

WSPTA Bill Tracker 2015

Ranking	Category	Bill Number	Bill Title	Description	Lead Sponsor	Upcomming Hearings	Status	Online Comments
	Misc Bills of Note - Partners	HB 1174/SB 5684	Concerning flame retardants	Flame Retardant Bill from last session	Sen. Sharon Nelson (D)		Passed House in Special Session - currently awaiting action in Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Funding McCleary	HB 2178	Relating to Education	Title Only bills	Representative Ross Hunter (D)		Title Only bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Also supported: Closing Opportunity Gaps	HB 2184	Providing a cost savings by making changes to high school science assessment requirements		Representative Kristine Lytton (D)		Appropriations Committee - Possible NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Misc Bills of Note	HB 2211	Concerning vapor products, e-cigarette, and nicotine products tax and regulatory reform to support	Bans product sale to minors, establishes 60% surtax to fund cessation and education programs	Representative Gerry Pollet (D)		Hearing Held in House Finance - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Also supported: Closing Opportunity Gaps	HB 2214	Increasing academic rigor and streamlining assessment requirements for high school		Representative Chris Reykdal (D)		referred to Appropriations - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	McCleary	HB 2218	Relating to repealing the state expenditure limit	Repeals 601	Representative Ross Hunter (D)		referred to Appropriations - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	McCleary	HB 2222	Implementing the state's basic education obligation by revising state funding allocations, including for	Repeals 1351 in part - makes changes. Recognizes in intent section McCleary's mandate of compensation and levies	Representative Ross Hunter (D)		referred to Appropriations - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	McCleary	HB 2223	Directing the treasurer to transfer into the general fund in the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium the entire budget stabilization account deposit	Part of Budget Discussion	Representative Ross Hunter (D)		referred to Appropriations - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment
	McCleary	HB 2224	Investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax system by enacting an excise tax on capital gains, narrowing or eliminating tax preferences, reinstating a previously expired business and occupation surtax while increasing the small business tax credit, and implementing marketplace fairness in Washington.		Representative Reuven Carlyle (D)		Hearing Held in House Finance - NTIB	Accepting - Click here to comment

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	McCleary	HB 2229	AN ACT Relating to reforming Washington's excise tax structure to improve its fairness and to adequately fund education and essential public services	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2230	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2231	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by implementing marketplace	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2232	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2233	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences and reinstating a previously expired surtax on certain business and occupation taxes while increasing the small business tax credit.	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2234	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2235	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services by modifying and improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	McCleary	HB 2236	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services while improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax system by reinstating a previously expired surtax on certain business and occupation taxes while increasing the small business tax credit.	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			

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	McCleary	HB 2237	AN ACT Relating to investing in education and essential public services while improving the fairness of Washington's excise tax system by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences.	Title Only	Rep. Carlyle			
	Also supported: Closing Opportunity Gaps	HB 2238	AN ACT Relating to the early childhood education and assistance program.	Title Only	Rep. Hunter			
	McCleary	HB 2239	AN ACT Relating to implementation of a plan for fulfilling Article IX obligations; adding a new chapter to Title 28A RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.	House Democrats version for solving the compensation/local levy challenge as brought forth by McCleary. The House would develop a study committee called the Washington Education Funding Council and task it with determining the best route forward to fully fund compensation and eliminate basic education funding burden from local levies.	Rep. Hunter		Hearing Held in House Appropriations - NTIB	
	Access to higher education	HB 2241 / SB 6113	AN ACT Relating to aligning eligibility for the college bound scholarship program with the state need grant program; and reenacting and amending RCW 28B.118.010.	Aligns the changes developed by the Dream Act in 2014 to allow for students who are not US Citizens to qualify for college bound scholarship program provided they meet certain criteria.	Rep Hudgins			
	Also Supported: Improving Access for students with special needs	HB 2248	AN ACT Relating to transition services for special education students; amending RCW 28A.155.220; and creating a new section.	Amends current law on transition programs to include students who have an existing 504 plan in place. Current law for interagency coordination on transition planning only covers IEP's.	Rep. Santos			
	Safe and Nurturing Environment	HB 2254	AN ACT Relating to providing social media safety information in schools; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.	Requires OSPI to develop a model social media safety curriculum that would be available to all school districts an updated every two years. It would also require that age appropriate social media safety programs be taught to all students attending public schools at some time during the school year.	Rep. Manweller		Special Session: Referred to Education	

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	McCleary	HB 2255	AN ACT Relating to modifying the one percent property tax revenue limit; amending RCW 84.55.005; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 84.55.0101.	This would change how assessor's determine property tax revenue growth in counties, cities, school districts, and special jurisdictions. It would provide for one percent plus inflation plus population increase factor but less than an aggregate increase of 5%. It is currently at 1% increase annually. The increase would be voted on annually by the governing body in question.	Rep. Larry Haler		Special Session - referred to Finance	
	Safe and Nurturing Environment	HB 2257	AN ACT Relating to comprehensive safe school plans for public and private K-12 schools.	Requires that school districts annually update safety plans, regularly use safety drills based around multiple hazards, and requiries OSPI to develop incentive plans for schools that maintain a commitment to school safety planning	Rep. Pollet		Special Session - referred to Education	
Primary	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 5351	Relating to Education	Title Only Omnibus	Sen. Steve Litzow (R)		Title Only Bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
Primary	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 5352	Relating to Education	Title Only Omnibus	Sen. Steve Litzow (R)		Title Only Bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 5928	Relating to Education	Senator Dammeier's Title Only Education Omnibus Bill	Sen. Bruce Dammeier (R)		Title Only Bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 6059	Relating to Education	Title Only bills	Senator Andy Hill (R)		Title Only bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 6060	Relating to Education	Title Only bills	Senator Steve Litzow (R)		Title Only bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Increased Access to Higher Education	SB 6068	Relating to Higher Education	Title Only bills	Senator Kevin Ranker (D)		Title Only bill	Accepting - Click here to comment
	Top 5: Funding McCleary	SB 6069	Relating to Education	Title Only bills	Senator Kevin Ranker (D)		Title Only bill	Accepting - Click here to comment

