

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6222

As of January 27, 2026

Title: An act relating to supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware.

Brief Description: Supporting public school students by improving their access to surplus technology hardware.

Sponsors: Senators Hunt, Krishnadasan, Conway, Hasegawa, Lias, Nobles, Saldaña, Shewmake, Valdez and Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Early Learning & K-12 Education: 1/28/26.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows school districts and educational service districts to sell surplus computer laptops, tablets, and other electronic devices or equipment at depreciated cost to public school students.
- Allows school districts and educational service districts to grant this surplus technology hardware at no cost to public school students from low-income families.
- Requires public school students from low-income families to have priority for receiving surplus technology hardware.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION

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Background: Current state law sets out a process for school districts and any other state and local governmental agencies concerned with education when texts and other books, equipment, materials or relocatable facilities are deemed surplus. These entities must

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publish written notice in a newspaper and to public and private schools requesting such notice that these items are for sale, rent, or lease at depreciated cost or fair market value, whichever is greater. Students wishing to purchase texts have priority. These items may not be sold, rented, or leased until at least 30 days following publication of the notice.

Alternatively, school districts and educational service districts (ESDs) may elect to grant surplus personal property to a federal, state, or local governmental entity, or to indigent persons, at no cost on the condition the property be used for preschool through 12th grade educational purposes.

School districts and ESDs may also loan to a nonreligious, nonsectarian private entity on the condition the property be used for the preschool through 12th grade education of members of the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): School districts and ESDs may also:

- sell surplus technology hardware at depreciated cost to public school students; and
- grant surplus technology hardware at no cost to public school students who are from low-income families.

The sale or grant of surplus technology hardware must be recorded in an agreement between the parties that indicates the surplus technology hardware's depreciated cost if any.

Public school students from low-income families must have priority for receiving surplus technology hardware.

The following definitions are provided:

- low-income families mean families with students qualifying for free or reduced-price meals or families with an income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level at the time of the grant;
- public school students include recent graduates and persons who were enrolled in a public school at any time during the 12 months preceding a sale or grant; and
- surplus technology hardware means computer laptops, tablets, and other electronic devices or equipment issued by the public school to students for their use during a school year.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 21, 2026.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.