

Title	Legislative Update
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Synopsis	Staff will provide an overview of the 2018 Legislative Session to date. The presentation will cover relevant bills and progress in relation to the Council's legislative priorities.
Guiding Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the main opportunities and challenges in relation to the Council's legislative priorities? 2. How can Council members forward WSAC Legislative priorities?
Possible Council Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information/Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Documents and Attachments	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

2018 Legislative Session: Main Bills

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Status	Notes
SB 6101	“Free college” Establishing the evergreen investment scholarship program.	Ranker	S Ways & Means	Establishes the Evergreen Free College Program to provide free college tuition and fees to eligible residents seeking a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or certificate. Establishes a phase-in based on when a student obtained a high school diploma, or equivalent, and their family income level.
SHB 1488	“DACA bill” Expanding higher education opportunities for certain students	Hansen	Appropriations	Allows students who qualify for resident tuition under the "1079" category to be eligible for the College Bound Scholarship program. Allows students who are ineligible for federal student aid but who are receiving Opportunity Scholarship to renew their scholarship funds by filing a state financial aid application.
SB 5074	Companion to HB1488 “DACA bill”	Froct	H Hi Ed	As above: Substitute passed off Senate Floor and has been referred to House Higher Ed.
SB 6029	Establishing a student loan bill of rights	Liias	S Ways & Means Hearing: 1/30	Requires student education loan servicers to obtain a license from the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) to operate in the state, and authorizes the DFI to establish fees. Establishes a Student Education Loan Advocate to assist student education loan borrowers, compile data, provide information on student education loans, and receive, review, and take action on complaints from borrowers.

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2SHB 1600	Increasing the career and college readiness of public school students	Santos	H Approps	<p>Establishes the work-integrated learning demonstration pilot project to promote work-integrated learning experiences for students through the completion of demonstration programs at selected high schools.</p> <p>Requires OSPI and a newly created Work-Integrated Learning Advisory Committee to select three or four high schools to develop work-integrated learning project programs.</p>
SB 6260	Covering costs for low-income running start students	Ranker	SEL/K12 Hearing: 1/29	<p>Requires institutions of higher education to cover costs of transportation and books for low-income running start students.</p> <p>Requires that funding for the costs of textbooks and transportation for low-income Running Start students shall come from the funds received by the institutions of higher education from school districts per their allocated formula.</p>
SB 6261	Modifying eligibility for state need grants	Ranker	Exec'd Out Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee 1/30	Increases the income threshold for eligibility for the State Need Grant from 70 percent to 100 percent of the median family income.
SB 6486	Expanding registered apprenticeships	Ranker	Ways and Means Hearing: 2/1	Convenes a workgroup of legislative members, industry rep, apprenticeship experts, and agencies to analyze opportunities to expand existing apprentices programs, and recommend policies to increase youth and adult apprenticeships.