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<b>Synopsis:</b>	This presentation is intended to provide an overview of the Council’s legislative advocacy to date during the 2015 legislative session. The presentation will include a general update on the progress of the legislative session, a summary of Council members’ legislative outreach, and a status update of the key legislation being tracked by the Council.
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# Legislative Update

February 11, 2015

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# Important Upcoming 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 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



# Legislative Presentation

## **Strategic Action Plan Presentations**

- House Higher Education on January 13: Karen, Gene and Maddy
- Senate Higher Education on January 20: Maud, Gene, and Maddy

## **State Need Grant and College Bound Presentations**

- Senate Higher Education (Jan. 20) and House Higher Education Committees (Jan. 21) , Senate Ways and Means (Jan. 22): Rachelle

## **Dual Credit Presentation**

- Senate Early Learning and K-12 Committee on January 15: Randy and Noreen

## ***Skilled and Educated Workforce and STEM Presentation***

- Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee on February 4: Randy with Workforce Board and SBCTC, and STEM Alliance



# Legislative Outreach

## Key Meetings

- Legislative Leadership
- Policy Committee Leaders
- Fiscal Committee Leaders
- New Members



# Overview of Bills

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<b>Affordability, Tuition &amp; Higher Ed Planning</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1238</a>	Concerning affordable tuition planning.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	None
<a href="#">HB 1303</a>	Creating the degree production incentive program.	H Hi Ed	Haler	Support
<a href="#">HB 1482</a>	Requiring an analysis of regional higher education capacity to meet educational attainment goals.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	Support
<a href="#">HB 1696</a> <a href="#">SB 5484</a>	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Haler Bailey	None
<a href="#">HB 1988</a>	Freezing undergraduate tuition at the four-year institutions of higher education.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	None
<b>Budget</b>				
<a href="#">SHB 1105</a> <a href="#">SB 5076</a>	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	S Wys & Mns S Wys & Mns	Hunter Hill	None
<a href="#">HB 1106</a> <a href="#">SB 5077</a>	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Hunter Hill	Support





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<b>Dual Credit</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1031</a>	Expanding participation in college in the high school programs.	H Rules R	Johnson	Support
<a href="#">HB 1081</a>	Expanding participation in the college in the high school programs.	H Education	Sullivan	Support
<a href="#">HB 1546</a> <a href="#">SB 5086</a>	Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.	H Education S EL/K-12	Reykdal Litzow	Support
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<b>GET/College Savings</b>				
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<a href="#">HB 1146</a>	Concerning higher education fiscal matters.	H Approps	Haler	None
<a href="#">HB 1385</a> <a href="#">SSB 5063</a>	Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.	H Approps S Rules 2	Magendanz Hill	None
<a href="#">HB 1484</a>	Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.	H Finance	Jenkins	None
<a href="#">HB 1705</a> <a href="#">SB 5619</a>	Concerning basic education for adults at community and technical colleges.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Haler Bailey	None
<a href="#">HB 1810</a> <a href="#">SB 5286</a>	Making ample provisions to support higher education.	H Approps S Higher Ed	Holy Baumgartner	None
<b>Higher Ed Costs &amp; Efficiencies</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1500</a> <a href="#">SB 5133</a>	Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Zeiger Bailey	None
<a href="#">HB 1961</a>	Decodifying, expiring, and making nonsubstantive changes to community and technical college provisions.	Hi Hi Ed	Zeiger	None





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<b>Inmate Postsecondary Ed</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1704</a>	Enhancing public safety and reducing recidivism through postsecondary education.	H Hi Ed	Pettigrew	Support
<a href="#">SB 5354</a>	Addressing the implementation of inmate postsecondary education degree programs to reduce recidivism.	S Law & Justice	Hargrove	Support
<b>Medical School Issue</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1485</a>	Concerning family medicine residencies in health professional shortage areas.	H HC/Wellness	Haler	None
<a href="#">HB 1559</a> <a href="#">SB 5487</a>	Concerning higher education programs at WSU and UW.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Riccelli Baumgartner	None
<b>Online Education Delivery Models</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1439</a>	Establishing an online alternative credit model at Central Washington University.	H Hi Ed	Sawyer	Support
<a href="#">HB 1973</a>	Creating an open education pilot program at Eastern Washington University.	H Hi Ed	Stambaugh	Support



