

Title	Legislative Update
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Synopsis:	The Legislative Update will provide members with an overview of bills that passed the Legislature during the 2014 Session that directly relate to the Council's work. The update will also provide a summary of the 2014 Supplemental Operating Budget. Finally, the presentation will include a summary of the Council's interim work in preparation for the 2015 Session.
Guiding questions:	What were the policy and budget outcomes of the 2014 session that relate to the Council's work? Were the Council's legislative objectives for 2014 achieved?
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2014 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET

Postsecondary Education

Opportunity Scholarship Program - \$25.35 Million to expand the scholarships available and match additional private contributions received.

College Bound Scholarship - \$12.2 Million (Caseload Funding) to reflect new caseload estimates for the College Bound Scholarship program.

State Need Grant - \$5 Million additional funding per SB 6523 for Fiscal Year 2015 for student financial aid payments in the State Need Grant program.

SNG Awards at For-Profit Institutions – Removes the 50 percent reduction in SNG award amounts for students attending for-profit institutions that has been in place since the 2011-12 academic year.

Resident Undergraduate Tuition – No increases for 2014-15 academic year.

Employment Data for Higher Education Completers - \$46,000 for the Education Research & Data Center to collect and publish short- and long-term earnings and employment data for completers of higher education degrees, apprenticeships, and certificates.

Higher Education Audit - \$300,000 for the Office of the State Auditor for an audit of the dedicated local and operating fee accounts of the state's institutions of higher education to improve accounting practices, transparency, and accuracy.

Community and Technical Colleges

- Year-Up Model - \$350,000
- Paraeducator Development/Implementation of SSB 6129 - \$13,000
- MESA Programs - \$410,000

University of Washington: Institute of Protein Design - \$1 million

UW-Tacoma: Law School development - \$400,000

Washington State University: Jet Fuels Center of Excellence - \$750,000

Eastern Washington University: Engineering enrollments - \$1 million

Central Washington University: Computer science & engineering enrollments - \$1 million

K-12 Education

Materials, Supplies and Operating Costs (MSOC)-\$58 Million for the 2014-15 school year.

24-Credit Graduation Requirement - Fund shift from biennial appropriations previously dedicated to expanding instructional hours will now be used for the purpose phasing in the 24-credit graduation requirement.

Closing the Opportunity Gap-\$245,000 in one-time funding to the SIP and the PESB for a variety of strategies to close the opportunity gap.

BILLS PASSED IN 2014

Academic Affairs and Statewide Planning

HB 2398 - Permitting community colleges that confer applied baccalaureate degrees to confer honorary bachelor of applied science degrees (Walkinshaw)

HB 2626 - Concerning statewide educational attainment goals (Seaquist)

SSB 5969 - Awarding academic credit for military training* (O'Ban)

Administrative

HB 2613 - Creating efficiencies for institutions of higher education* (Gregerson)

Career and College Readiness in K-12 Education

HB 2739 - Requiring a report analyzing the correlations of certain family factors with academic and behavioral indicators of student success (Ortiz-Self)

2SSB 5958 - Concerning accountability in providing opportunities for certain students to participate in transition services (McAuliffe)

SB 6074 - Enacting provisions to improve educational outcomes for homeless students (Frockt)

2SSB 6163 - Concerning expanded learning opportunities (Billig)

SB 6424 - Establishing a state seal of biliteracy for high school students (Roach)

ESSB 6552 - Improving student success by modifying instructional hour and graduation requirements* (Rolfes)

Student Financial Assistance

SHB 2612 - Changing provisions relating to the opportunity scholarship program (Hansen)

SB 6358 - Requiring institutions of higher education to provide certain financial aid information to admitted and prospective students* (Kohl-Welles)

SB 6436 - Creating a work group to make recommendations for the continued viability of the college bound scholarship program* (Frockt)

SB 6523 - Expanding higher education opportunities for certain students* (Bailey)

Tuition and Fees

SBH 1669 - Concerning self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year institutions of higher education (Pollet)

SB 5318 - Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility for resident tuition* (Bailey)

Workforce Development

HB 2228 - Providing parity of consumer protection procedures for all students attending licensed private vocational schools (Smith)

SSB 6129 - Concerning paraeducator development (Hill)

SCR 8409 - Approving the workforce training and education coordinating board's high skills high wages plan* (Bailey)

*Bills supported by the Council

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Council's Priorities for 2014 Session

- Fully fund College Bound Scholarship.
 - \$12 million to serve all 8,000 eligible students in FY 14-15
- Increase students served by the State Need Grant program.
 - \$16 million to increase number by 3,800 for FY 14-15
- Adopt educational attainment goals for 2023.
- Support legislation aligned with Roadmap priorities.
- Eliminate unnecessary or duplicative state regulatory requirements.

Council-Supported Bills Passed

HB 2626—Concerning Statewide Educational Attainment Goals.



Council-Supported Bills Passed

- **HB 2613** - Creating efficiencies for institutions of higher education.
- **SB 5318** - Removing the one-year waiting period for veterans or active members of the military for purposes of eligibility for resident tuition.
- **SB 5969** - Requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt policies for awarding academic credit for military training courses or programs.
- **SB 6358** - Requiring institutions of higher education to provide certain financial aid information to admitted and prospective students.
- **SB 6436** - Creating a work group to make recommendations for the continued viability of the College Bound Scholarship program.
- **SB 6523** - Making certain undocumented resident students eligible for the State Need Grant.
- **SB 6552** - Relating to the 24-credit graduation requirement for high school students.

Budget Summary

- **Postsecondary Education**

- Opportunity Scholarship Program: \$25.35 million
- College Bound Scholarship: \$12.2 million (caseload funding)
- State Need Grant: \$5 million
- Restoration of SNG awards at for-profit institutions
- No increases in resident undergraduate tuition for the 2014-15 academic year

- **K-12 Education**

- Materials, Supplies, and Operating Costs (MSOC): \$58 million
- 24-Credit Graduation Requirement: Supported by shifting funding in the biennial budget that had been dedicated to expanding instructional hours

Interim Work

- Discussions with Council members, staff, and stakeholders re: improvements to legislative processes (Council positions on bills, communication, etc.)
- Legislative outreach plan (Legislator meetings, development of key documents for 2015 session, etc.)
- Reports due in 2014:
 - Strategic Action Plan *28B.77.020 RCW*
 - State Need Grant Review *28B.77.020 RCW*
 - College Bound Work Group *ESSB 6436*
 - Prior Learning Assessment Work Group *28B.77.230 RCW*
 - Aerospace Loan Program Report *28B.122.060 RCW*
 - Disabilities Task Force Report *Chapter 231, Laws of 2013*
 - National Tuition and Fee Report *28B.77.100 RCW*

Continue the Conversation

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