



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its first Interim Committee Week, January 11 – 14, 2021. The Appropriations Committee and Education Committees received presentations on the following topics: the budget outlook, update on CARES funding, K-12 scholarship program and literacy. Due to the COVID-19 impact on state revenue, the state budget is expected to be cut by \$2 billion. Education funding is one of the largest benefactors of the budget, and it is expected to be severely impacted.

NEW FROM D.C.

President-Elected Biden unveiled \$1.9 trillion economic and health-care relief package which includes \$130 billion for K-12 schools (nation-wide): If passed by Congress, the funds can be used to assist in safely reopening and operating schools.

Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Senate Education Committee

- Overview of State K-12 Scholarship Programs
- Overview of State Financial Aid Programs

[Link to Committee Video](#)

[Committee Packet](#)

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

- Update on the CARES Act funding for Education

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Please find below a summary of the House Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

House Education & Employment Committee

- Did not meet

Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

- Presentations and panel discussion on the science of reading literacy-rich home environments Link to Committee Video Committee Packet
Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee
- Discussion and panel presentation on identify in demand, high-wage jobs Link to Committee Video Committee Packet
House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee
- Did not meet