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<b>State Need Grant &amp; College Bound</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1154</a>	Creating the affordable college for everyone grant contract program.	H Hi Ed	Bergquist	None
<a href="#">HB 1236</a>	Eliminating the parent or guardian approval requirement for the college bound scholarship pledge.	H Rules R	Ortiz-Self	None
<a href="#">HB 1767</a>	Adding a minimum grade point average to the state need grant renewal requirement.	H Hi Ed	Hargrove	None
<a href="#">HB 1955</a>	Defining satisfactory academic progress for purposes of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Van Werven	None
<a href="#">SB 5547</a>	Requiring a minimum grade point average or equivalent to renew a state need grant.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	None
<a href="#">SB 5638</a>	Changing state need grant eligibility provisions.	S Higher Ed	Hasegawa	Support
<a href="#">SB 5851</a>	Concerning recommendations of the college bound scholarship program work group.	S Higher Ed	Frockt	
<a href="#">SB 5856</a>	Creating a competitive grant program for high-quality, evidence-based outreach programs that improve high school graduation rates for college bound scholarship students.	S EL/K-12	Frockt	



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<b>Other Financial Aid</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1030</a>	Creating the Washington advance higher education loan program.	H Hi Ed	Johnson	None
<a href="#">HB 1080</a> <a href="#">SB 5010</a>	Restoring funding to the health professional loan repayment and scholarship program fund.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Harris Frockt	None
<a href="#">HB 1344</a> <a href="#">SB 5335</a>	Creating the nurse educator pay it forward program.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Pollet Keiser	None
<a href="#">HB 1570</a> <a href="#">SB 5312</a>	Creating flexibility for the educator retooling conditional scholarship program.	H Education S Rules 2	Gregory Litzow	Support
<a href="#">SB 5318</a>	Creating the wildlife college student loan program.	S Higher Ed	Parlette	Support
<a href="#">SB 5328</a>	Disseminating financial aid information.	S Rules 2	Kohl-Welles	None
<a href="#">SB 5349</a>	Requiring live financial literacy seminars for students at institutions of higher education.	S Wys & Mns	Bailey	None
<a href="#">SB 5637</a>	Creating a peer mentoring program.	S Higher Ed	Hasegawa	Support
<a href="#">SB 5680</a>	Concerning family medicine residency programs in shortage areas.	S Health Care	Frockt	None
<a href="#">SB 5746</a>	Including Everett Community College as an aerospace training or educational program.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	None

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



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<b>STEM</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1813</a>	Expanding computer science education.	H Education	Hansen	Support
<b>Veterans</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1052</a>	Requiring institutions of higher education to make an early registration process available to spouses and domestic partners of active members of the military.	H Hi Ed	Hayes	None
<a href="#">HB 1644</a> <a href="#">SB 5561</a>	Concerning veteran survivor tuition waiver eligibility.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Gregory Bailey	Support
<a href="#">HB 1825</a> <a href="#">SB 5355</a>	Modifying the definition of resident student to comply with federal requirements established by the veterans access, choice, and accountability act of 2014.	H Hi Ed S Higher Ed	Kilduff Bailey	Support



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<b>Others of Interest</b>				
<a href="#">HB 1147</a>	Requiring a study of the transition to a three-track or four-track admission system for public institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Haler	None
<a href="#">HB 1293</a> <a href="#">SB 5179</a>	Concerning paraeducators.	H Education S EL/K-12	Bergquist Hill	None
<a href="#">HB 1363</a> <a href="#">SB 5327</a>	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
<a href="#">HB 1538</a> <a href="#">SB 5469</a>	Restoring cost-of-living increases for educational employees.	H Approps S Wys & Mns	Sells Hasegawa	None
<a href="#">HB 1541</a>	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the EOGOAC.	H Education	Santos	None
<a href="#">HB 1591</a>	Concerning high school and beyond plans.	H Education	Ortiz-Self	Support
<a href="#">HB 1812</a>	Creating an informational program to increase applications from high-achieving low-income high school students to selective institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	Hansen	Support



