



Big 3 Briefing, Week 6 - Some Bills Will Die

February 20, 2025

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Summary

In Week 6 of the 2025 Washington State legislative session, we delve into the status of the Big 3 funding priorities for public education: special education, pupil transportation, and MSOC (materials, supplies, and operating costs). Here is a [tool](#) that shows the degree to which each district is underfunded in these 3 areas.

With the first policy cutoff approaching on February 21st, any bill not passed out of its policy committee by then will be considered dead for the year—though exceptions exist.

Megan Larkin shares insights on how to advocate for the Big 3 bills, emphasizing the importance of contacting key legislators and maintaining pressure to get bills scheduled for executive action.

We also recap Focus Day, where education advocates gathered in Olympia, demonstrating strong support for the Big 3 priorities. With legislative deadlines looming, staying engaged remains critical to securing full funding for public education.

Stay tuned as we continue this journey through the fiscal cutoff and beyond.



Rainy Day Recess Show Notes

Record a voice memo at <https://www.speakpipe.com/RainyDayRecess>, or record one with your phone and send to hello@rainydayrecess.org.



Progress on the Big 3 Journey

-----> HOUSE OF ORIGIN ----->

| | Bill | Sponsor | Key Provisions | Policy Comm. | Fiscal Hearing | Fiscal Exec | Floor |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--------------|--|--|-------|
| Special Ed | SSB 5263 | Pedersen / Braun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes cap Multiplier: 1.32x PreK: 1.64x Safety net: 1.5x + quarterly payments OSPI 0.5% overhead for inclusion, etc | | Feb 11 | Not scheduled - contact Ways and Means | |
| | HB 1310 | Pollet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes cap Multiplier: 1.53x/1.45x PreK: 1.64x Safety net: 1.5x + quarterly payments OSPI 0.5% overhead for inclusion, etc | N/A | Jan 30 | Not scheduled - contact Appropriations | |
| MSOC | SB 5192 | Nobles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10% MSOC increase Inflation adjustments 3-year enrollment average | | Feb 11 | Not scheduled - contact Ways and Means | |
| | HB 1338 | Berg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% MSOC increase Inflation adjustments | N/A | Feb 3 | Not scheduled - contact Appropriations | |
| Transport | SB 5187 | Wellman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSPI analysis by 2028 (Want earlier) \$400/student for homeless (Want: Add foster/SpEd) | | Feb 11 | Not scheduled - contact Ways and Means | |
| | HB 1579 | Nance | Companion to SB 5187 | N/A | Not scheduled - contact Appropriations | | |

Legislative Deadlines & Strategy

- February 21** – Bills must pass their **policy committees**



- **February 28** – Bills must pass their **fiscal committees**

References and Links

Washington State Legislature – leg.wa.gov

- Enter a **bill number** (e.g., **5263**, **1338**, **1579**) to find details, sign in PRO, or testify.
- To reach legislators
 - Find your district: app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder
 - **ALL legislative email addresses are firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov**

Big 3 Bills – Senate – **Contact Ways and Means**

- SB 5263 (Special Education) – [Bill Information](#)
- SB 5192 (MSOC Funding) – [Bill Information](#)
- SB 5187 (Transportation) – [Bill Information](#)

Key contacts in Ways and Means:

Ask these senators to schedule the big 3 bills for a vote in the Ways and Means committee

- **ALL legislative email addresses are firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov**
- [June Robinson](#), Chair - 38, Marysville
- [Derek Stanford](#), Vice Chair - 1, Woodinville, Bothell, Kenmore
- [Yasmin Trudeau](#), Vice Chair - 27, Tacoma
- [Noel Frame](#) - 36, **Seattle: NW and W**
- [Manka Dhingra](#) - 45, Kirkland, Totem Lake
- [Bob Hasegawa](#) - 11, Tukwila, Renton
- [Jamie Pedersen](#), Majority Leader - 43, **Seattle: Central**
- [Rebecca Saldaña](#) - 37, **Seattle: SE**
- [Lisa Wellman](#), Chair Senate Education - 41, Mercer Island
- [Claire Wilson](#), Vice Chair Senate Education - 30, Federal Way

Ask Ways & Means members to schedule Senate Big 3 bills: [Email template asking to schedule the Big 3 Senate bills for executive action in Ways and Means](#)

Big 3 Bills – House – **Contact Appropriations**

- HB 1310 (Special Education) – [Bill Information](#)
- HB 1338 (MSOC Funding) – [Bill Information](#)
- HB 1579 (Transportation) – [Bill Information](#)
 - **Ask Nicole Macri and Mia Gregerson to schedule HB 1579 for a hearing in Appropriations - [Email Template](#)**



Key contacts in Appropriations:

Ask these representatives to schedule the big 3 bills for a vote in the Appropriations committee

- **ALL legislative email addresses are firstname.lastname@leg.wa.gov**
- [Tim Ormsby](#), Chair - 3, Spokane
- [Mia Gregerson](#), Vice Chair in charge of Education - 33, Kent, Seatac, Renton
- [Nicole Macri](#), Vice Chair - 43, **Seattle: Central.**
- [Lisa Callan](#) - 5, Maple Valley, Issaquah, Renton
- [Joe Fitzgibbon](#) - 34, **Seattle: SW.** West Burien, Vashon
- [Gerry Pollet](#) - 46, **Seattle: NE.** Lake Forest Park, Kenmore
- [Cindy Ryu](#) - 32, Lynnwood, Edmonds, Shoreline
- [Chipalo Street](#) - 37, **Seattle: SE.** Renton
- [My-Linh Thai](#) - 41, Mercer Island

Ask Appropriations to schedule House Big 3 bills: [Email template asking to schedule the House Big 3 prior to cut off](#)

Legislator Meeting Follow Up

If you've recently engaged with your legislators around the Big 3, here is a [Big 3 legislator follow up one pager](#) that you can adapt as needed and share as part of your follow up email.

Additional Advocacy Resources

- **Washington State PTA (WSPTA)** [Legislative Action Center](#)
- **Seattle Student Union** – [@seattlestudentunion](#)
- **NAACP Youth Council** – [Seattle King County NAACP](#)

Bill Trackers

- Education
 - [Washington State PTA](#) WSPTA
 - [League of Education Voters](#) LEV
 - [Washington State School Directors Association](#) WSSDA
 - [Advocacy | Seattle Special Education PTSA](#)
 - [Seattle Council PTSA](#)
- Disability
 - The Arc [of Washington, of King County](#)
 - [Disability Rights Washington](#) (DRW)
 - [Advocacy | Seattle Special Education PTSA](#)



Legislative Process

- Washington State Legislature: [Bill Lookup](#)
- Overview of the Legislative Process: [Legislative Process Guide](#)
- How to Read a Bill: [Guide](#)
- 2025 WA Legislative Cutoff Calendar: [Calendar](#)
- District Finder: [Find Your District](#)

Previous Big 3 Briefing Episodes

1. [Legislative Advocacy 101, with Megan Larkin – Rainy Day Recess](#)
2. [How to "Sign in Pro" \(Legislative Advocacy 102\) - Rainy Day Recess](#)
3. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 3 - Rainy Day Recess](#)
4. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 4 - Rainy Day Recess](#)
5. [Big 3 Briefing, Week 5 - A Marathon, Not a Sprint - Rainy Day Recess](#)