

LegSession2013

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Upcoming Hearings and Other News

Legislative Hearings Assigned to WSID for the Week of February 18, 2013

Senate Committee on Trade & Economic Development on 2/19/13

- [SB 5759](#) – Public Hearing 8:00 AM

House Committee on Education on 2/19/13

- [HB 1650](#) – Public Hearing 1:30 PM.

House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development on 2/20/13

- [HB 1871](#) – Public Hearing 8:00 AM

House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development on 2/20/13

- [HB 1823](#) – Public Hearing 8:00 AM

Senate Committee on Early Learning on 2/21/13

- [SB 5754](#) – Public Hearing 5:30 PM.

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Bills currently being tracked & monitored by WSID:

[HB 1072](#), [HB 1093](#), [HB 1424](#), [HB 1650](#), [HB 1823](#), [HCR 4403](#), [SB 5754](#) (companion [HB 1871](#)), and [SB 5759](#)

Bills not being tracked by WSID but that may be of interest to the workforce development community: (For description, see [LegSession Newsletter #2](#))

[HB 1247](#) (companion [SB 5560](#)) and [SB 5783](#)

New bills this week:

[SB 5754](#) (companion bill [HB 1871](#)) – Requested by Governor Inslee, one part of this bill would establish the ASSET (Alliance for Student Success in Education and Training) program to increase connections and access to work-integrated learning opportunities, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), through collaboration with business, labor, and state education and workforce agencies, including ESD. The bill would designate each of the state's 12 WDCs as regional coordinators for the ASSET program. Another part of the bill would establish a grant program in OSPI to fund at least two high schools and one skill center to develop a dropout reengagement program aligned with entry into high-demand occupations. Both elements of the bill are subject to legislative appropriation.

[SB 5759](#) – This bill would establish annual data collection and operational cost funding for the Washington Economic Development Commission at a minimum of \$500,000 from the strategic reserve account. It would also require performance-related data collection for every state-funded program providing significant economic development services. These programs would be required to execute matches against administrative data in state agencies such as ESD (e.g., UI employment and wage data) twice a year to document performance outcomes.

Update on bills with new activities and/or hearing monitored this week.

[HB 1093](#) – WSID has added this bill back to the tracking list. The bill passed to the Rules Committee for second reading. The substitute bill:

- subjects state agency directors who fail to file a lobbying disclosure statements to personal liability in the form of a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars per statement.
- subjects a state agency official, officer, or employee who is responsible for or directs or expends public funds in violation of lobbying restrictions to personal liability in the form of a civil penalty in an amount that is at least equivalent to the amount of public funds expended in the violation.

[HB 1424](#) – House of Committee on Education executive session monitored on 2/15/13.

[HCR 4403](#) – House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development monitored on 2/13/13. WSID testified in support of the resolution. Bill passed to Rules Committee for 2nd reading on 2/14/13.

Legislative Session Terminology Key:

Track: WSID staff actively monitors the progress of a bill from introduction through passage and Governor's signature or veto. Tracking includes the preparation of a detailed analysis of the bill and monitoring hearings.

Monitor: WSID staff observes hearings on bills and/or topics of interest to our system. Hearing reports are prepared and filed with the ESD Government Relations Office and, if applicable, incorporated in to the bill tracking process.

Assigned: Hearings, bills or committee activities identified as having potential interest/impact to our system are delegated for monitoring/tracking to WSID staff by the ESD Government Relations Office

2013 Session Cutoff:

The last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways and Transportation committees, is **2/22/13**.

Additional Bill of Interest:

[HB 1823](#) – Concerning centers of excellence. The bill modifies provisions relating to centers of excellence. It is the role of centers of excellence to serve as partners with workforce development councils, associate development organizations, and other workforce and economic development organization; and coordinate with industry assistance organizations including impact Washington and innovate Washington in order to connect businesses within the targeted industries to business services.