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<a href="#">HB 1982</a>	Enhancing student completion through advising, mentoring, recapture initiatives, remedial programs, and accelerated precollege instruction and creating the innovations for student completion program.	H Hi Ed	Pollet	Support
<a href="#">SB 5122</a>	Concerning precollege placement measures.	S Rules 2	Kohl-Welles	None
<a href="#">SSB 5202</a>	Regarding the financial educ. public-private partnership.	S Rules 2	Mullet	None
<a href="#">SB 5351</a>	Relating to education.	S EL/K-12	Litzow	Placeholder bill
<a href="#">SB 5352</a>	Relating to education.	S EL/K-12	Litzow	Placeholder bill
<a href="#">SB 5391</a>	Concerning applied baccalaureate degree programs at CTCs leading to teacher certification.	S EL/K-12	Litzow	None
<a href="#">SB 5719</a>	Creating a task force on campus sexual violence prevention.	S Higher Ed	Bailey	None

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# Questions & Discussion

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<a href="#">HB 1303</a>	Creating the degree production incentive program.	H Hi Ed		Haler	Support
<a href="#">HB 1482</a>	Requiring an analysis of regional higher education capacity to meet educational attainment goals.	H Hi Ed		Pollet	Support
<a href="#">HB 1696</a>	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed	2/6 PH	Haler	No position
<a href="#">HB 1988</a>	Freezing resident undergraduate tuition at the four-year institutions of higher education.	H Hi Ed		Goodman	Track
<a href="#">SB 5484</a>	Modifying provisions related to tuition setting authority at public institutions of higher education.	S Higher Ed		Bailey	No position
<b>Budget</b>					
<a href="#">SHB 1105</a>	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means		Hunter	No position
<a href="#">HB 1106</a>	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	H Approps		Hunter	Support (Gov's budget)
<a href="#">SB 5076</a>	Making 2015 supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means		Hill	No position
<a href="#">SB 5077</a>	Making 2015-2017 operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means		Hill	Support (Gov's budget)
<b>Consumer Protection</b>					
<a href="#">HB 1949</a>	Regulating the institutions of higher education, including for-profit institutions and private vocational schools, to protect students from unfair business practices.	H Hi Ed		Pollet	Needs discussion
<b>Dual Credit</b>					
<a href="#">HB 1031</a>	Expanding participation in college in the high school programs.	H Rules R		Johnson	Support
<a href="#">HB 1081</a>	Expanding participation in the college in the high school programs.	H Education		Sullivan	Support
<a href="#">HB 1546</a>	Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.	H Education		Reykdal	Support w/ amend
<a href="#">SB 5080</a>	Concerning dual credit options.	S Ways & Means		Dammeier	Support
<a href="#">SB 5086</a>	Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.	S EL/K-12		Litzow	Support w/ amend
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<a href="#">HB 1810</a>	Making ample provisions to support higher education.	H Approps		Holy	Track
<a href="#">SSB 5063</a>	Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.	S Rules 2		Hill	No position
<a href="#">SB 5286</a>	Making ample provisions to support higher education.	S Higher Ed	2/10 PH	Baumgartner	Track
<b>Higher Ed Costs &amp; Efficiencies</b>					
<a href="#">HB 1500</a>	Concerning a study of higher education cost drivers.	H Hi Ed		Zeiger	No position
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<a href="#">HB 1955</a>	Defining satisfactory academic progress for purposes of higher education.	H Hi Ed		Van Werven	No position
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<a href="#">SB 5327</a>	Eliminating the requirement to obtain a certificate of academic achievement or certificate of individual achievement to graduate from high school.	S EL/K-12		McCoy	Track
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<a href="#">SB 5619</a>	Concerning basic education for adults at community and technical colleges.	S Higher Ed	2/12 PH	Bailey	Support
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## Week 1 Legislative Update January 20, 2015

### Higher Education Work Sessions

On January 13, the House Higher Education Committee held a work session titled “Higher Education System Part 1.” Washington Student Achievement Council Vice Chair Karen Lee presented with Executive Director Gene Sharratt and Director of Policy and Government Relations Maddy Thompson.

The presentation highlighted WSAC’s Strategic Action Plan, which is the foundation of the Council’s 2015 legislative agenda. Members discussed institutional capacity and State Need Grant funding.

