

The Washington State legislative session is just over halfway through the long-session that ends formally on April 27th. There are a handful of bills that VEA has watched closely and advocated on your behalf in Olympia in mid-February.

School BONDS: Simply Majority. This bill has not passed through to the House and is “dead” for this session. It would have provided a new threshold of 50%+1 to pass. Studies show that a huge number of school bond positions received a majority of votes but failed to reach the ‘supermajority’ currently in law. This bill was sponsored by WEA member and Senator Adrian Cortes.

SB 5263 Special Education Funding. This bill has moved to the House Appropriations Committee. This Second Substitute Bill 5263 increases special education cost multiplier, directs OSPI to use the **greater** of the district’s basic education allocation (BEA) or the state average BEA for excess cost allocation calculations, **removes** the 16% sped enrollment funding limit, revises the sped safety net to 1.75 times the average per pupil expenditure, directs a statewide online system for IEPs, and more! [Sign in PRO](#)

HB 1296 Parents Rights. This bill has passed out of the House and is now in the Senate. It was sponsored by Monica Stonier and would require policies and procedures of school districts to prioritize the protection of every student’s safety, access to a free public education, and privacy. It also outlines reporting and notification requirements as well as employment protections of public school employees.

SB5737 National Board Stipend. The original bill that would “pause” the NBCT stipend for four years died. However, there was a substitute revision bill that reduces the annual bonuses for NBCT starting in 2025-26 to \$3,000. The bonus will increase by inflation every following year. The secondary bonus for an instructional assignment in a school that meets a defined poverty metric is also reduced to \$3000 and will also increase by inflation every following year.

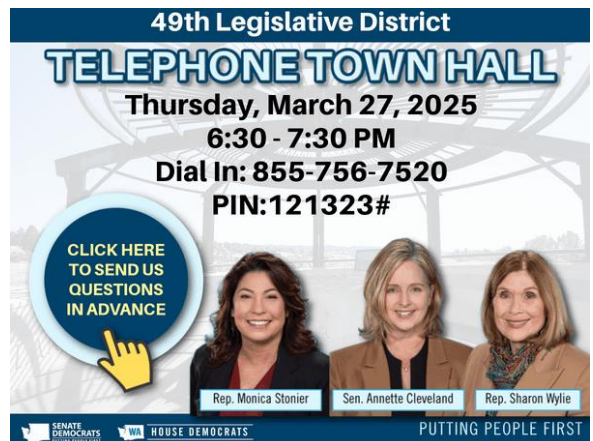
ESSB 5192 MSOC Funding. School district materials, supplies, and operating costs. [Sign in PRO](#)

Progressive Revenue Source: Currently undefined.

What do you have to say about these and other considerations? Let your elected leaders know.



SENATE TOWN HALL MEETING
18th and 49th Legislative Districts
Join us for an update on the Legislative Session
Saturday, March 22
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
WSU Vancouver
Dengerink Administration Building,
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49th Legislative District
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Thursday, March 27, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 PM
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