Week 5: February 10 - February 16, 2014

Floor Action

Most of legislative action this week took place in the budget committees and on the Floors of the House and Senate, with the "chamber of origin" deadline set for next Tuesday, February 18th. Most of the bills aligned with Roadmap strategies continued to advance through the legislative process this week, most notably with the House's passage of <u>HB 2626</u>, the bill that puts the Roadmap educational attainment goals into state statute. With an <u>87-10</u> vote, the House overwhelmingly approved the bill on Friday afternoon, sending it to the Senate Higher Education Committee for further consideration. <u>HB 2285</u>, related to dual credit coursework, passed the House unanimously on Tuesday, and <u>SB 5969</u>, providing academic credit for military experience, passed the Senate with a unanimous vote on Wednesday.

House Higher Education Committee

Even though most time was spent in floor action this week, on Wednesday morning the House Higher Education Committee held an 8 a.m. work session on a variety of topics, including campus safety and security, student debt, and mental health on campus. The work session was comprised of panels of expert representatives from higher education institutions across the state.

BILL	TITLE	STATUS	SPONSOR
SSB 5969	Academic credit/military	S Passed 3rd	O'Ban
SB 6002	Operating sup budget 2014	S Ways & Means	Hill
E2SSB 6552	Student hour and grad reqs	S 2 nd Reading	Rolfes
SB 6083	Precollege placement	S Rules 2	Kohl-Welles
E2SHB 2383	Career and college readiness	H 2 nd Reading	Reykdal
SB 6523	Higher ed opportunities	H Approps	Bailey
EHB 1011	Military/resident tuition	S Higher Ed	Appleton
HB 2285	Dual credit coursework	S Higher Ed	Orwall
ESHB 2626	Educational attainment goals	S Higher Ed	Seaquist
SB 5318	Military/resident tuition	H Approps	Bailey