The work session included an overview of the state’s higher education system presented by Office of Program Research staff in the House. Paul Francis, executive director of the Council of Presidents and Council member, presented on behalf of the public baccalaureate institutions. Michele Johnson, chancellor of Pierce Colleges presented with Marty Brown, executive director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and Council member, on behalf of the community and technical college system.

Presentations can be found on the [Legislature’s Electronic Bill Book](#) .

On January 15, the Senate Higher Education Committee held a work session that included a presentation from Ways and Means staff on the state budget and the higher education budget. Speakers included:

- Paula Moore, senior budget assistant at the Office of Financial Management, who presented on the Governor’s budget.
- Paul Francis presented on the public baccalaureate institution budget requests.
- Marty Brown and Dr. Ed Brewster, president of Grays Harbor College, presented on behalf of the community and technical colleges.

The work session in the House Higher Education Committee on January 15 included Part 2 of the work session with presentations from:

- The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Executive Director Eleni Papadakis, Legislative Director Nova Gattman)
- Association of Washington Business (Director of Government Affairs for Education Amy Anderson)
- Washington State Labor Council (Field Mobilization Director Lori Province),
- Independent Colleges of Washington (President & CEO Violet Boyer and Vice President Tom Fitzsimmons)
- Northwest Career Colleges Federation (Maria Dezenberg of DeVry University, Dion McNeeley, of Commercial Driver School, Arch Miller of International Air & Hospitality Academy, Gena Wikstrom of Northwest Career Colleges Federation)
- Washington Education Association (Wendy Rader-Konofalski)

- American Federation of Teachers (Bernal Baca)
- Washington Students Association
  - Executive Director Garrett Havens
  - Heather Heffelmire, Associated Students of WWU Legislative Liaison
  - Austin Wright-Pettibone, Director of the Office of Government Relations for the Associated Students of UW
  - Jordan Martin, Legislative Liaison for the Associated Students of EWU)
  - Alexandra Minea and Robert Lasker, Washington Community Technical College Student Association

### **Dual Credit**

On January 14, the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Education Committee held hearings on two dual-credit proposals: [SB 5080](#) sponsored by Senator Dammeier and [SB 5086](#), which is sponsored by Committee Chair, Senator Litzow and is an Office of Financial Management Request bill. Both bills would expand access to the College in the High School program with Senator Litzow's proposal prioritizing access for low-income students. Senate staff to the committee presented a [side by side comparison of the bills](#).

Washington Student Achievement Council Director of Academic Affairs and Policy Randy Spaulding and Associate Director Noreen Light presented on dual-credit award by exam programs, followed by a dual-credit presentation by Joyce Hammer of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

### **Other Highlights**

Hearings were held in the House and Senate on the Governor's budget, [HB 1106](#), in House Appropriations on Monday January 12 with a focus on the education and higher education portions of the budget. The Senate heard the proposal on [SB 5077](#) on January 14.

On January 15, Senate Ways and Means held a public hearing on [SB 5063](#) - Prioritizing state revenue growth for education.

The Senate Early Learning and K-12 Committee also held a work session that included an overview of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) and an update on the ECEAP Expansion Plan to serve all eligible children by the 2018-19 school year presented by the Department of Early Learning. The Washington Institute of Public Policy Outcome also presented their evaluation of ECEAP.

Please see our [Week 2 Schedule](#) for upcoming committee meetings of interest.

## Week 2 Legislative Update January 19-23, 2015

### Senate Work Sessions

In the **Senate Higher Education Committee** meeting on January 20, Maud Daudon, the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) Chair and CEO and President of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, presented the [WSAC Strategic Action Plan](#), which forms the basis of WSAC's legislative agenda for 2015. Ms. Daudon, presenting with Gene Sharratt, Executive Director, and Maddy Thompson, Director of Policy and Government Relations, thanked Chair Bailey and members of the committee for supporting higher education and requested continued support in 2015 to make progress on the state goals for education attainment.

The committee heard from Rachele Sharpe, WSAC's Senior Director of Financial Aid, on the [State Need Grant report](#). Recommendations to the Legislature include:

- Close the funding gap to serve more students.
- Establish the state's policy goal and improve predictability.
- Make the less-than-half time enrollment category permanent.

Eleni Papadakis presented on the Workforce Board's regulation of private career schools. Ms. Papadakis noted that the recent issues surrounding Corinthian-owned Everest Colleges were less severe at the six campuses in Washington due to relatively stringent oversight in place in this state.

A fourth presentation focused on the State Auditor's Office audit of the University of Washington's use of dedicated local and operating fee accounts.

Committee meeting materials can be found [online](#).

### Proposal to Improve Coordination of the State Need Grant and College Bound

On January 21, the **Senate Ways and Means Committee** held a work session focusing on higher education budget issues. The work session included information on the Governor's budget proposal related to improving coordination between College Bound (CB) and the State Need Grant (SNG). Paula Moore of OFM explained that the Governor's budget builds off the current policy to coordinate SNG- and CB-award packaging. The coordination rates vary by sector and by school. The Governor's proposal will create a centralized step through WSAC and assumes a saving of \$23 million that would be reinvested in SNG.

Rachele Sharpe (WSAC) explained that the requirement to serve CB students first reflects the way the program was designed, where CB is an early commitment of the State Need Grant (SNG) and then CB fills the gap to the maximum award based on public tuition plus a small book stipend of \$400. This proposal would have WSAC set aside SNG funding for CB students and then distribute it following student enrollments. No CB students would be affected by this change; only the funding source would be altered. Since the savings to the CB program would be re-invested in SNG, it is not anticipated that

the unserved population would grow as a result of this change. Kay Lewis of the University of Washington and Scott Copeland of SBCTC presented their perspectives on the issue.

A panel on tuition-setting authority included comments from Marty Brown, WSAC member and Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Technical College, who noted that the Legislature retains authority to set the tuition cap for community and technical colleges. Tuition is \$4,000 throughout the community and technical college system and has remained at this level since 2013 due to the tuition freeze imposed during the last two legislative sessions. Mr. Brown noted that no new state funding and no tuition increase is a reduction because the colleges do not get any inflation increase for the non-employee related costs. These costs amount to \$22 million for the next two years based on 2 percent inflation. Another link to tuition is compensation increases. Historically, the state has provided compensation increases through the general fund. This is not the case in the Governor's budget proposal.

Paul Francis, WSAC member and Executive Director of the Council of Presidents, emphasized that instead of focusing on who should be setting tuition we should be focusing on providing stable and predictable funding to allow our students to receive a high quality degree at an affordable cost. He said one of the major impediments to stable and predictable funding is constantly changing tuition policies every few years. In the last few years tuition was set as a percent of the cost of instruction, there was a 7 percent cap on tuition, institution tuition-setting authority was authorized, and tuition was connected to Global Challenge State funding.

Mr. Francis stated that tuition policy is largely driven by the budget and that public higher education institutions in Washington experienced some of the largest decreases in funding in the nation between 2008 and 2012. This resulted in the Legislature allowing double digit increases in tuition during those years. Only one institution exercised tuition-setting authority and only for one year. He thanked the committee for the investment made in higher education in 2013 to reverse that impact. He said that what has changed is that students now shoulder the majority of the cost of attending a university and that this is the basis for the joint request of the public baccalaureate institutions of \$198 million proposal that would, among other things, hold tuition steady for another two-year period.

Austin Wright-Pettibone, representing the Associated Students (University of Washington), stated that tuition policy should take into account affordability while maintaining quality. Mr. Wright-Pettibone emphasized that the best form of financial aid is low tuition. He stated that tuition-setting authority should be returned to the Legislature and college should be defined as affordable when a student can attend school working a maximum of 20 hours a week during the school year and 40 hours during the summer can graduate without debt.

Committee meeting materials can be found [online](#).

### **College Affordability**

On January 21, the **House Higher Education Committee** held a work session on college affordability. Rachele Sharpe (WSAC) presented on the State Need Grant and the College Bound Scholarship program. The SNG presentation outlined the changes in program policy over time. Ms. Sharpe noted that the SNG is a critical strategy for meeting the state's education attainment goals. The committee

reviewed the Interactive Affordability Model, developed jointly by UW Professor Jim Fridely in partnership with WSAC. The model is designed to show the relationship between state funding, tuition policy, and the impact on student debt. Representatives of the state's students' association presented on the impact of tuition on affordability and emphasized that increasing hours of work to afford college can negatively impact student success.

