

Special Education Funding Bill Comparison

	SB 5263 - Offered by Sen. Pedersen	SB 5307 - Offered by Sen. Wellman
Multipliers	Pre-K: 1.6381 K-12: 1.5289	Pre-K: 1.6381 K-12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5289 (80%+ time in a general education setting) • 1.447 (<80% in a general education setting)
Funded Enrollment Cap	Removes the 16% cap	Removes the 16% cap
Safety Net Eligibility Threshold	Lowers the threshold to 1.5x the average per-pupil expenditure for all districts	Lowers the threshold to 1.5x the average per-pupil expenditure for all districts
Safety Net Policies	Not addressed	Eliminates safety net eligibility based on community characteristics Requires quarterly safety net payments in certain circumstances
Statewide Special Education Activities	Not addressed	Allows OSPI to reserve .005 of excess cost allocations to use for statewide special education activities Requires OSPI to annually review data to ensure there is not disproportionate identification of students, and provide technical assistance to districts w/ disproportionate data Allows OSPI to provide professional development on inclusionary practices and maintain common templates and resources, including a statewide tool for individualized education programs (IEPs)
Proration	Not addressed	Proration of general apportionment funding may not be based on an individual district's least restrictive environment OSPI may adopt a uniform percentage of general apportionment funding for proration
Fiscal Impact (25-27)	\$1.64 billion	\$1.55 billion