



Legislative Update

Washington State Board of Education
March 10, 2021

2021 Legislative Session

- First year of the 67th Biennial Session
- “Long” session (105 days)
- Convenes January 11 and ends April 25
- Legislature to adopt the 2021-23 Operating, Capital, and Transportation Budgets



Cutoff Dates

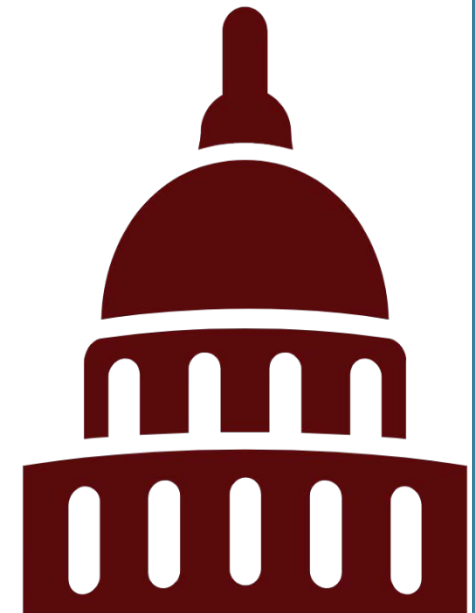
House of Origin

- Feb. 15 – Policy Committee
- Feb. 22 – Fiscal Committee
- Mar. 9 – House of Origin Floor

Opposite House

- Mar. 26 – Policy Committee
- Apr. 2 – Fiscal Committee
- Apr. 11 – Opposite House Floor

Sine Die – April 25



Three Pillars of Advocacy



2021 Legislative Platform

Create an equitable education system

Put student and staff physical and emotional safety at the forefront

Center student, family, and community voices in policymaking

Incorporate ethnic studies and antiracism throughout K-12

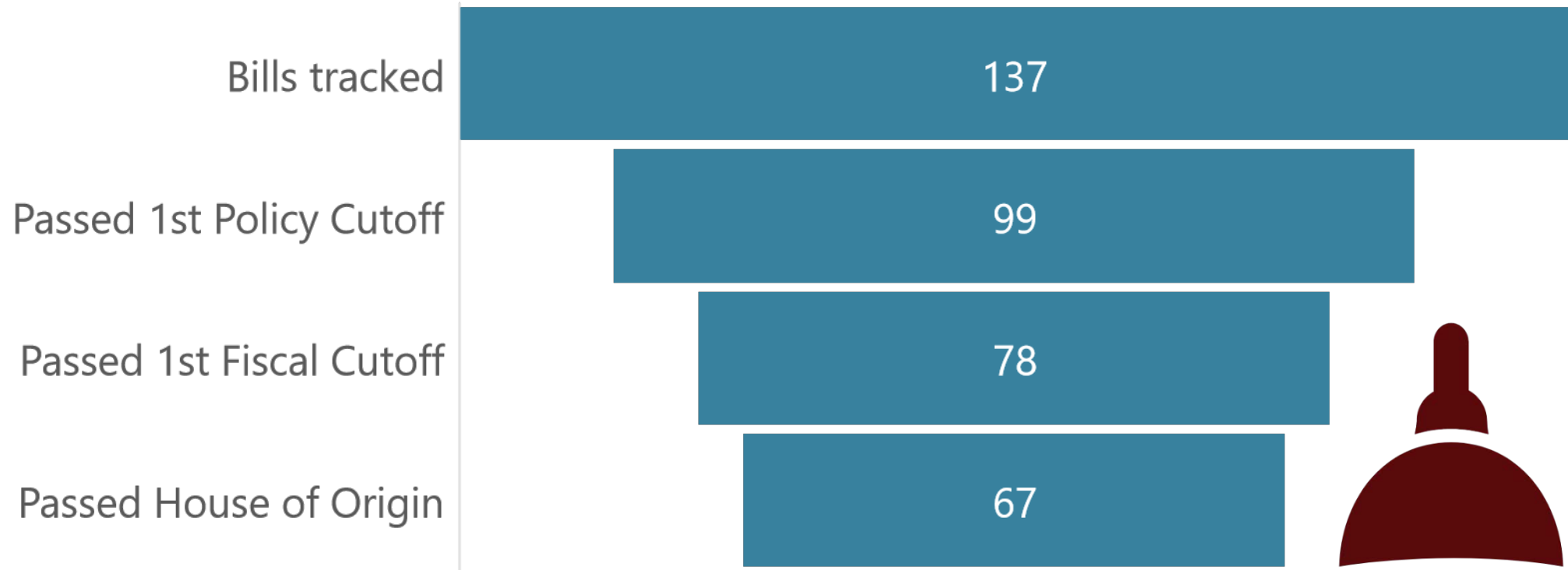
Ensure digital equity to support continuous learning

