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## **Governor Inslee Signs Bill Endorsing Roadmap Education Goals for 2023**

**Olympia**— Washington is one important step closer to increasing educational attainment for students and workers. Today, Governor Inslee signed [ESHB 2626](#), which acknowledges and endorses the planning targets proposed by the Washington Student Achievement Council in its [Ten-Year Roadmap Report](#). The two educational attainment goals for 2023 are:

- All adults ages 25-44 will have a high school diploma or equivalent, and
- 70 percent of adults ages 25-44 will have a postsecondary credential.

The Senate unanimously passed the bill on March 7 and the House concurred with the Senate amendments in a 96-2 vote for final passage on March 11. Washington will now join other states, including Oregon and California, in establishing goals for increasing educational attainment in state law.

### **Statements of support:**

Council Chair and CEO of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Maud Daudon:

*The Legislature and Governor Inslee's endorsement of the Roadmap goals provides the direction needed for us to get to work aligning the entire system to lift our state's educational attainment, and make it accessible and affordable. We know a well-educated and skilled populace is an absolute requirement for a prosperous and vibrant Washington.*

Council Vice Chair and CEO of Pioneer Human Services, Karen Lee:

*We greatly appreciate the support from Senate and House Higher Education leadership for approving the state's goals for increasing educational attainment. We look forward to working with all of the educational community for improvements in the workforce skills of all Washingtonians.*

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**About the Washington Student Achievement Council:** Established as a new cabinet-level state agency on July 1, 2012, the Council provides strategic planning, oversight, and advocacy to support increased student success and higher levels of educational attainment in Washington. The Council proposes improvements and innovations to meet the evolving needs of students, employers, and the educational community. In recognition of the economic, social, and civic benefits of public education, the Council advocates for increased financial support and civic commitment to ensure a thriving Washington.

The nine-member Council includes five citizens (including a current student) and one representative from each of Washington's four major educational sectors. More information about the Council can be found on our website: [www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov).