



Washington State
School Directors' Association

Legislative Update

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2012 legislative session summary available

Hundreds of new laws went into effect last week on June 7, including a bill that modified the teacher and principal evaluation system and a bill that requires the State Board of Education to conduct a public hearing on the fiscal impacts of proposed rules to school districts.

Find information on these bills and much more in the WSSDA 2012 legislative session summary available now at www.wssda.org.

The [summary](#) includes:

- 2012 session overview and supplemental budgets overview
- Scorecard of bills that passed and didn't pass by topical area
- A list of reports, rules, recommendations and work groups created during this session or under way
- A comparison of bill action to WSSDA positions

It also includes a handy keyword and bill number to page index in the back of the book.

Printed copies of the session summary were mailed to the 295 school district Legislative Representatives or Board Presidents. A limited number of printed copies are available for current school directors and legislators upon request. Please email g.borck@wssda.org to request a copy.

We also will be doing a survey about this year's 2012 legislative session summary. Once you've had a chance to look it over, please look for the survey in July on our web site to help us improve next year's version or email m.sullivan@wssda.org with comments and suggestions.

Members selected for legislative task forces, work groups

Legislative members have been appointed to the Joint Task Force on Education Funding that

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Governor's office have yet to be named.

The group is directed to develop a proposal to fully fund the state's program of Basic Education. A report and recommendations are due December 31.

Appointed legislative members include:

- Senator Lisa Brown, D-Spokane
- Senator Joe Fain, R-Auburn
- Senator Steve Litzow, R-Mercer Island
- Senator Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island
- Representative Gary Alexander, R-Olympia
- Representative Susan Fagan, R-Pullman
- Representative Marcie Maxwell, D-Renton
- Representative Pat Sullivan, D-Covington

Legislative members have also been named to the Joint Select Committee on Education Accountability that was created in 2010 through E2SSB 6696.

The committee must identify options for a complete system of accountability, particularly consequences and significant state action for persistent lack of improvement by Required Action districts; examine models and experiences of other states; and analyze the financial, legal and practical considerations of significant state action.

An interim report is due September 1, 2012, with a final report to be completed by September 1, 2013. The committee expires June 30, 2014.

Appointed members include:

- Senator Andy Hill, R-Redmond
- Senator Steve Litzow, R-Mercer Island
- Senator Rosemary McAuliffe, D-Bothell
- Senator Christine Rolfes, D-Bainbridge Island
- Representative Cathy Dahlquist, R-Enumclaw
- Representative Susan Fagan, R-Pullman
- Representative Kris Lytton, D-Anacortes
- Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, D-Seattle

Meetings have not been set for either joint task force. Non-partisan House and Senate education and budget committee staff will support the committees.

In a couple of additional changes, Rep. Kathy Haigh, D-Shelton, will replace Rep. Pat Sullivan and Senator Andy Hill, R-Redmond, will replace Senator Curtis King on the Quality Education Council; and Representatives Santos and John McCoy, D-Tulalip, will serve on the Student Achievement and Opportunity Gap committee.

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