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	Access to higher education	SB 6094	An ACT Freezing resident undergraduate tuition at the four-year institutions of higher education.	Senate Democratic Response to Senate Republican proposal to cut higher education costs. Proposal provides that students currently enrolled or due to enroll in a public four year institution would not have their tuition increase above the cost when they first entered the university.	Sen Kohl-Welles			
	Access to higher education	SB 6095	AN ACT Relating to state funding for the enrollments of the state's institutions of higher education	Requires that the state provide for FTE increases for student slots available that is equal to the per student rate plus inflation for public institutions of higher education as part of the biennial budget	Sen. Kohl-Welles			
	McCleary	SB 6097	AN ACT Relating to modifying the future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program to increase the number of early elementary teachers	Shifts focus of the future teachers conditional scholarship and loan repayment program to focus on K-3 teachers in advance of the expected teacher shortfall in that cohort due to class size reduction plans.	Sen. Ranker			
	McCleary	SB 6102	An ACT Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.	Senate Democratic Response to McCleary - sets up a capital gains tax of 7% with exemptions for \$250K and below for individuals and \$500K and below for couples. Exempts agricultural land, cattle or livestock held for 12 months, timber, sale of residential real property, or retirement accounts.	Sen. Ranker		Special Hearing in House Appropriations and in Senate Ways and Means	
	McCleary	SB 6103	An ACT Providing basic education funding.	This is the financing side for the Senate Democrats McCleary plans for compensation and levy reform. The centerpiece is a capital gains tax.	Sen. Hargrove		Special Hearing in House Appropriations and in Senate Ways and Means	
	McCleary	SB 6104	An ACT Improving education financing.	This is the allocation side of the Senate Democrats McCleary plans for compensation and levy reform.	Sen. Rolfes		Special Hearing in House Appropriations and in Senate Ways and Means	
	McCleary	SB 6109	An ACT Concerning compliance with constitutional basic education requirements.	Senate Republican Proposal to fund compensation/levy reform. The centerpiece is a levy swap and property tax increases	Sen. Dammeier		Special Hearing in House Appropriations and in Senate Ways and Means	

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	McCleary	SB 6111	An ACT Concerning property tax and business and occupation tax exemptions on intangible property.	Would remove the restrictions against taxing intangible assets. This would affect B&O and Property Tax calculations.	Sen. Chase			
	McCleary	SB 6114	An ACT Concerning fiscal reform.	State Treasurer's proposal to reform WA Tax laws	Sen. Frockt			
	Misc Bills of Note	SB 6116	An ACT Prohibiting the use of sick leave benefits, compensation, or health benefits for educational employees during a strike or work stoppage.	Would restrict benefits available to teachers who participate in work stoppages or strikes	Sen. Sheldon	May 19 - Public Hearing in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor at 1:30 pm		
	McCleary	SJR 8206	An ACT Providing a constitutional limit on the dollar amount upon which capital gain tax may be imposed or measured.	Companion Constitutional Amendment to place capital gains plan into state constitution to lock rates and restrictions	Sen. Ranker		Special Hearing in House Appropriations and in Senate Ways and Means	
	McCleary	SJR 8207	An ACT Concerning a constitutional amendment regarding the structure and limitations for taxation in the state of Washington	State Treasurer's proposal to reform WA Tax laws - Companion Constitutional Amendment	Sen. Frockt			
Primary	Also supported: Investing in Teacher Professional Learning (CTWG Implementation)	HB 1570/SB5312	Creating flexibility for the educator retooling conditional scholarship program.	Changes scholarship rules	Sen. Steve Litzow (R) & Rep. Carol Gregory (D)		Passed House in Special Session - currently awaiting action in Senate Education Committee	Accepting - Click here to comment
Primary	Top 5: Increased Access to Higher Education	HB 1696/SB5484	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	Ends differential tuition; restricts tuition setting authority to legislature; makes changes as to how to classify fees	Rep. Larry Halder (R) & Sen. Barbara Bailey (R)		Passed House in Special Session - currently awaiting action in Senate Higher Education Committee	Accepting - Click here to comment
Primary	Top 5: Increased Access to Higher Education	SB 5954	Reducing Tuition	Determines 2013-15 biennium tuition rates as the base and uses CPI as the basis for inflation of tuition rates in the future. Also ties Community and technical college operating fee rates to no more than 6% of the state's average wage and university operating costs at no more than 10% of the state's average	Sen. John Braun (R)		Passed Senate in Special Session and currently awaiting action in House Higher Education Committee	Accepting - Click here to comment