Build supports and incentives to promote mastery-based learning

Prioritize funding to those most in need

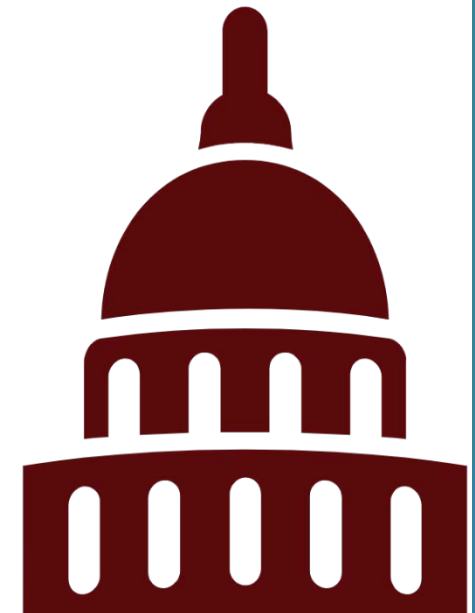


Status of Bills Tracked



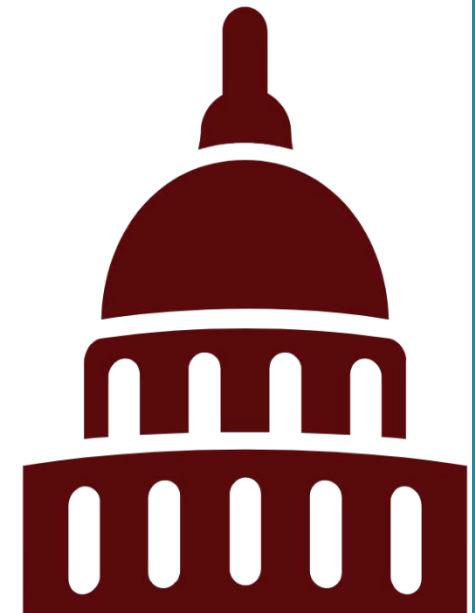
SBE Activity

- Sign-ins
Signed in 38 times on 36 bills
- Testimony
4 staff and 4 Board members provided testimony 15 times (9 live and 7 written) on 13 bills
- Meetings with legislators
3 staff and 9 Board members met 42 times with 14 legislators and 7 legislative staff
(Not including phone calls or consultant's activity)



Agency Request Legislation

- Emergency waiver of graduation requirements
[EHB 1121](#) (Santos, Ybarra)
- Emergency waiver of instructional hours and days at private schools
[EHB 1131](#) (Rude, Callan)
- New graduation credit and pathway options
[SHB 1162](#) (Stonier, Harris)
- Supporting mastery-based learning
[SSB 5249](#) (Wellman, Nobles)

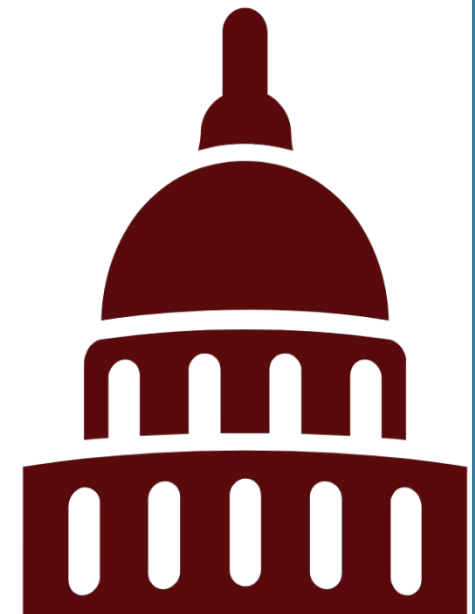


Budget Requests

- **Supporting mastery-based learning***
- Student, family, and community engagement
- Required budget cut exercise**