Committee meeting materials can be found [online](#).

### **Postsecondary education needs of the computer science and maritime industries.**

On January 20, the **House Higher Education Committee** held a work session on degrees and credentials that lead to good job. The session focused on computer science and maritime education and careers. Presenters included Dave Wallace of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board; Michael Schutzler of the Washington Technology Industry Association; Microsoft recruiter Becky Tucker; Google Manager Lysandra Donigian responsible for Tech Student Outreach in North America; and Henry M. Levy, Wissner-Slivka Chair and Department Chairman, Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington. Several speakers outlined the high need for computer science graduates with annual demand outstripping supply of graduates from our state's higher education institutions. Professor Levy asserted that what distinguishes the Seattle Washington is the 48,440 "Software Developers, Applications" and the 7,560 "Software Developers, Systems Software" which are more, in total, than Silicon Valley. In 2014 UW awarded 300 computer science degrees and are funded to grow to 375. He said they would like to reach 600. He noted also that 30 percent of CS students in their program are female. Of the 30 percent of transfer students from community and technical colleges, 40 percent gain baccalaureate degrees in CS. More than three-quarters of our students are Washington residents, and more than three-quarters of the CS graduates remain in the state.

Maritime Industry presenters included Joshua Berger, Washington Maritime Federation; Ann Avary, Center of Excellence for Marine Manufacturing and Technology; Peter Granger, WA Sea Grant / University of Washington; and Wendy Brant, Safe Boats International.

Committee meeting materials can be found [online](#).

### **Healthcare**

On January 22, the **Senate Higher Education Committee** held work sessions on Washington State University and University of Washington medical school education proposals, the health care workforce shortage, and graduate medical education.

Committee meeting materials can be found [online](#).

### **Hearings**

On January 19 the **House Education Committee** held hearings on two bills ([HB 1031](#) (Johnson) and [HB 1081](#) (Sullivan)) that would expand College in the High School (CHS) beyond grades 11 and 12 to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. The proposals are similar except that the Johnson proposal also extends the requirement

that CHS-participating school districts provide general information about the program to all students and their parents and guardians in grade 9 in addition to grades 10 through 12.

On January 20, **House Higher Education Committee** held hearings on a bill that would create the Washington advanced higher education loan program ([HB HB1030](#) (Johnson)) and another bill that eliminates the parent or guardian approval requirement for the College Bound Scholarship pledge ([HB 1236](#) (Ortiz-Self)).

Please see our [Week 3 Schedule](#) for upcoming committee meetings and hearings.



## Week 4 Legislative Update

February 2 - 6, 2015

### **Proposal Directing WSAC to Assess Regional Needs Heard in House Higher Education**

A proposal sponsored by Representative Pollet, Vice Chair of the House Higher Education Committee, [HB 1482](#), requires the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to conduct a regional study. The study would assess the gap between higher education demand and the capacity of higher education institutions to meet demand. Representative Pollet asked how Washington is going to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to access our higher education system.

Jane Sherman, the Associate Director for Academic Policy, spoke in support of the bill. She stated that one of the most important contributions WSAC can make is to seriously wrestle with the question of our state's unmet higher education needs. Sherman articulated a concern about defining capacity that was echoed by Jan Yoshiwara, Deputy Director for the Education Division of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Yoshiwara suggested that instead of emphasizing capacity, all higher education institutions should be challenged to identify what they can do collaboratively to meet the needs of students in various regions of the state. Marc Webster, WSAC Senior Fiscal Policy Advisor, noted that the bill is focused on two very important questions:

1. What would a system that is prepared to meet the challenges of the attainment goals look like?
2. How do we change, and what policies are needed to meet the ambitious state attainment goals?

### **Costs, Transparency and Efficiency**

Two proposals by Ranking Leader of the House Higher Education Committee, Representative Zeiger, focus on costs and expenditures in higher education. During the hearing on [HB 1500](#), concerning a study of higher education cost drivers, Representative Zeiger commented that when we are looking at complex, large state systems, we have to know what's driving costs.

Representative Zeiger's second proposal focuses on expenditures. [HB 1400](#) would require the Education Research & Data Center (ERDC) at the Office of Financial Management to post additional information on its data dashboard require ERDC to post the department-level budget of each public higher education institution, including budget planning and expenditures.

A bill sponsored by Representative Haler, [HB 1147](#), directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to conduct a study on transitioning to a three-track admission system for public institutions of higher education on a semester calendar; and a four-track admission system for public institutions of higher education on a quarter calendar. The proposal is based on Brigham Young University-Idaho's transition to a three-track admission system.

### **Substitute Bill related to College Bound Signatures Referred to Rules**

An amended version of a bill sponsored by Representative Ortiz-Self, [SHB 1236](#) passed out of the Higher Education Committee and has been referred to Rules. The substitute bill maintains the parent or guardian witness requirement for the College Bound Scholarship pledge, but allows a school administrator or counselor to witness the pledge when a parent or guardian is unavailable.

### **Senate Work Session on Independent College of Washington**

The Senate Higher Education Committee held a work session with the Independent Colleges of Washington on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tom Fitzsimmons, Vice President of the Independent Colleges of Washington (ICW), stated that the ten universities represented by ICW enroll nearly 40,000 students each year. The ICW schools confer 20 percent of Washington's baccalaureate degrees on an annual basis. and they also have the capacity to serve about 20 percent more students over the next 8 years, which would be an additional 4,000 students. Fitzsimmons noted the importance of the State Need Grant and State Work Study program within their system.

### **STEM Work Session**

The Senate Trade and Economic Development committee held a work session on STEM education initiatives. Randy Spaulding of WSAC presented with Dave Wallace of the Workforce Board and Tina Bloomer of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges on the need for individuals with higher education credentials. These needs were assessed for the WSAC and Workforce Board joint-agency report, *A Skilled and Educated Workforce*. Caroline King of Washington STEM presented on her non-profit organization and also the Governor's STEM Innovation Alliance.

### **Hearing on Veterans Residency Bills**

The Senate Higher Education Committee held a hearing on Governor-request bill [SB 5355](#), which would modify the definition of "resident student" to comply with the federal requirements established by the veterans Choice Act of 2014.

### **Dual Credit**

A substitute of [HB 1031](#) passed out of the House Education committee and has been referred to Rules. The bill expands the dual-credit program, College in the High School (CHS), beyond grades 11 and 12 to grade 10. It also requires participating school districts to provide general information about CHS programs to students in grade 9 and their parents. The substitute bill adds a provision that CHS course credit must apply toward degree requirements at the Evergreen State College.

A public hearing was held in the House Education Committee on the OFM-Request bill [HB 1546](#)—Concerning dual-credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education. During the hearing, representatives of Central Washington University, Eastern Washington

University and the Tacoma School District expressed concerns that the proposal would diminish opportunities to offer dual credit through the Running Start in the High School model. Representatives of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, the Workforce Board, WSAC and the League of Education Voters were supportive of the options. WSAC's Maddy Thompson noted that the proposal was less expansive than WSAC's original proposal but still represented a step forward. Among other provisions, OFM's proposal would prioritize low-income students to receive college credit for College in the High School programs. The Senate companion bill ([SB 5086](#)) has not yet passed out of committee.

### **Inside Olympia Interview with House Higher Education Leaders**

TVW's Austen Jenkins interviewed House Higher Education Committee Chair Representative Drew Hansen and Ranking Leader Representative Hans Zeiger for Inside Olympia. They discussed their higher education priorities and the need for new investments in higher education.

Representative Hansen noted, "We are going to be making major investments in keeping tuition low, in high demand degrees—particularly computer science—and in innovations to help students to get through college, like in college and career advising." When Jenkins asked whether keeping tuition flat and investing in higher education was realistic, Hansen said it was realistic if there is a willingness to consider revenue options. "If we want a world class education system, if we want affordable education then you have to pay for it," Hansen stated.

Representative Zeiger referenced the large decreases in higher education funding in 2009 of \$500 million and again in 2011 of \$600 million. He noted that in 2013 the Legislature froze tuition and increased funding by 12 percent, but stated that many middle class families are continuing to struggle to pay their higher education bills.

The [full interview](#) is available online. Watch

**Please see our [Week 5 Schedule](#) for upcoming committee meetings and hearings.**