

WSAC's Strategic Action Plan Proposal Compared to Final Operating Budget

WSAC 2014 Strategic Action Plan Recommendations	FINAL Operating Budget (ESSB 6052)
<p>College Bound Scholarship Maintain the commitment to College Bound Scholarship students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$25 M for the biennium. 	<p>Maintains the commitment to College Bound Scholarship students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Bound maximum awards frozen for students at private institutions; they will receive grants tied to public institution tuition in 2014-15. Coordination with CBS managed by WSAC without a central set-aside of SNG funding.
<p>State Need Grant (SNG) Enhance the State Need Grant (SNG) program and fully fund it by 2023 to support an additional 4,000 eligible unserved students in 2016. Request: \$48 M for the biennium.</p>	<p>No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNG Awards for public institutions reduced consistent with tuition reductions of 5% in FY 2015 and additional 10% in FY 2016. SNG savings total nearly \$42 M. SNG awards held flat for students at private institutions.
<p>Affordability and Higher Education Funding Develop an affordability framework intended to reduce volatility in tuition, reduce student debt, and increase investments in postsecondary education.</p>	<p>Passage of 2ESSB 5954 reduces tuition at all public institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and Technical colleges: Reduced 5% in 2015-16. UW and WSU: Reduced 5% in 2015-16 and 10% in 2016-17 in the next two CWU, EWU, WWU and The Evergreen State College: Reduced 5% in 2015-16 and 15% in 2016-17. WSIPP will study metrics that could be tied to tuition growth (average wage, MFI, personal income, etc.).

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<p>Affordability and Higher Education Funding (cont'd)</p> <p>Protect maintenance funding for community and technical colleges and public baccalaureate institutions and invest in higher education.</p>	<p>\$158.1 M in state funding is provided to backfill institutions for lost tuition revenue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTCs: \$33.1 M • UW: \$44.1 M; • WSU: \$34.0 M; • EWU: \$11.6 M; • CWU: \$13.4 M; • TESC: \$4.3 M; • WWU: \$17.7M <p>\$110 M provided for compensation to faculty and staff.</p>
<p>Affordability and Higher Education Funding (cont'd)</p> <p>Invest in public higher education. Provide new investments to meet educational attainment goals (in support of sector requests).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides \$6 M for Computer Science (CS) enrollments at UW, & \$1.6 M for CS or engineering enrollments at WSU. • Provides \$2 M to expand Math, Engineering, Science Achievement at CTCs. • Provides \$1.6 M for WATR center aerospace training. • Provides \$1.6 M for incumbent worker training to fabricate composite wings at the WA Aerospace Training and Research Center in Everett. • \$500,000 for Latino Health Ctr. at UW. • \$400,000 for Labor Archives at UW. • \$2.4 M to expand program offerings at WSU campus in Everett. • \$1.5 M to establish cyber-security program at WWU (taught at Olympic and Peninsula colleges) • \$750,000 to develop CS BS degree at Bellevue College. • \$850,000 for Allied Health programs at Seattle Central College. • \$300,000 for SBCTC to conduct a feasibility study of new comm. college in Graham. • \$2 M grant program for CS at OSPI, to be matched with \$2 M in private funding.

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<p>Dual Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$29 M for the biennium. Proposal to expand College in the High School (CHS), including through Grades 9 & 10 (in addition to grades 11 & 12) & provide funding to obtain CHS dual credit. Provide funding to cover transportation and textbook costs for Running Start students. Clarifies dual credit definitions for program at the high school campus vs. college campus. 	<p>Passage of ESSHB 1546</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6.621 M for implementation of ESSHB 1546. College in the High School is defined. Funding is prioritized in specific order. GET credits may be redeemed to pay for CHS or RS fees. WSAC, in collaboration with SBCTC, OSPI, and the public baccalaureate institutions, must make recommendations to the Legislature for improving dual credit programs by Sept 2016. Particular attention should be paid to increasing participation of low-income students and students.
<p>Student Support</p> <p>Support underrepresented student support for College Bound K-12 students; expansion of support services on postsecondary campuses, and the creation of collective impact coalitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$10 M for the biennium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for “Degree Completion” support of \$1.5 M for EWU, CWU and TESC (total of \$4.5 M). College Bound PSAT Testing provided for College Board through OSPI: \$652 K. Provides \$2.7 M for outreach to students eligible for College Bound through OSPI. Provides \$5.9 M to support recruitment and training of mentors to serve Washington Achievers. \$56,000 in 2016 and \$42,000 in 2017 in funding for WSAC to provide customized information to high-achieving, low-income, high school students. Information will include materials to help students choose colleges; an application guidance booklet; application fee waivers for four-year institutions and independent nonprofit institutions in the state; information on college affordability and financial aid; and a personally addressed cover letter signed by the Governor and the President of each four-year institution.

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<p>State Work Study Reinvest in State Work Study. Begin restoring funding to support an additional 3,000 students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$10 M for the biennium. 	<p>Maintained at current level. No new investments in this program.</p>
<p>Veterans Residency for Tuition Purposes Requested bill to align state residency law with new federal law (Choice Act of 2014).</p>	<p>Passage of ESSB 5355 Senator Bailey sponsored Governor-request bill in the Senate; Representative Kilduff sponsored in the House; Aligns state law with federal law to ensure veterans can continue using education benefits at WA schools.</p>

Other Higher Education Items

Tuition-Setting Authority	Tuition-setting authority for resident undergraduates at public baccalaureate institutions returned to the Legislature, following tuition reductions in 2015-17 biennium.
UW/WSU Medical School	<p>\$2.5 M to WSU to begin work on accreditation of new medical school in Spokane.</p> <p>Provides \$8M to UW for expanded primary care residencies.</p> <p>\$9M to UW to continue WWAMI medical education program.</p>
Other Financial Aid	<p>Provided \$41 M for the Opportunity Scholarship program, a public-private partnership, to match expected private donations.</p> <p>Provided \$7.65 M in new funding for health professions loan repayments (reinstatement of program administered by WSAC), and requires spending of \$1.72 M in fund balance.</p>
Environment and Energy	<p>Provided \$400 K for the Climate Impacts Group at UW; \$1.6 M for the Washington Ocean Acidification Center at the UW.</p>