

Title	Legislative Update
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Synopsis:	Staff will provide a legislative update for the 2015 Legislative Session. The presentation will include a crosswalk between the Council's policy and budget proposals compared to proposals of the Governor and Legislature.
Guiding questions:	How will legislative direction impact the work of WSAC and the higher education system in 2015 and beyond? What are the implications for developing a legislative agenda during the interim for the 2016 Legislative Session?
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Bills that are Moving

Bill	Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
Budget				
SHB 1105 SSB 5076	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	Signed Law S Wys & Mns	Hunter Hill	None
SHB 1106 SSB 5077	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Hunter Hill	None
Affordability, Tuition & Higher Ed Planning				
HB 1696 SB 5484	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	S Wys & Mns S Hi Ed	Haler Bailey	None
Dual Credit				
HB 1546 SB 5086	Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.	S Wys & Mns S EL/K-12	Reykdal Litzow	Support
Higher Ed Costs & Efficiencies				
HB 1961 SB 5977	Decodifying, expiring, and making nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.	S Rules 2nd H Hi Ed	Zeiger Bailey	None



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Bill	Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
Medical School Issue				
HB 1485	Concerning family medicine residencies in health professional shortage areas.	S Rules 2nd	Haler	None
HB 1559 SB 5487	Concerning higher education programs at WSU and UW.	Signed Law H Hi Ed	Riccelli Baumgartner	None
State Need Grant & College Bound				
SHB 2041	Creating a pilot project on performance-based scholarships in the state need grant program.	S Wys & Mns	Hansen	Support
SB 5638	Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.	H Rules 2	Hasegawa	Support
SB 5851	Concerning recommendations of the college bound scholarship program work group.	H Approps	Froct	Support
Other Financial Aid				
SB 5328	Disseminating financial aid information.	S Rules 2	Kohl-Welles	None
HB 1880 SB 5746	Including Everett Community College as an aerospace training or educational program.	House Rules X H Approps	Springer Bailey	None

Note: Bill status current as of 2/9/15



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Veterans				
HB 1052	Requiring institutions of higher education to make an early registration process available to spouses and domestic partners of active members of the military.	Rules 2	Hayes	None
HB 1644 SB 5561	Concerning veteran survivor tuition waiver eligibility.	S Rules 2 S Rules X	Gregory Bailey	Support
HB 1825 SB 5355	Modifying the definition of resident student to comply with federal requirements established by the veterans access, choice, and accountability act of 2014.	S Wys & Mns H Approps	Kilduff Bailey	Support
HB 1706 B 5620	Authorizing waivers of building fees and services and activities fees for certain military service members.	S Rules 2 H Hi Ed	Standford Bailey	Support
Others of Interest				
HB 1293 SB 5179	Concerning paraeducators.	H Education H Approps	Bergquist Hill	None



Bills that are Dead

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Affordability, Tuition & Higher Ed Planning				
HB 1238	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	None
HB 1303	Creating the degree production incentive program.	H Hi Ed	Haler	Support
HB 1482	Requiring an analysis of regional higher education capacity to meet educational attainment goals.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	Support
HB 1696 SB 5484	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed S Hi Ed	Haler Bailey	None
HB 1988	Freezing undergraduate tuition at the four-year institutions of higher education.	S Hi Ed	Bailey	None



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Bill	Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
Consumer Protection				
HB 1949	Regulating the institutions of higher education, including for-profit institutions and private vocational schools, to protect students from unfair business practices.	S Hi Ed	Pollet	None
Dual Credit				
HB 1031	Expanding participation in college in the high school programs.	S EL/K12	Johnson	Support
HB 1081	Expanding participation in the college in the high school programs.	H Education	Sullivan	Support
SSB 5080	Concerning dual credit options.	S Wys & Mns	Dammeier	Support
GET/College Savings				
HB 1556	Strengthening the Washington advanced college tuition payment program by setting new requirements on the purchase and use of tuition units.	H Approps	Hargrove	None



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Education Funding				
HB 1001	Funding education first.	H Approps	MacEwen	None
HB 1146	Concerning higher education fiscal matters.	H Approps	Haler	None
HB 1385 SSB 5063	Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.	H Approps S Rules X	Magendanz Hill	None
HB 1705 SB 5619	Concerning basic education for adults at community and technical colleges.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Haler Bailey	None
HB 1810 SB 5286	Making ample provisions to support higher education.	H Approps S Hi Ed	Holy Baumgartner	None
Higher Ed Costs & Efficiencies				
HB 1500 SB 5133	Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.	H Approps H Approps	Zeiger Bailey	None



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Bill	Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
Inmate Postsecondary Ed				
HB 1704	Enhancing public safety and reducing recidivism through postsecondary education.	S Law & Justice	Pettigrew	Support
SB 5354	Addressing the implementation of inmate postsecondary education degree programs to reduce recidivism.	S Law & Justice	Hargrove	Support
Online Education Delivery Models				
HB 1439	Establishing an online alternative credit model at Central Washington University.	S Wys & Mns	Sawyer	Support
HB 1973	Creating an open education pilot program at Eastern Washington University.	H Approps	Stambaugh	Support



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State Need Grant & College Bound				
HB 1154	Creating the affordable college for everyone grant contract program.	H Approps	Bergquist	None
HB 1236	Eliminating the parent or guardian approval requirement for the college bound scholarship pledge.	S Hi Ed	Ortiz-Self	None
HB 1767	Adding a minimum grade point average to the state need grant renewal requirement.	H Hi Ed	Hargrove	None
HB 1955	Defining satisfactory academic progress for purposes of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Van Werven	None
SB 5547	Requiring a minimum grade point average or equivalent to renew a state need grant.	S Rules X	Bailey	None
SB 5856	Creating a competitive grant program for high-quality, evidence-based outreach programs that improve high school graduation rates for college bound scholarship students.	S Wys & Mns	Frockt	None



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Other Financial Aid				
HB 1030	Creating the Washington advance higher education loan program.	H Hi Ed	Johnson	None
HB 1080 SB 5010	Restoring funding to the health professional loan repayment and scholarship program fund.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Harris Frockt	None
HB 1344 SB 5335	Creating the nurse educator pay it forward program.	H Approps S Higher Ed	Pollet Keiser	None
HB 1570 SB 5312	Creating flexibility for the educator retooling conditional scholarship program.	S EL/K12 H Education	Gregory Litzow	Support
SB 5318	Creating the wildlife college student loan program.	H Hi Ed	Parlette	Support
SB 5349	Requiring live financial literacy seminars for students at institutions of higher education.	S Wys & Mns	Bailey	None
SB 5637	Creating a peer mentoring program.	S Hi Ed	Hasegawa	Support
SB 5680	Concerning family medicine residency programs in shortage areas.	S Health Care	Frockt	None



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Others of Interest				
HB 1147	Requiring a study of the transition to a three-track or four-track admission system for public institutions of higher education.	H Approps	Haler	None
HB 1363 SB 5327	Eliminating the requirement to obtain a certificate of academic achievement or certificate of individual achievement to graduate from high school.	H Education S EL/K-12	Hunt, S. McCoy	None
HB 1538 SB 5469	Restoring cost-of-living increases for educational employees.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Sells Hasegawa	None
HB 1541	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the EOGOAC.	S EL/K12	Santos	None
HB 1591	Concerning high school and beyond plans.	H Approps	Ortiz-Self	Support
HB 1812	Creating an informational program to increase applications from high-achieving low-income high school students to selective institutions of higher education.	H Approps	Hansen	Support
HB 1813	Expanding computer science education.	S EL/K12	Hansen	Support



Cutoff Dates

- **February 20: Committee Cutoff**
Most bills not passed out of policy committees are considered “dead”
- **March 11: Chamber of Origin Cutoff** : House Bills must have passed the House;
Senate Bills the Senate
- **April 1: Opposite Chamber Committee Cutoff**: Most bills not passed out of policy committees in the opposite chamber are considered “dead”
- **April 7**: Fiscal Committee Cutoff for bills from opposite chamber
- **April 15: Opposite Chamber Floor Cutoff**
House Bills must have passed the Senate; Senate Bills the House
- **April 26: Sine Die**
Last day of 2015 Legislative Session



Budget Links

- **WSAC Budget Comparison:**

<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2015.WSAC.Leg.Budget.Comparison.pdf>

- **WSAC Legislative Updates/Schedules/Trackers**

<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/legislative-work>

- **Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee budget links:**

http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/archives/index_budgetsp.asp



Questions & Discussion

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Comparison: WSAC’s Legislative Recommendations Compared to Governor, House, and Senate Budget

	WSAC Recommendation	Governor’s Budget Proposal	House Budget Proposal ESHB1106	Senate Budget Proposal ESSB5077
College Bound Scholarship	Maintain the commitment to College Bound Scholarship students.	All three proposals maintain the commitment to the College Bound Scholarship students. Funding differs due to alternate caseload assumptions and coordination with State Need Grant.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$10 M in 2016 and \$15 M in 2017 for a total of \$25 M for the biennium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs 100% CB prioritization directed through tighter coordination of CB and SNG through central hold-back 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal of 100% CB prioritization with local control. Provides \$1.65 M one time funding in FY 2016 for College Bound students who no longer meet income eligibility with scholarship award amounts separate from the CBS program. Requires that certain CBS income ineligible students be prioritized for the State Need Grant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding reduced due to reduced award amounts resulting from reduction in tuition in ESSB5954. Directs 100% CB prioritization directed through tighter coordination of CB and SNG through central hold-back. \$98K provided to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy at TESC to complete an evaluation of the CB program.
State Need Grant	<p>Enhance the State Need Grant (SNG) program and fully fund it by 2023 to support an additional 4,000 eligible unserved students in 2016.</p> <p>Request: \$16 M in 2016 and \$32 M in 2017 for a total of \$48 M for the biennium.</p>	<p>No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinvests \$23.6 M in savings in SNG due to tighter coordination with CB. 	<p>Provides \$53 M in additional SNG funds to serve additional eligible students.</p> <p>*Note: Funding provided in the second year of the biennium to account for collections from Capital Gains tax.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private four-year school SNG are awards are increased 3.5%. 	<p>Funding to SNG reduced resulting from reduced tuition in ESSB5954.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinvests \$17.527 M in savings in SNG due to tighter coordination with CB. SNG Award amounts are reduced over the two year-period tied to public tuition reductions by the following percentages UW - 29.18%, WSU - 25.68%, WWU - 23.76%, CWU - 20.56%, EWU - 15.1%, TESC - 21.08% Community and technical colleges - 2.43% Private Four-Year - 27.42%

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Affordability	Develop an affordability framework intended to reduce volatility in tuition , reduce student debt, and increase investments in postsecondary education.	Freezes resident undergraduate tuition for both years of the 2015–17 biennium for the public baccalaureate colleges and the community and technical colleges.	Freezes resident undergraduate tuition per Governor's proposal.	Reduces tuition by varying amounts.
Higher Education Funding	Protect maintenance funding for community and technical colleges and public baccalaureate institutions and invest in higher education.	Maintenance funding is provided without additional funding to offset no increase in tuition or support inflationary costs of operating public higher education institutions.	\$106 M is provided to support inflationary costs of higher education institutions as follows: UW: \$36.689 M; WSU:\$18.009 M; EWU: \$5.962 M; CWU: \$5.364 M; TESC: \$2.56 M; WWU: 8.061 M; and CTCs: \$29.844 M Note: These totals do not include bargained compensation for faculty supported elsewhere.	Funding is provided to support the cost of reducing tuition: UW: \$95.798 M; Resident undergraduate (RUG) tuition operating fees are reduced by 12% in FY 2016 and reduced another 20% in FY 2017 from FY 2016 levels. WSU:\$54.463 M; RUG tuition reduced by 8% in FY 2016 and reduced another 20% in FY 2017. EWU: \$5.962 M; RUG tuition reduced by 8% in 2016 & reduced another 20% in 2017. CWU: \$17.911 M RUG tuition reduced by 9% in FY 2016 and reduced another 14.5% in FY 2017. TESC: \$5.659 M; RUG tuition reduced by 9% in FY 2016 and reduced another 14.5 % in FY 2017 WWU: \$27.487 M; RUG tuition reduced by 12 % in FY 2016 and reduced another 14.5% in FY 2017. CTCs: \$10.236 M RUG tuition will remain at current levels in FY 2016 and reduced 6% in FY 2017. Note: These totals include compensation for faculty and staff. In addition \$1000 wage increases are provided each year of the biennium and prorated for part-time staff.

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Higher Education Funding	<p>Invest in public higher education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide new investments to meet educational attainment goals (in support of sector requests). 	<p>Provides \$5 M for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training & \$5 M for Adult Basic Education to serve 800 additional adults at community and technical colleges.</p>	<p>No funding for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training this biennium or for Adult Basic Education.</p>	<p>No funding for Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training this biennium or for Adult Basic Education.</p>
Higher Education Funding	<p>Invest in public higher education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide new investments to meet educational attainment goals (in support of sector requests). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$8 M for math and science at CWU, EWU; WWU, and TESC. Provides \$6 M for advanced CS and engineering at UW and WSU (225 high-demand slots added). Provides \$2 M to expand Math, Engineering, Science Achievement at CTCs. Provides \$2.5 M to expand registered aerospace apprenticeships at 20 CTCs (SBCTC and Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee). Provides \$1.6 M for incumbent worker training to fabricate composite wings at the WA Aerospace Training and Research Center in Everett. Provides \$300 K for a maritime licensing training program at Seattle Central Community College. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$8 M for CS at UW; \$1.234 M for Software Engineering and Data Analytics and Electrical Engineering at WSU; \$0.910 M for Comp/Info System Security degree programs at WWU. Provides \$2.5 M to expand MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program) at CTCs in support of underrepresented students. Provides \$0.850 M for Allied Health programs at South Central. South Seattle College Labor Center: \$1 M. Labor Archives at UW: \$0.4 M. \$2.245 M for expansion of programs at WSU – Everett, University of North Puget Sound. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For STEM - provides \$4 M at UW; \$4 M at WSU; \$3 M at EWU; \$3 M at CWU; \$3 M at TESC; \$3 M at WWU. \$105K for Nuclear Energy program at WSU. SBCTC Feasibility study for a new community and technical college in Graham, Washington. TESC allocations for WSIPP studies Dynamic Fiscal Note Impact - \$195K; Domestic Violence Services - \$98K; EBP Evaluation - \$500K; Early Start Act - \$71K; Paraeducators - \$50K; Primary Care Study - \$450K; Anti-Heroin Medicine Study - \$100K. \$4.49 M for expansion of programs at WSU – Everett, University of North Puget Sound.
Dual Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request: \$12 M in 2016 and \$17 M in 2017 for a total of \$29 M for the biennium. Proposal to expand College in the High School (CHS), including through Grades 9 & 10 (in addition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$9 M for CHS to increase low-income participation in Grades 11 & 12. Adjusts the funding mechanism and covers the cost of the fee for up to 10 college credits per year (for a total of 20 credits for 2 years) for 7,200 low income students: OFM-request 	<p>Funds E2SHB 1546 to expand dual credit for students in CHS eligible for Free and Reduced Price Lunch: \$9.4 M.</p>	<p>No additional funds provided.</p>

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	<p>to grades 11 & 12) & provide funding to obtain CHS dual credit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>legislation. The school district may pay for additional credits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running Start (RS) proposal: Clarifies that the RS program for 11th and 12th graders pertains only to those students taking their courses at the college or online. No funding provided for transportation and textbook costs. 		
Student Support	<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: \$5 M in 2016 and \$5 M in 2017 for a total of \$10 M for the biennium. 	<p>Alternative types of support services for K-12, <u>but not postsecondary students.</u></p> <p>Provides \$20 M for Family Engagement Coordinators.</p> <p>Provides \$13.7 M for Guidance Counselors.</p> <p>Provides \$34.7 M for the LAP for 300 high-poverty high schools to extend learning time, wraparound services, graduation strategies; improve attendance & reduce suspensions, match students with mentors & internships.</p> <p>Provides \$2 M for outreach to students eligible for College Bound through OSPI.</p> <p>Provides \$3.75 M to support recruitment and training of mentors to serve Washington Achievers.</p>	<p>Degree Completion funding provided to four regional public baccalaureate institutions:</p> <p>EWU -\$996 K; CWU -\$715 K; TESC-\$750 K; WWU - \$1.187 M</p> <p>\$98 K provided to WSAC, related to bill to provide information to high-achieving, low-income students high school students on state’s public baccalaureate opportunities.</p> <p>Provides \$100 K to Dept. of VA for vet support services grants to CTCs and Regional Universities.</p> <p>Provides \$2.708 M for outreach to students eligible for College Bound through OSPI.</p> <p>Provides \$5.909 M to support recruitment and training of mentors to serve WA Achievers and WA higher education readiness programs.</p>	<p>College Bound PSAT Testing provided for College Board through OSPI: \$750 K</p> <p>Provides \$2 M for outreach to students eligible for College Bound through OSPI.</p> <p>Provides \$3.75 M to support recruitment and training of mentors to serve Washington Achievers.</p>
State Work Study	<p>Reinvest in State Work Study. Begin restoring funding to support an additional 3,000 students.</p> <p>Request: \$5 M in 2016 and \$5 M in 2017 for a total of \$10 M for the biennium.</p>	<p>Maintenance of current funding. No additional investment in State Work Study.</p>		

Other Higher Education and Education Items

	Governor's Budget Proposal	House Budget Proposal PSHB1106	Senate Budget Proposal PSHB5077
Tuition Setting Authority	Tuition-setting authority for resident undergraduates at public baccalaureate institutions returned to the Legislature.	Tuition-setting authority for resident undergraduates at public baccalaureate institutions returned to the Legislature.	Tuition-setting authority for resident undergraduates at public baccalaureate institutions returned to the Legislature.
UW/WSU Medical School	UW/WSU Medical school not addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$8 M to WSU Medical School. \$9.36 M from WWAMI reallocated to UW. Provides \$3 M to UW for medical residencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$3 M to WSU Medical School. Provides \$2.5 M to UW for WWAMI.
Other Financial Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$100 M for the Opportunity Scholarship program, a public-private partnership, to serve an additional 12,000 students who commit to earn a bachelor's degree in STEM and health care. Provides \$3 M for health professions loan repayments for primary care providers working in health professional shortage areas or mental health providers working with adolescents. Provides \$4.2 M to integrate more K-12 classroom experience in pre-service training programs and restoring funding to the Alternative Routes to Teaching program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$60 M for the Opportunity Scholarship program. Provides \$7.65 M for health professions loan repayments (reinstatement of program administered by WSAC). Provides \$2.5 M for SNG Scholarships study. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$22 M for the Opportunity Scholarship program. Provides \$7.65 M for health professions loan repayments (reinstatement of program administered by WSAC).
Other – Environment and Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$2.6 M for industrial and farm energy audits at WSU; \$1.6 M for the Washington Ocean Acidification Center at the UW; Provides \$1 M for the Climate Impacts Group at UW; Provides \$250 K for renewable solar energy incentives at WSU. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$70 K for thermal energy efficiency at WSU. Provides \$400 K for the Climate Impacts Group at UW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1.7 M for the Washington Ocean Acidification Center at the UW.