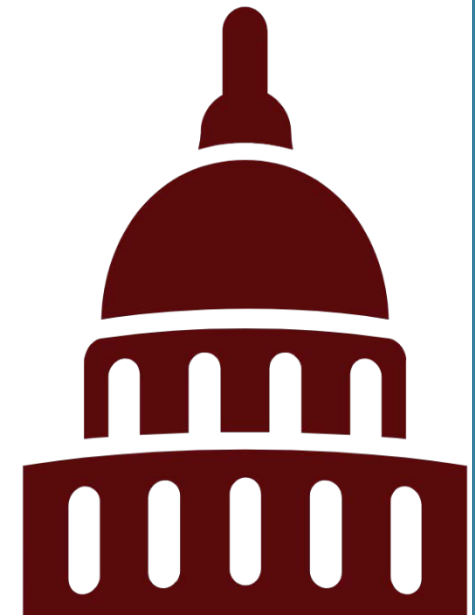
*Included in Governor's Budget Proposal

**Not included in Governor's Budget Proposal; however, his budget does assume furlough days for state workers.



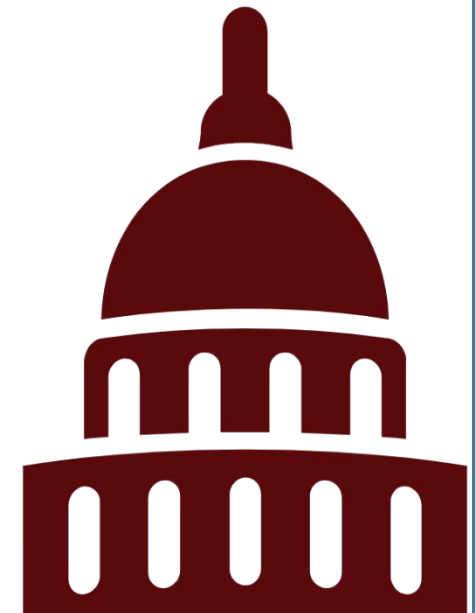
Student and staff physical and emotional safety

- SSB 5030 – School counseling programs
- SHB 1363 – Secondary trauma/K-12
- ESHB 1214 – K-12 safety and security services
- E2SHB 1139 – Lead in drinking water



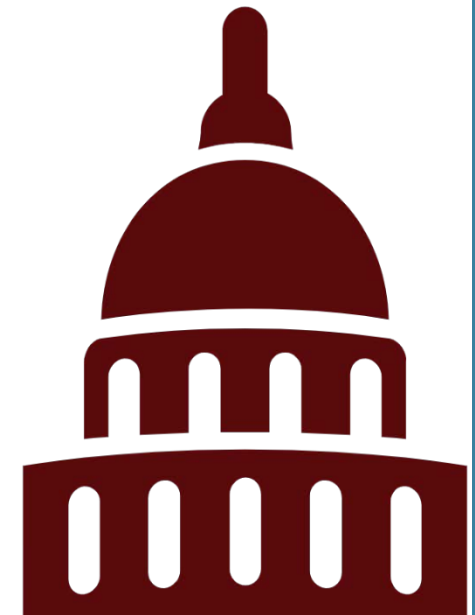
Ethnic studies and antiracism

- SHB 1356 – Native American names
- ESSB 5044 – Schools/equity training
- ESHB 1426 – K-12 continuing ed./equity
- ESSB 5405 – JLARC racial equity analyses



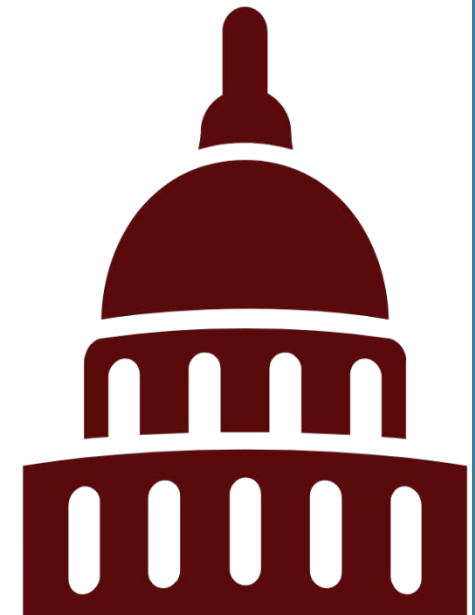
Digital equity

- E2SHB 1365 – Schools/computers and devices
- ESHB 1336 – Public telecommunications service
- 2SSB 5383 – Public telecommunications services



