

2023 Legislative Session

Overview

[Olympia School District Key Legislation Requests: 2023 Legislative Session](#)

Summary (updated 3/9/23)

Links to WA State Legislature Site	Bill Status, Topic, & Potential Impact on OSD Budget (as stated from OSD Key Legislation Requests linked above)
<p data-bbox="94 982 365 1054">Fully Funding Special Education</p> <p data-bbox="94 1087 219 1121">HB 1436</p> <p data-bbox="94 1155 211 1188">SB 5311</p> <p data-bbox="94 1222 219 1255">HB 1109</p>	<p data-bbox="416 625 1310 697">HB 1436 - Current Status: Passed House, in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education</p> <p data-bbox="416 739 748 772">Funding Special Education</p> <p data-bbox="416 814 1305 886">SB 5311 - Current Status: Passed Senate, in House Committee on Education ~ Scheduled for public hearing on March 14 at 4:00pm</p> <p data-bbox="416 928 1025 961">Concerning special education funding formula</p> <p data-bbox="416 1003 1330 1306">Impact on OSD Budget – Eliminate the Cap and Increase the Funding Multiplier - - HB 1436 This is Superintendent Reykdal’s request and addresses the full scope of the funding problem that school district’s face. Currently, the state formula caps the number of students with an individualized education plan that the state will provide funding for (cap) and the amount of funding is inadequate (multiplier). Olympia School District is subsidizing special education program services by nearly \$10 million from the enrichment levy in the 2022-23 SY. (Proposed Substitute SB 5311 is similar to HB 1436 in scope.)</p> <p data-bbox="416 1348 1310 1419">HB 1109 - Current Status: Passed House, in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education</p> <p data-bbox="416 1461 1305 1533">Providing special education funding for the initial evaluation of special education eligibility</p> <p data-bbox="416 1575 1322 1680">Impact on OSD Budget – This is a helpful solution, but it is a secondary solution to the significant underfunding due to the cap/multiplier for most school districts.</p>
<p data-bbox="94 1827 317 1898">Fully Funding Transportation</p> <p data-bbox="94 1932 211 1965">SB 5174</p>	<p data-bbox="416 1734 1325 1848">SB 5174 - Current Status: Passed Senate, in House Committee on Appropriations ~ Scheduled for public hearing on March 15th 4:00 PM</p> <p data-bbox="416 1890 1236 1923">Providing adequate and predictable student transportation.</p>

	Impact on OSD Budget – Funding Formula Update -- Replaces the inadequate funding formula and reduces the levy subsidy that Olympia must pay from the
Universal Meals HB 1238	HB 1238 - Current Status: Passed House, in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Providing free school meals for all

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Specific Points of Advocacy, especially from BHES perspective (source OSD Dir. Seidel)

"A few things to know for your advocacy efforts -

- Senator Sam Hunt is on both the Senate Ed and Ways and Means, and he has indicated the budget work on special education might send more \$\$ than the policy work on those bills indicates, so we will be keeping a close eye on Ways and Means (S) and Appropriations (H).
- Right now the best universal meals proposal drops the eligibility to 40% FRL. Families at a school like BHES (which won't qualify for universal meals under the bill's current state) are in a unique position to tell the story of how important is it to provide universal meals in your community.
- You're also in a good position to point out that underfunded transportation may mean even longer bus rides for your kids to middle and high school!"