

<b>Title</b>	<b>Roadmap Legislative Update and WSAC Legislative Support Discussion</b>
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<b>Synopsis:</b>	Council members and staff presented to several committees in the House and Senate during Legislative Assembly Days, held in Olympia November 19-22. The Roadmap was the focus of the Council's presentations to the Joint Higher Education Committee and the House Higher Education Committee. During the 2014 Legislative Session, the Council will be actively tracking legislation related to the goals and strategies included in the Roadmap.
<b>Guiding questions:</b>	N/A
<b>Possible council action:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>Documents and attachments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other

# 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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  - \$12M to serve all 8,000 eligible students for FY 14-15.
- Increase students served by the State Need Grant Program.
  - \$16M to increase number by 3,800 for FY 14-15.
- Adopt education attainment goals for 2023.
  - All Washington adults have a high school diploma or equivalent.
  - At least 70 percent of Washingtonians have a postsecondary credential.
- Support legislation aligned with Ten-year Roadmap priorities.
- Eliminate unnecessary or duplicative state regulatory requirements.



# Legislative Update

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# Roadmap Legislative Timeline

- **November 15:** Draft version of Roadmap sent to members of House and Senate Higher Education Committees.
- **November 19:** Council presented Roadmap to Joint Higher Education Committee.
- **November 20:** Council officially adopted Roadmap.
- **November 22:** Council presented Roadmap to House Higher Education Committee.
- **December 3:** Council submitted Roadmap to the Legislature.

# Other Council Presentations During Legislative Assembly Days

- **Senate Higher Education Committee**
  - *“A Skilled and Educated Workforce” report*  
Randy Spaulding and Daryl Monear
- **House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**
  - *GET program update*  
Marc Webster
  - *College Bound Scholarship update*  
Rachelle Sharpe
- **House Higher Education Committee**
  - *Affordability model demonstration*  
Rachelle Sharpe and Jim Fridley

# Council's 2014 Legislative Priorities

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- **Increase students served by State Need Grant program**
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- **Adopt educational attainment goals for 2023:**
  - All Washington adults (ages 25-44) have a high school diploma or equivalent.
  - At least 70% of Washington adults (ages 25-44) have postsecondary credential.
- **Support legislation aligned with Roadmap priorities**
- **Eliminate unnecessary or duplicative state regulatory requirements**

# Draft Protocol for Testimony on Legislation



## Council Position

*Staff authorized to support, oppose, or comment on legislation without Council action.*

- Legislation directly supports Roadmap strategies
- Legislation directly connects to Council's statutory mission/duties
- Legislation impacts operations of agency-administered program (e.g. SNG disbursement process)



## Informational Testimony

*No position unless Council members vote on position. Staff authorized to provide informational testimony.*

- Legislation impacts Council or agency structure
- Legislation impacts policies of an agency-administered program (e.g. SNG eligibility)



## Tracking Only

*No position, no testimony. Staff will track legislation and update Council as necessary.*

- Legislation impacts Council sector representatives (COP, CTCs, ICW, OSPI) and/or education agencies, organizations, and/or institutions

# Sample Bill Tracker - Council Position

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	WSAC position	Position Rationale	Notes	Pro/Con from 2013
<b>SHB 1858</b>	Academic credit/military	H Rules 3C	McCoy	<b>Support</b>	Roadmap - Encourage adults to earn a postsecondary credential	Requires each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy to award academic credit for military training courses or programs before December 31, 2014, and submit the policy to the Prior Learning Assessment work group for evaluation.	SBCTC supports
<b>SHB 1320</b>	Higher ed transfer, advising	H Approps	Zeiger	<b>Support</b>	Roadmap - Increase support for all current and prospective students	Requires the WSAC to establish and maintain a statewide Online Transfer and Student Advising system by September 1, 2014, in conjunction with other state agencies and higher education institutions.	ICW supports; SBCTC supports with concerns
<b>HB 1208</b>	Digital college/high school	H Education	Reykdal	<b>Support</b>	Roadmap - Streamline/expand dual-credit & dual-enrollment programs.	Directs the OSPI and the SBCTC to create a web-based portal for high school juniors and seniors to enroll in online courses through the Washington Online system operated by the SBCTC, and receive both high school and college credit.	SBCTC supports; OSPI supports
<b>SB 5787</b>	Higher ed facilities authrty	S Rules 3	Bailey	<b>Support</b>	Council duties	Adds the chair of WSAC to the Washington higher education facilities authority.	



# Sample Bill Tracker – Information Only (Unless Council Votes on Position)

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	WSAC position	Position Rationale	Notes	Pro/Con from 2013
<b>HB 1878</b>	State need grant award amounts	H Hi Ed	Haler	<b>Info only</b>	SNG award amount	Restoring state need grant award amounts for students at private, nonprofit degree-granting institutions.	
<b>ESHB 1817</b>	Higher ed financial aid	H Rules 3C	Hudgins	<b>Info only</b>	SNG eligibility	Adding eligibility criteria for higher education financial aid.	COP supports; SBCTC supports
<b>SB 5087</b>	Illegal aliens	S Higher Ed	Benton	<b>Info only</b>	SNG eligibility	Preventing illegal aliens from qualifying as resident students for purposes of in- state tuition and financial aid.	
<b>SB 5548</b>	Differential tuition	S Higher Ed	Ranker	<b>Info only</b>	Policy - GET Program	Limiting differential tuition.	

# Sample Bill Tracker – Tracking Only

Bill	Title	Status	Sponsor	WSAC position	Position Rationale	Notes	Pro/Con from 2013
<b>HB 1251</b>	Opportunity scholarship board	H Rules 3C	Stonier	<b>Track</b>	Impacts postsecondary organization	Adds two foundation or business and industry representatives to the Opportunity Scholarship Board.	
<b>SHB 1536</b>	Comm & tech college boards	H Rules 3C	Seaquist	<b>Track</b>	Impacts sector rep (CTCs)	Requires that boards of trustees of community college districts include at least one member from business and one from labor.	
<b>SHB 1669</b>	Higher ed/self-supporting	H Rules 3C	Pollet	<b>Track</b>	Impacts sector rep (COP)	Requires public baccalaureate institutions to provide notification to students prior to changing to fee-based program.	
<b>HCR 4403</b>	High skills high wages plan	H Rules 3C	Sells	<b>Track</b>	Impacts WTECB	Approves the state comprehensive plan for workforce training, "High Skills, High Wages 2012-2022," submitted by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.	SBCTC supports

# Questions?

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