

## Legislative Recap

### Week 7: February 21-27

#### First Cutoff

Friday February 27 was the cutoff for bills to pass out of fiscal committees in the House of origin.

#### Minimum GPA

[SSB 5547](#) (Bailey) passed out of Ways and Means and has been passed to the Rules committee for second reading. Two amendments were included in the second substitute bill. An amendment offered by Senator Bailey requires students to have at least a 2.25 GPA to continue to be eligible for the State Need Grant (SNG) at their first renewal. It requires students to have at least a 2.5 GPA to continue to be eligible for the SNG at their second or subsequent renewal. Those students who have a 2.5 or higher at their second or subsequent renewal will receive additional amounts from those who fail to meet the standard. The redistribution must be budget neutral.

The amendment offered by Senator Hargrove exempts students from the GPA requirement for renewal of the SNG if they are dealing with the birth or placement of a child, are caring for a family member with a serious health condition, or have a serious health condition themselves as defined by the state family leave law.

#### Dual Credit

Dual Credit proposal [SSB 5080](#) (Dammeier) did not pass out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The House proposal that was requested by the Office of Financial Management and sponsored by Representative Reykdal passed out of Appropriation on Friday February 27 as a second substitute bill, [2SHB 1546](#). The latest version of the proposal clarifies that to be eligible for a College in the High School (CHS) subsidy, a student must have been eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch once during the last five years; and requires *Running Start in the High School* (distinct from *Running Start*) to be eliminated by September 1, 2015, among other provisions.

#### Vets Residency

Vets residency definition proposals [2SHB 1825](#) (Kilduff) and [SSB 5355](#) (Bailey) both passed out of the fiscal committees. A technical amendment was added in Appropriations to correct a subsection reference.

#### Floor Action: Monday March 3

Today [HB 1961](#) the community and technical college “clean up” bill passed the House floor. [SHB 1031](#) , which expands eligibility for College in the High School beyond grades 11 and 12 to students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, also passed the floor.

Please see our [Week 8 Schedule](#) for upcoming Floor sessions and a few committee meetings.

We are tracking the following bills that remain alive following the fiscal committee cutoff.

Bill ID	Bill Description	Bill Status	Hearing	Sponsor	Agency Position
<b>Affordability, Tuition, &amp; Higher Ed Planning</b>					
SHB 1238	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	H Rules R		Pollet	Support w/ amend
SHB 1696	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	H Rules R	2/26 PH	Haler	No position
<b>Budget</b>					
SHB 1105	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	C 3 L 15		Hunter	No position
<b>Dual Credit</b>					
SHB 1031	Expanding participation in college in the high school programs.	H 2nd Reading		Johnson	Support
2SHB 1546	Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.	H Rules R	2/24 PH	Reykdal	Support w/ amend
<b>Education Funding</b>					
SSB 5063	Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.	S Rules 2		Hill	No position
<b>High School Assessments &amp; Graduation</b>					
SB 5122	Concerning precollege placement measures.	S Rules 2		Kohl-Welles	No position
<b>Higher Ed Costs &amp; Efficiencies</b>					
HB 1961	Decodifying, expiring, and making nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.	H 2nd Reading		Zeiger	No position
SSB 5133	Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.	S Rules 2G		Bailey	No position
SB 5977	Decodifying, expiring, and making nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.	S 2nd RdConsCal		Bailey	No position
<b>Inmate Postsecondary Ed</b>					
HB 1704	Enhancing public safety and reducing recidivism through postsecondary education.	H Rules R	2/26 ES	Pettigrew	Support
<b>Medical School Issue</b>					
2SHB 1485	Concerning family medicine residencies in health professional shortage areas.	H Rules R	2/25 PH	Haler	No position
SHB 1559	Concerning higher education programs at Washington State University and the University of Washington.	H Rules R	2/25 PH	Riccelli	No position
SSB 5487	Concerning higher education programs at Washington State University and the University of Washington.	S Rules 2	2/24 ES	Baumgartner	No position

<b>Online Education Delivery Models</b>						
HB 1439	Establishing an online alternative credit model at Central Washington University.	H Rules R	2/24 PH	Sawyer	Support	
<b>State Need Grant &amp; College Bound</b>						
SHB 1236	Eliminating the parent or guardian approval requirement for the college bound scholarship pledge.	H 2nd Reading		Ortiz-Self	No position - provide comments	
2SHB 2041	Creating a pilot project on performance-based scholarships in the state need grant program.	H Rules R	2/26 PH	Hansen	Support	
SB 5547	Requiring a minimum grade point average or equivalent to renew a state need grant.	S Rules 2	2/26 ES	Bailey	No position	
SB 5638	Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.	S Rules 2G		Hasegawa	Support	
<b>Other Financial Aid</b>						
SHB 1570	Creating flexibility for the educator retooling conditional scholarship program.	H 2nd Reading		Gregory	Support	
HB 1783	Expanding dual language and bilingual instruction for early learners through secondary students.	H Rules R	2/26 PH	Ortiz-Self	Needs discussion	
HB 1880	Including Everett Community College as an aerospace training or educational program.	H Rules R		Springer	No position	
SB 5312	Creating flexibility for the educator retooling conditional scholarship program.	H Education		Litzow	Support	
SB 5318	Creating the wildlife college student loan program.	S 2nd RdConsCal		Parlette	Support	
SB 5746	Including Everett Community College as an aerospace training or educational program.	S 2nd RdConsCal		Bailey	No position	
<b>STEM</b>						
SHB 1445	Using computer sciences to satisfy world language college admission requirements.	H Rules R		Reykdal	No position	
HB 1813	Expanding computer science education.	H Rules R	2/26 ES	Hansen	Support	
<b>Student Support</b>						
2SHB 1999	Coordinating services and programs for foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.	H Rules R	2/26 PH	Carlyle	Support	
SSB 5328	Disseminating financial aid information.	S Rules 2G		Kohl-Welles	No position	

<b>Veterans</b>					
SHB 1052	Requiring institutions of higher education to make an early registration process available to spouses and domestic partners of active members of the military.	H 2nd Reading		Hayes	Track
SHB 1644	Concerning veteran survivor tuition waiver eligibility.	H Rules R		Gregory	Support
2SHB 1825	Modifying the definition of resident student to comply with federal requirements established by the veterans access, choice, and accountability act of 2014.	H Rules R	2/26 ES	Kilduff	Support
SSB 5355	Modifying the definition of resident student to comply with federal requirements established by the veterans access, choice, and accountability act of 2014.	S Rules 2	2/26 ES	Bailey	Support
<b>Others of Interest</b>					
2SHB 1541	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.	H Rules R	2/24 PH	Santos	No position
HB 1820	Requiring the department of social and health services to request all necessary exemptions and waivers from the federal government to allow students to use electronic benefit transfer cards at institutions of higher education.	H 2nd Reading		Reykdal	Support
2SSB 5179	Concerning paraeducators.	S Rules 2	2/26 ES	Hill	Track
SSB 5202	Regarding the financial education public-private partnership.	S 2nd Reading		Mullet	Track
SSB 5719	Creating a task force on campus sexual violence prevention.	S 2nd Reading		Bailey	No position