

WEIAOB 2024 Legislative Session Summary—April 25, 2024

Recommended Proposals

On January 4, 2024, the Board recommended 16 budget and policy proposals from postsecondary education stakeholders based on their alignment with the Board’s guiding principles and performance accountability metrics. **The inclusion of each proposal (or lack thereof) in the enacted 2024 supplemental operating budget is noted below.**

Stakeholder	Institution	Original Proposal	Enacted Budget
Council of Presidents	UW	\$2.51 million—Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program expansion	\$2.51 million
		\$330,000—computer science and engineering start-up program	\$330,000
	WSU	\$2.15 million—supply chain management	-
	WWU	\$1.21 million—Office of Academic Access and Outreach / College in the High School (CiHS) programming	\$400,000
		\$886,000—electrical and computer engineering program expansion	\$445,000
	CWU	\$1.28 million—CiHS instructor institute	-
		\$398,000—student basic needs support	\$398,000

	EWU	\$6.96 million—dental hygiene	\$127,000
		\$3.15 million—experiential learning opportunities	-
		\$2.12 million—university Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) center	\$520,000
	TESC	\$738,000—Shelton Promise	\$223,000
State Board for Community and Technical Colleges	N/A	\$9 million—new BS in computer science degree programs	\$1.14 million
		\$600,000—ProfTech student open educational resources	N/A (covered by federal funding)
Washington Student Achievement Council	N/A	\$8.3 million—aligning WA Grant, College Bound Scholarship, and Passport to Careers eligibility time frames with the Federal Pell Grant (SB 5904)	\$1.5 million*
		\$239,000—determining WA Grant income eligibility via SNAP (HB 2214)	\$239,000*
		No cost—improving OSPI data sharing (SB 6053)	\$3,000

*additional funds for WA Grant and/or College Bound Scholarship awards will be appropriated based on future caseload forecasts, if necessary

Other Postsecondary Education Legislation

In addition to proposals recommended by the Board, the legislature passed multiple bills related to postsecondary education during the 2024 session. Some of them were also consistent with the Board’s guiding principles and performance accountability metrics, including:

- [HB 2019](#)—creating a Native American apprentice assistance program
- [HB 2025](#)—eliminating State Work Study salary matching requirements for employers facilitating college access work
- [SB 5953](#)—allowing incarcerated students to access federal and state financial aid

A comprehensive list of postsecondary education legislation from the 2024 session is available [here](#).