Governor’s Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO):
Session Update

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Arc Advocacy Day
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History of the OEO: Opportunity Gaps in K-12 Public Schools

• Founded by the state legislature in 2006. RCW 43.06B.

• OEO’s Mission: We work with families, communities, and schools to address problems together so that every student can fully participate and thrive in Washington’s K-12 public schools.
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<th>Roles: Statewide with 7.4 FTE</th>
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<td><strong>Listen</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Provide</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Collect</strong></td>
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Awareness Bill SSB 5376 (Wilson)
Requires public schools to notify (e.g., flyer, website) students, families, and employees about OEO’s services

Directs OEO to develop template notification and translate it into at least Spanish

**Currently in House Ed Exec Session**
Original OEO ask: $+693K annually (+4 Ombuds) ongoing to meet outreach needs (50x), reduce waits, create emergency Senior Ombuds position, and address lost learning

Governor’s proposed budget (and Senate and House’s, as of 2/21/22):
FY22: +$114,000; FY23: +$343,000 (ongoing): adding 2 full-time Ombuds, 1 part-time Ombuds, and improved outreach