

Weekly Legislative Update: **Local News and Democracy**

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Bill Updates

*Bills in **green** are supported. Bills in **red** are opposed by the League. Bills in **black** the League is watching.*

With **SB 5626 Expanding and Enhancing Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship in K-12**, Sen. Marko Liias' staff reports the senator will not pursue passage of **SB 5626** this year. Instead, he intends to make use of plans by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to have stakeholders review its work related to state Learning Standards.

A spokesperson for the senator said Liias plans to send a letter to OSPI to advocate for the inclusion of media literacy and digital citizenship as an alternative, non-legislative method to influence the development of state Learning Standards.

Meanwhile **SB 5102 Concerning School Library and Technology Programs**, remained in the Rules committee at the close of the week. Some indications are supporters believe the proposal needs additional work to satisfy their goals.

How You Can Be Involved

- Respond to Action Alerts that are posted in the legislative newsletter.
- Contact **Dee Anne Finken** for further information about the LWVWA's Local News and Democracy position and work the committee is planning related to additional future legislation. The committee meets the third Tuesday of each month.