

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

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Four early care and education bills we support received a public hearing last week and are now scheduled for executive session: [SB 5225](#), [SB 5316](#), [HB 1106](#), and [HB 1199](#).

Two early care and education bills are scheduled for public hearing this week:

- [HB 1525](#) would provide eligibility for Working Connections Child Care for the first 12 months of enrollment in a state registered apprenticeship program. This bill is scheduled for public hearing on March 21 at 4:00 pm in Senate Ways & Means.
 - **To support this bill, sign-in [PRO](#) by 3:00 pm on March 21.**
- [HB 1550](#) proposes to create a transition to kindergarten program to help fill gaps in access to high quality early learning for eligible children. Bill is scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 pm on March 22.
 - **To support this bill, sign-in [PRO](#) by 12:30 pm on March 22.**

How You Can Be Involved

- If you're interested in a particular bill, use the links above to go to the bill page. These pages include staff summaries and reports including who testified pro versus con on the bill. There is also information about how to access videos of hearings on the bill.
- Contact Karen Tvedt, ktvedt@lwvwa.org if you have questions.