

Week 2: January 20-26, 2014

The second week of the 60-day Supplemental Session was mostly focused on public hearings on legislation in policy committees, with some committees beginning to vote bills out of committees and on to the next phase of the legislative process. In terms of legislative action related to the Council's Roadmap work, most noteworthy was the introduction of [HB 2626](#), the bill that puts the Roadmap attainment goals in statute, sponsored by Representatives [Seaquist](#), [Haler](#), [Reykdal](#), [Gregerson](#), [Pollet](#), [Moscoso](#). The bill is scheduled for a public hearing in the House Higher Education Committee (JLOB Building, House Hearing Room A) at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29th.

Council members were busy in Olympia during the second week of session, with very successful meetings with Governor Inslee and House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan. Three of the Council's Governor-appointed members (Maud, Jeff and Nauman) also received confirmation hearings in the Senate Higher Education Committee as part of the Senate confirmation process specified under [RCW 28B.77.005](#).

Higher education bills pass House

On Friday, the House passed a number of higher education-related bills off the House Floor:

BILL	TITLE	VOTE ON HOUSE FLOOR
HB 1251	Opportunity scholarship brd	61-36-0-1
HB 1348	Community & tech colleges	63-34-0-1
SHB 1669	Higher ed/self-supporting	86-11-0-1
ESHB 1769	Higher ed efficiencies	97-0-0-1
SHB 1843	Higher ed financial aid	95-2-0-1

House Higher Education Committee

This week the House Higher Education Committee held public hearings on several bills, including three measures that the Council publically supported in testimony due to their alignment with the Roadmap strategy to streamline and expand dual-credit and dual-enrollment programs:

- [HB 2285](#) - Requiring a review of institution of higher education policies related to dual credit coursework.

- [HB 2383](#) - Integrating career and college readiness standards into K-12 and higher education policies and practices.
- [HB 2396](#) - Addressing barriers for students to participate in the running start program.

The committee also held work sessions on “higher education performance and results” this week, with a presentation from the SBCTC on their nationally-recognized [Student Achievement Initiative](#), as well as presentations from the [Technical Incentive Funding Model Task Force](#) and the six public baccalaureate institutions on their proposals for an incentive funding system in higher education.

House Education Committee

The Council also signed-in in support of [HB 2181](#)- authorizing and supporting career and college ready graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education, during the House Education Committee’s public hearing on the measure this week. The Council will be supporting a similar measure in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee next week that is also closely aligned with the Roadmap strategies related to ensuring students are college and career-ready.

Senate Higher Education Committee

The Senate Higher Education Committee began the week with confirmation hearings for three of the five Governor-appointed Council members. On Tuesday, Maud Daudon, Jeff Charbonneau, and Rai Nauman Mumtaz testified in front of the Committee and answered members’ questions about why they want to serve on the Council and what they think are some of the most pressing issues in education policy today. Following their testimony, the Council’s Executive Director, Gene Sharratt and the Council’s representative to the four-year public baccalaureate institutions, Paul Francis, joined the other Council members for a presentation of the Roadmap to the Committee. (Click [here](#) to hear the audio recording of the hearing and work session.)

Similar to the House Higher Education Committee, the Senate Higher Education Committee also held work sessions related to performance funding this week, with a presentation from the SBCTC on their nationally-recognized [Student Achievement Initiative](#), as well as presentations from the [Technical Incentive Funding Model Task Force](#) and the six public baccalaureate institutions on their proposals for an incentive funding system in higher education.

Bill Tracker: Status of Legislation with Direct Alignment to Roadmap Strategies (as of 1/26/14)

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	SPONSOR	ROADMAP STRATEGY
HB 2626	Educational attainment goals	H Hi Ed	Sequist	Educational attainment goals.
SSB 5969	Academic	S Rules 2	O'Ban	Encourage adults to earn a

	credit/military			postsecondary credential.
HB 2383	Career and college readiness	H Hi Ed	Reykdal	Streamline and expand dual-credit and dual-enrollment programs.
HB 2396	Running start participation	H Hi Ed	Orwall	Streamline and expand dual-credit and dual-enrollment programs.
HB 2400	Mentoring & service learning	H Hi Ed	Walkinshaw	Increase support for all current and prospective students.
HB 2285	Dual credit coursework	H Hi Ed	Orwall	Streamline and expand dual-credit and dual-enrollment programs.
SB 6083	Precollege placement	S Higher Ed	Kohl-Welles	Ensure all high school graduates are career and college ready.
SB 6092	Credits for HS graduation	S EL/K-12	Litzow	Ensure all high school graduates are career and college ready.
HB 2181	Career & college ready reqs	H Education	Lytton	Ensure all high school graduates are career and college ready.
HB 2185	Operating sup budget 2014	H Approps	Hunter	Ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income students.
SB 6002	Operating sup budget 2014	S Ways & Means	Hill	Ensure cost is not a barrier for low-income students.
SSB 5544	Higher ed transfer, advising	S Ways & Means	Ranker	Increase support for all current and prospective students.
SHB 1320	Higher ed transfer, advising	H Approps	Zeiger	Increase support for all current and prospective students.

