

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

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This week we continue to see action on bills to increase access to quality early care and education consistent with the 2021 Fair Start for Kids Act (ESSS Bill 5237).

[HB 1199](#), to prevent unreasonable restrictions on licensed child care in common interest communities such as condos, passed out of the House and has been referred to the Senate Law & Justice Committee.

[SB 5225](#) and [SB 5423](#) to increase child care assistance for families and [SB 5316](#) to eliminate background check and licensing fees are scheduled for Executive Session on February 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12.

Three early care and education bills are scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning at 1:30 pm on January 31. **Please sign in PRO on these bills before 12:30 pm on January 31.**

- HB 1451-Expanding the childcare workforce. Sign in PRO [here](#).
- HB 1511-Calculation of income for certain early learning and child care programs. Sign in PRO [here](#).
- HB 1525-Eligibility for Working Connections Child Care (Companion to SB 5423). Sign in PRO [here](#).

### How You Can Be Involved

- Using the links provided, weigh-in as an individual on bills supported by the LWVWA.
- Contact Karen Tvedt, [ktvedt@lwvwa.org](mailto:ktvedt@lwvwa.org) if you have questions.