

Project	Brief Description	Staff Lead	Stakeholders	Due Date
System Design Plan	The budget requires the HECB to complete a system design planning project defining how the current higher education delivery system can be shaped and expanded over the next 10 years to best meet the needs of Washington citizens and businesses for high-quality and accessible postsecondary education.	Jan Ignash	COP, SBCTC, baccalaureate institutions.	12/01/2009
Tuition Flexibility Report – HB 2344	HB 2344 requires the HECB to review options and make recommendations on a tuition policy that allows flexibility, accessibility, and differentiation among Washington's various public baccalaureate tuition rates. Recommendations shall support the implementation of the Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education, including policies to achieve increased student access, equity, and academic quality.	Jan Ignash	Higher education stakeholders.	11/01/2009
Technology Transformation Task Force – HB 1946	HB 1946 requires the HECB to convene a higher education technology transformation task force. The task force is required to create a plan for improving the strategic and operational use of technology to achieve efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of education. The budget provides \$238,000 to implement this bill.	Bob Billings	Representatives (administrative and faculty) from the baccalaureate institutions, the community and technical colleges, SBCTC, COP, WTECB, DIS, HECB.	Initial Report: 12/01/2009 Final Report: 12/01/2010
College Access Portal Workgroup - SSB 5043	College Access Portal Workgroup The HECB shall convene a workgroup to develop a plan to create a one-stop college information web-based portal for students and families planning, preparing, and applying for, as well as those attending, postsecondary education.	Bob Billings		12/01/2009

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Revitalizing Student Financial Aid – HB 2021	In HB 2021, the Legislature requires that all state student financial aid programs must be designated as opportunity pathways beginning in the 2010 academic year . Federal loans and aid outside the financial aid package provided to students are not subject to this designation.	John Klacik	Higher education stakeholders.	Beginning 2010-11 academic year
Performance Agreements	The budget provides additional direction to implement the current law on performance agreements (RCW 28B.10.920 through 28B.10.922) by requiring the state performance agreement committee and each public four-year institution of higher education to develop performance agreements for the period September 1, 2009, through June 30, 2015.	Chris Thompson	Institutions	12/01/2010
GET Actuarial Study	The Office of the State Actuary received \$175,000 to conduct an independent assessment of alternatives for assuring the long-term financial solvency of the Guaranteed Education Tuition program including suspension of the program. HECB may be contacted for assistance or consulting, as well as the operating budget committees of the legislature, OFM, and the state's public colleges and universities.	Office of State Actuary		11/15/2009
JLARC Performance Audit – HB 2344	HB 2344 also requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to complete a performance audit of the state's baccalaureate institutions to create a 'transparent link' between revenues, expenditures and performance outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements under RCW 28B.10.920 and in the 2008 Strategic Master Plan for Higher Education.	JLARC/Institutions		12/01/2010