

Superintendent's Report: Legislative Session, McCleary and the Levy Cliff

2017 Legislative Session

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- We are hopeful that 2017 is truly the year the legislature fulfills its paramount duty to fully fund basic education for every student in Washington State.

McCleary

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- In 2012, the Washington State Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the State of Washington is violating its constitutional “paramount duty” to amply fund the education of all K-12 students.
- Since that time, the legislature has been ordered to make steady, real, and measurable progress toward full funding.
- The plan for full funding is to be determined during the 2017-18 legislative session, which began today.

Reliance on Local Levies

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- Currently, school districts throughout the state overly rely on local levies to fund basic education.
- Local levies are supposed to fund enrichment beyond basic education.
- However, due to the lack of state funding, school districts have come to rely on local levies to fund the basics, like teachers and staff salaries.

The Levy Cliff

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- The potential that the legislature will restrict local districts' ability to collect local funds and not replace them with state funds

Lake Washington School District Reliance on Local Levies to Fund Basic Education



60.5 million

Local revenue collected for LWSU through voter-approved Educational Programs & Operations Levy

Effect of "levy cliff" on LWSU



21.8 million

Potential loss in revenue in 2018-19

Use of local levy for compensation in LWSU



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LWSU teachers and support staff funded by local levy funds



7.2 million

Cost of additional staff not funded by the state



39.9 million

Cost to supplement salaries to be competitive based on regional cost of living



47.1 million

Total local levy dollars spent on compensation

Legislative Update

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- E2SSB 6195 established the Education Funding Task Force in the 2016 session.
- The deadline for the Task Force to provide recommendations on funding basic education was today.
- At today's meeting, every motion and amendment failed on a partisan 4-4 vote.

Legislative Update

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- Legislation to address the levy cliff was introduced in the House.
- HB 1059 is scheduled for public hearing on Wednesday, January 11 in the House Appropriations Committee
- Expected to be adopted by the full Committee on Thursday.
- Bill needs overwhelming support by the Committee and full House.

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Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.

Sponsors: Lytton, Sullivan

Companion Bill: SB 5023

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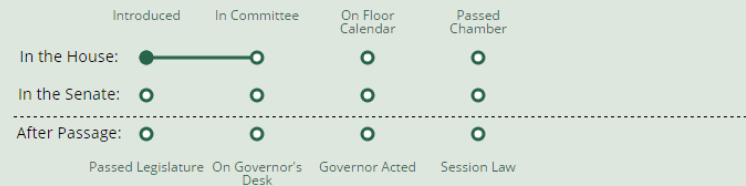
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Bill History

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- Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Appropriations (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report). [\(View Original Bill\)](#)
- Jan 11 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM (Subject to change). [\(Committee Materials\)](#)
- Jan 12 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 3:30 PM (Subject to change). [\(Committee Materials\)](#)

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