

Title	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Implementation (WIOA)
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Synopsis:	<p>Under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), Washington recognized 12 Workforce Development Areas. Each area seats a Workforce Development Council, which, in consultation with chief local elected officials, have overseen WIA Title I-B activities, coordinated local area workforce development services, and provided outreach to employers. The 12 Councils have used their leadership to link with local economic development strategies. Each has operated under a Governor-approved local plan that included a strategic plan to assess local employment opportunities and skills needs. They have set goals, objectives, and strategies for their local workforce development system that have been consistent with the state’s strategic goals.</p> <p>On June 22, 2014, President Obama signed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) into law. The Governor designated the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) to be the State Workforce Board under WIOA. The Workforce Board adopted a four-committee structure and work plan to undertake implementation of this new Act. This plan has been submitted to the Governor’s Office.</p> <p>Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director of the Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board; and Terri Colbert, Program Specialist - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act/Career & Technical Education will provide further background on the Act and outline the steps necessary to implement the changes required under WIOA.</p>
Guiding questions:	How do the changes required under the WIOA connect to the work of the Council?
Possible council action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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