paul!
- Meetings with legislators
2 staff and 4 Board members met 33 times with 20 legislators and 5 legislative staff
(Not including phone calls)
- Fiscal notes
13 submitted on 11 bills



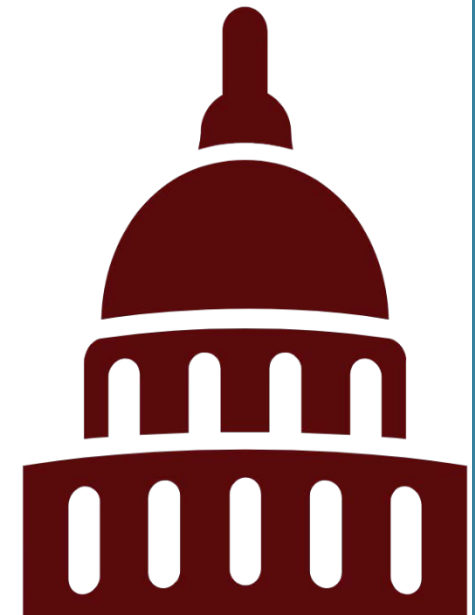
Foundational Priorities

- Equitable funding
 - 2SSB 5882 (Stanford) – Prototypical school staffing, paraeducators
- Special education
 - SHB 2180 (Callan) – Special education cap
 - SB 5852 (Braun) – Special education safety net
 - SB 5883 (Trudeau) – Special education hearings
 - SJM 8007 (Kauffman) – IDEA funding
- Learning recovery
 - ESSB 5850 (Braun) – Chronically absent students



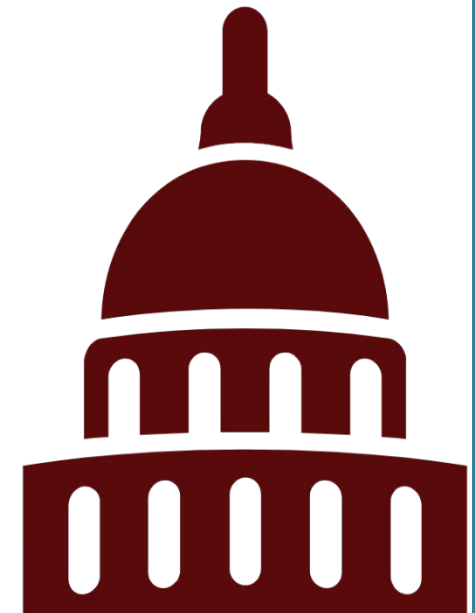
Whole Child / Conditions for Learning

- E4SHB 1479 (Callan) – Student restraint and isolation
- ESB 5462 (Liias) – Inclusive learning standards
- 2SHB 2239 (Timmons) – Social emotional instruction



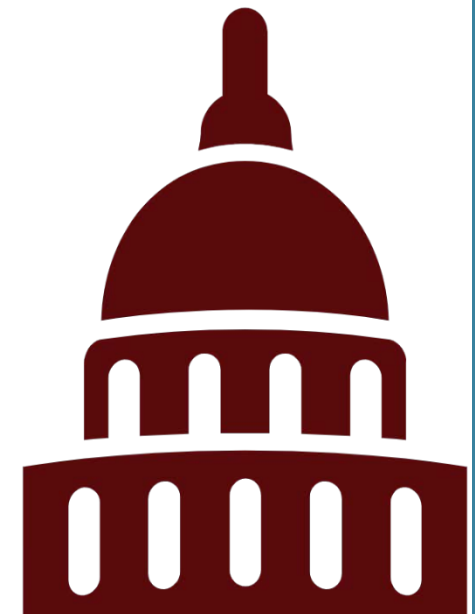
Opportunities for Powerful Learning

- ESSB 6264 (Wellman) – Competency-based education
- 3SHB 1228 (Ortiz-Self) – Dual and tribal language education
- E2SHB 1332 (Lekanoff) – Since Time Immemorial
- E2SSB 5670 (Hawkins) – Running start for rising juniors
- HB 1146 (Paul) – Dual credit program notice
- ESHB 2236 (Shavers) – CTE core plus programs



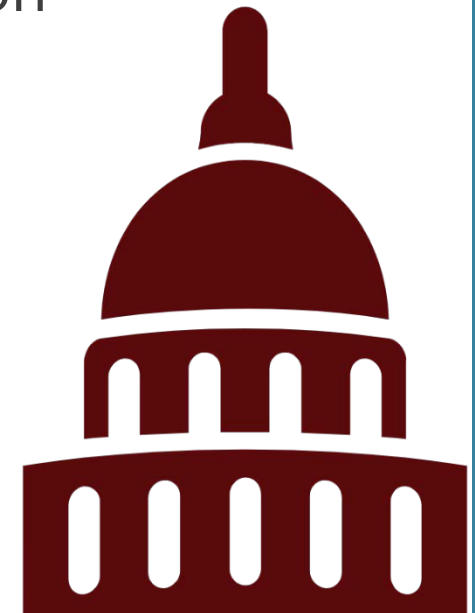
Education Partners

- E2SHB 1692 (Bergquist) – Student advisory groups
- 2E2SHB 1541 (Farivar) – Nothing about us without us
- SB 5903 (Wilson, C.) – PESB membership
- From previous slides:
 - ESB 5462 (Lias) – Inclusive learning standards
regional student advisory councils
 - E2SHB 1332 (Lekanoff) – Since Time Immemorial
consultation with tribes



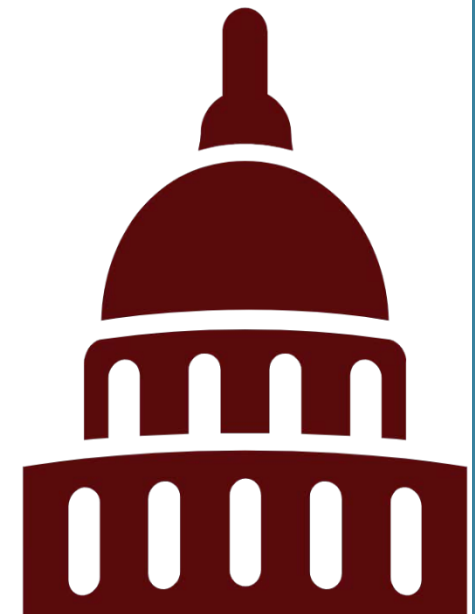
Graduation Requirements & Curricular Offerings

- E2SSB 5849 (Wellman) – Computer science
- SHB 1915 (Rude) – Financial education
- HB 2110 (Nance) – Reorganizing graduation requirements
- ESHB 2037 (Couture) – Holocaust and genocide education
- E2SHB 1956 (Leavitt) – Fentanyl education
- HB 1879 (Lekanoff) – Renaming STI after John McCoy



Other bills that impact SBE

- SSB 5648 (Wellman) – Board of education waivers
- SHB 2335 (Santos) – State-tribal education compacts
- 2ESHB 1362 (Stearns) – Obsolete reports
- SSB 5835 (Wilson, L.) – Rulemaking websites
- SHB 1105 (Kloba) – Public comment notice



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