

Resolution to Grant Substitutes SEBB after One Year

WHEREAS: Currently the School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) requires a substitute educator to work 630 hours in year in order to be eligible for healthcare benefits. Under the current system those teachers must start over again in year two and work another 630 hours before receiving benefits again. Only in year three are substitute teachers eligible for SEBB benefits at the beginning of the school year.

WHEREAS: HB2160 and companion SB5883 will allow substitute teachers who qualify for SEBB benefits in year one to continue enrollment into year two.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we the 37th LD Democrats request that Representatives Sharon Tomiko Santos and Chipalo Street support and champion HB2160 to passage in the Washington State House of Representatives. Representative Street is a member of the Appropriations Committee where HB2160 is currently held. We encourage Representative Street to work with Chairman Ormsby to move HB2160 out of the Appropriations Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we the 37th LD Democrats request that Senator Rebecca Saldaña support and champion SB5883 to passage in the Washington State Senate, as a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, to free SB5883 from Ways and Means Committee.