

## Weekly Legislative Update: **Early Care and Education**

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The **early care and education bills we support continue to move** toward final approval. Thanks for your support throughout the session!

Three bills have passed both legislative chambers and are on their way to the Governor for signature including [HB 1106](#), [HB 1199](#) and [SB 5225](#). The House concurred with amendments made in the Senate on HB 1106 and HB 1199 and the Senate concurred with House amendments to SB 5225.

Three bills have passed both chambers but need concurrence on amendments: [SB 5316](#), [HB 1525](#) and [HB 1550](#). As of April 13, the Senate refuses to concur with House amendments on SB 5316 and has asked the House to recede from its amendments.

### **Bills Needing Action This Week**

Now that [HB 1550](#) has been referred back to the House for concurrence, we have the opportunity to encourage the House to stand firm on their version of the bill. **We encourage you to use the comment feature on the bill page ([HB 1550](#)) to ask your representatives to reject the Senate amendments and support this bill as passed by the House.**

In addition to working to come to agreement on bills that were amended after they left the chamber where they started, intense efforts will be underway this next week to reach final agreement about the budget. We're optimistic for early care and education given what was included in all three operating budget proposals (Governor, House and Senate).

### **How You Can Be Involved**

Again, now is the time you can weigh-in with your representatives on [HB 1550](#) and budget items you feel strongly about. Contact Karen Tvedt, [ktvedt@lwvwa.org](mailto:ktvedt@lwvwa.org) if you have questions.