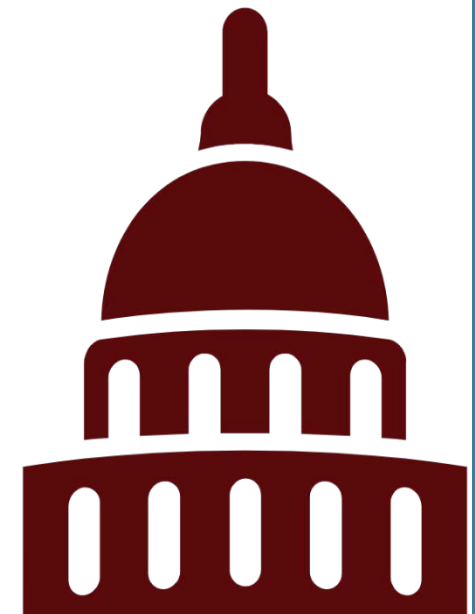
Mastery-based learning

- SSB 5249 – Supporting mastery-based learning



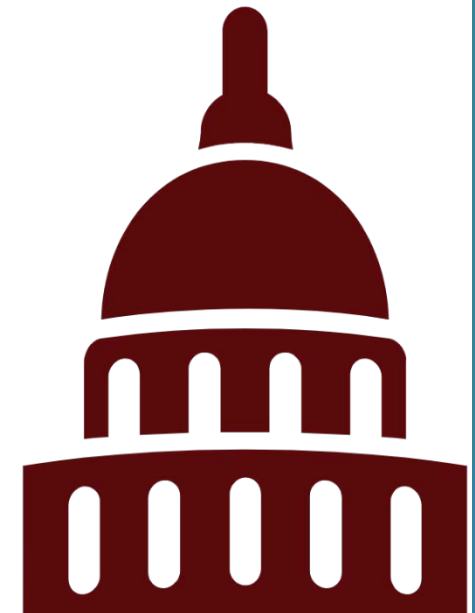
Equity

- E2SHB 1213 & E2SSB 5237 – Child care and early dev.
- E2SHB 1295 – Institutional ed./release
- SHB 1302 – College in the high school
- ESSB 5321 – College bound scholarship
- 2SHB 1028 – Residency teacher cert.
- ESHB 1113 – School attendance
- ESHB 1176 – Student fines and fees
- EHB 1342 – Reduced-price lunch copays
- SB 5184 – K-12 foster care contact



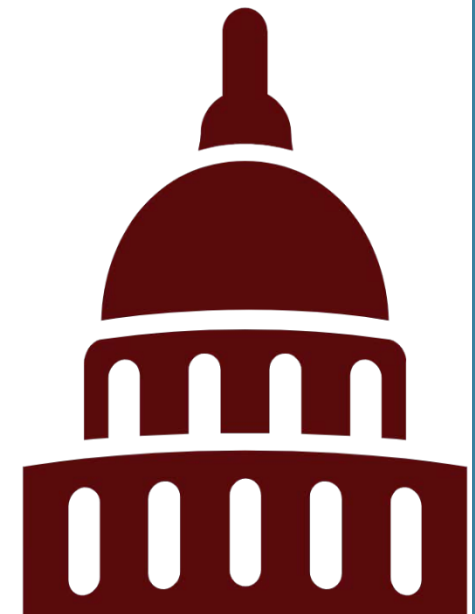
Funding

- ESHB 1368 – Federal funding/COVID-19
- ESHB 1476 – Enrollment declines/OSPI
- E2SSB 5128 – Student transportation funds
- SHB 1208 – Learning assistance program



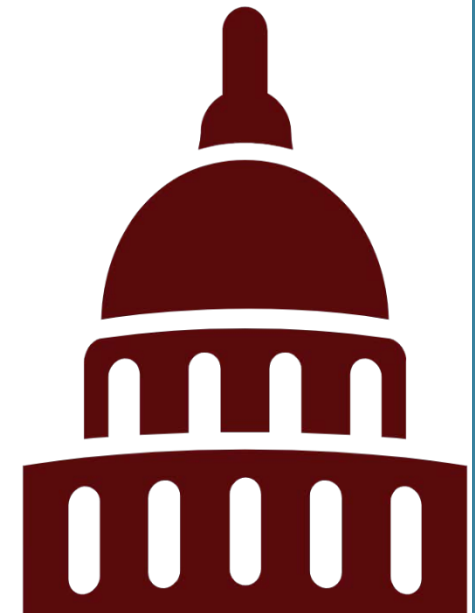
Student, family, and community voices

- SSB 5376 – Education ombuds awareness
- SSB 5249 – Supporting mastery-based learning
- SHB 1356 – Native American names
- ESHB 1113 – School attendance
- SHB 1208 – Learning assistance program
- ESHB 1214 – K-12 safety and security services



Web Resources

- sbe.wa.gov/waleg
- leg.wa.gov
- fiscal.wa.gov
- tvw.org



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