

2022 Bill Watch for Student Services and Student Support Programs

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Bill	Description	Position	Notes/Status
HB 1601	Expands Supports for Students Experiencing Homelessness (SSEH) to all CTCs	Support	Funding for all community and technical colleges to implement SSEH on an opt-in basis
HB 1642	Update to National Guard Education Grants	Support	Small language changes on program requirements.
HB 1659	Bridge grants for maximum-WCG-eligible students to reduce barriers for expenses such as childcare, books, etc.	Support	Annual \$1,000 grants to cover books, lab fees, supplies, technology, transportation, housing, and child care; administered by WSAC. Update WCG MFI requirements for awarding. Hearing in Appropriations with testimony from Teresa Robinson-Duane, Brianne Sanchez, MJ Mencias, Melissa Littlton and Yokiko on 1/31/22
HB 1687	Changes College Bound Scholarship GPA requirements for students entering into CTCs from 2.0.	Support	Referred to Rules 1/22
HB 1736	Establishes Washington State Student Loan Program	Support w/concerns	WSAC to administer 1/12/22 Arlen will testify
HB 1751 & 1758	Hazing Prevention and Reduction Act	Support	New anti-hazing requirements including education programs for students and employees, reporting, and publicly available information on investigations and findings; stiffer criminal penalties as well
HB 1755	Establishes a hardship exemption to allow for extension of the 60 month time limits for TANF clients during times of high unemployment and amends RCW 74.08A.010.	Neutral	DSHS bill that would not have any major or significant impact on our CTC system or WorkFirst programs.
HB 1760	Expanding funding and eligibility for dual credit	Support w/concerns	Expands low income eligibility by using WA College Grant guidelines instead of Free or Reduced Price Lunch status. Covers up to \$42.50 in per credit fees for CiHS students that qualify for a low income waiver. OSPI would transmit up to \$1000 per full time RS student to college to cover fees and textbooks. Expand RS summer pilot to three more colleges with a total of 6 colleges. Some concerns to ensure colleges are not left with the cost and to ensure there isn't a workload issue to incorporate WCG guidelines.
HB 1805	Updates to Washington State Opportunity Scholarship. Adjusts SAP to program requirements from the 2.0 GPA minimum.	Neutral	
HB 1835	Funds marketing and outreach to increase FAFSA/WASFA filing; expands WCG eligibility to some public assistance recipients	Support	Significant overlap with SBCTC Decision Package to expand Aim Higher Washington Train-the-Trainer initiative, including funding for CBOs. Executive Session sent to appropriations.
HB 1840/SHB 184	Seeks to create a task force on improving diversity and equity and proposes expansion of mental health pilot program from 4 schools to 8. (amends RCW 28B.50.930)	Support w/concerns	Support expansion of mental health counseling pilot program. Some concerns regarding the proposed areas the EDI taskforce will examine and the composition of taskforce. Subsitute House Bill 1840 passed out of committee. SHB 1840 removed the broader diversity and equity task force and creates a new task force focused on financial resources, community outreach, and barriers to accessing funds for underrepresented communities.
SB 5719	Expanding funding for dual credit	Support w/concerns	CiHS programs would only be able to charge a maximum fee of \$35 per credit and will reimbursed by the state for all students participating in CiHS - resulting in no fees charged to students. All mandatory RS fees to be waived for all RS students. Amendment language has been incorporated to ensure costs associated with waiving these fees will not be passed on to colleges was accepted.
SB 5942	Uniform college athlete Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) act; clarifies roles, limitations, for student, college, and 3rd party NIL compensation	Neutral	