

## **WEIAOB 2024 WEIA Expenditures Summary—April 25, 2024**

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### ***Introduction: Guiding Principles***

In 2021, the Board adopted four guiding principles to help shape annual recommendations for workforce education priorities that should be funded from WEIA:

- Help achieve the goal that 70 percent of students in each cohort of Washington high school graduates complete a postsecondary credential
- Provide support for equitable education access and economic outcomes for systemically underserved students
- Help Washington businesses fill the jobs of the future with qualified Washington students, including the current workforce
- Improve statewide systems and/or test innovative approaches that can be replicated across institutions

Following a discussion of budget and policy requests from postsecondary education stakeholders on January 4, 2024, the Board recommended 16 proposals to the legislature that were consistent with its guiding principles and intended uses for WEIA funds. This summary reviews the 2024 supplemental operating budget and examines how WEIA expenditures in the enacted budget align with the Board’s guiding principles.

**Overview of 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget**

The enacted budget ([SB 5950](#)) increases total state expenditures during the 2023–25 biennium by approximately \$7.3 billion, with new WEIA expenditures accounting for 1.6% (\$120.2 million) of additional spending. As a result, the projected WEIA balance at the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 is now \$119.08 million (compared to \$239.27 million before the enacted budget). **This marks the first time that the projected ending WEIA balance has decreased since the account began operating in FY 2020.**

Measure	2023–25 Biennial	2024 Supplemental
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$133.55 billion	\$140.85 billion
<b>WEIA Expenditures</b>	\$836.48 million	\$956.68 million
<b><i>Projected Ending WEIA Balance*</i></b>	<b><i>\$239.27 million</i></b>	<b><i>\$119.08 million</i></b>

*\*includes \$36 million assigned for working capital purposes by OFM*

Additionally, 87.1% (\$104.66 million) of new WEIA expenditures in the enacted budget are for higher education (WSAC, SBCTC, and public four-year institutions). While other new WEIA expenditures (\$15.54 million) are for outside sectors such as public schools, other education, and other human services, some of these investments are still tied to higher education and/or workforce development. All investments are outlined by sector below. **A detailed breakdown of new WEIA expenditures—categorized by the Board’s guiding principles—is available on pages 3–4.**

Sector	2023–25 Biennial	2024 Supplemental
<b>Higher Education</b>	\$748.70 million	\$853.36 million
<b>Public Schools</b>	\$12.18 million	\$16.08 million
<b>Other Education</b>	\$2.35 million	\$3.43 million
<b>Other Human Services</b>	\$51.52 million	\$58.82 million
<b>Special Appropriations</b>	\$21.28 million	\$24.54 million
<b>Governmental Operations</b>	\$456,000	\$456,000

**Key 2024 WEIA Expenditures**

Notably, just five investments make up 88.2% (\$106.04 million) of all new WEIA expenditures in the enacted budget:

- **WA Grant income eligibility and caseload adjustments:** \$91.1 million
- **L&I electrician apprenticeship education and job training:** \$6 million
- **College in the High School (CiHS) programming:** \$3.43 million
- **OSPI college access programming (from College Success Foundation):** \$3 million
- **UW Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program expansion:** \$2.51 million

Additional new WEIA expenditures of \$500,000 or more—as well as those recommended by the Board—are categorized by guiding principle and listed in descending order by amount below. **Other new WEIA expenditures (tied to specific legislation or the enacted budget) are listed in Appendix A on pages 5–7.**

Guiding Principle	WEIA Expenditures
<p><b>Help 70% of each cohort of Washington high school graduates complete a postsecondary credential</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$500,000</b>—12<sup>th</sup> grade mentoring scholarship program in Eastern WA</li> <li>• <b>\$500,000</b>—increasing WA Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarship amounts</li> <li>• <b>\$223,000</b>—TESC Shelton Promise*</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provide equitable education access and economic outcomes for systemically underserved students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$1.17 million</b>—basic needs security on public CTC and four-year campuses</li> <li>• <b>\$1 million</b>—CTC refugee and immigrant education</li> <li>• <b>\$1 million</b>—Passport to Careers awards for former foster and unhoused youth</li> <li>• <b>\$520,000</b>—EWU Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) center*</li> <li>• <b>\$500,000</b>—WSU Native American scholarship program</li> <li>• <b>\$400,000</b>—WWU Office of Academic Access and Outreach / CiHS programming*</li> </ul>

