

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

HEARING TYPE: ___X___ INFORMATION

DATE: March 27, 2008

SUBJECT: **2008 Regular Session of the 60th Legislature Summary**

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State Board of Education

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BACKGROUND:

The 2008 Regular Session of the 60th Legislature ends today, if all goes according to plan. This short session generated many education bills, some of which were new ideas or initiatives. There was very little additional money in the Supplemental Budget for policy enhancements, so many bills requiring new money did not make it through the process. Currently, there are a few bills involving the Board that are still alive. The degree of involvement for the Board ranges from receiving reports from new task forces, to having additional responsibilities related to the revision of the math standards. At the Board meeting, a Legislative Summary Report will be provided and a presentation will be given to review bills signed into law that relate to the Board and its work.

The Board was particularly interested in House Bill 3097, which authorizes the Board to delegate responsibilities to the Executive Director. It was sponsored by Representative Dave Quall of the 40th Legislative District, which includes parts of Skagit and Whatcom Counties. It was co-sponsored by Representative Don Barlow (6th Legislative District), Representative Skip Priest (30th Legislative District), and Representative Glenn Anderson (5th Legislative District). The bill was heard and passed, out of both the House Education Committee, which is chaired by Representative Quall, and the Senate K-12 Early Learning & Education Committee, which is chaired by Senator Rosemary McAuliffe of the 1st Legislative District. The bill is scheduled to be signed by Governor Gregoire on Friday, March 14.