<b>Help Washington businesses fill the jobs of the future with qualified Washington students, including the current workforce</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$1.14 million</b>—CTC BS in computer science degrees*</li><li>• <b>\$1 million</b>—Career Connected Learning</li><li>• <b>\$445,000</b>—WWU electrical and computer engineering program expansion*</li><li>• <b>\$330,000</b>—UW computer science and engineering start-up program*</li><li>• <b>\$127,000</b>—EWU dental hygiene*</li></ul>
<b>Improve statewide systems and/or test innovative approaches that can be replicated across institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$1.08 million</b>—WTB digital literacy training and administration</li></ul>

*\*Board recommendation*

### **Looking Ahead: Performance Accountability Metrics**

Alongside guiding principles, the Board approved seven performance accountability metrics in 2021 to further inform its annual recommendations for workforce education priorities that should be funded from WEIA:

- Statewide Student Enrollment
- FAFSA / WASFA Completion in Grade 12 (and others)
- Washington College Grant-eligible Student Enrollment
- Postsecondary Completion Rate
- High School to Postsecondary Retention Rate
- Time to Degree
- Economic Outcomes

The Board continues to discuss how these metrics may be tracked and utilized to assess the effectiveness of ongoing WEIA expenditures.

**Appendix A: Other 2024 WEIA Expenditures**

New WEIA expenditures in the enacted budget that are tied to specific legislation, less than \$500,000, or without Board recommendation are organized by agency or institution and in descending order by amount below. Agencies and institutions are listed in descending order by the total amount of WEIA funds that they received or transferred. Bill numbers are listed in the investment descriptions, if applicable. **Other budget resources are listed in Appendix B on page 8.**

Agency or Institution	Amount	Description
Governor’s office	\$3.256 million	Account transfer (Opportunity Scholarship state match)
	\$4,000	Account transfer (Rural Jobs state match)
WSAC	\$1.5 million	Align state and federal financial aid eligibility time frames ( <a href="#">SB 5904</a> )*
	\$425,000	National Guard Grant awards
	\$400,000	Financial aid texting tool (OtterBot)
	\$250,000	Study on establishing a GET scholarship fund
	\$239,000	WA Grant auto-eligibility via SNAP ( <a href="#">HB 2214</a> )*
	\$150,000	WA Health Corps behavioral health conditional scholarships ( <a href="#">HB 1946</a> )
	\$100,000	Free CiHS course pilot at a private, not-for-profit institution ( <a href="#">HB 2441</a> )

<b>SBCTC</b>	\$801,000	Early Achievers Grant program
	\$425,000	Student financial aid outreach pilot in ESD 113
	\$275,000	Study on low-income campus housing
	\$204,000	Olympic College health care pathways
	\$200,000	Manufacturing apprenticeship support
	\$150,000	Tacoma Community College imaging science program
	\$100,000	Renton Promise
<b>OSPI</b>	\$500,000	Allied Health Professions CTE program ( <a href="#">HB 2236</a> )
	\$400,000	High school apprenticeship preparation programs
	\$3,000	Data sharing with WSAC ( <a href="#">SB 6053</a> )*
<b>WSU</b>	\$353,000	Complex social interactions lab
<b>Labor &amp; Industries (L&amp;I)</b>	\$240,000	Resources for incarcerated apprentices
	\$60,000	Preapprenticeship construction programs
<b>UW</b>	\$300,000	Entrepreneur in residence program

	\$250,000	Conditional scholarship report for behavioral health
	\$250,000	Barnard Center for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
	\$239,000	Alternative jet fuels <a href="#">(SB 5447)</a>
	\$140,000	Junior Summer Institute for underserved students in public policy
	<b>(\$1.5 million)</b> (funds returned to WEIA)	Domestic violence research <a href="#">(HB 1715)</a>

\*Board recommendation

## **Appendix B: Other Budget Resources**

The following resources may be useful for examining WEIA expenditures in the 2024 supplemental operating budget:

- Workforce Education Investment Accountability & Oversight Board (WEIAOB)—[Homepage](#)
- Washington State Fiscal Information—[Omnibus Operating Budget](#)
  - 2024 Supplemental Operating Budget—[Interactive Data Reports](#)
  - All Budgets—[Legislative Budget Notes](#)
- Legislative Evaluation & Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee—[Homepage](#)