

Council-Approved Proposals for the 2025 Legislative Session

(* = agency requested legislation)

	Council Recommendation	Governor’s Proposal
Maintain WA Grant income eligibility levels and Bridge Grants* Codify 65% MFI as the permanent threshold for maximum WA Grant awards and tie Bridge Grants to the WA Grant caseload forecast	\$38.8 million ¹	\$46.1 million
Stabilize Passport to Careers funding* Restore annual \$5,000 scholarships, make Passport an entitlement, and automatically qualify participating students for the WA Grant	\$12.1 million ²	Not funded
Expand access to Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness* Enable an accredited tribal college in Washington (Northwest Indian College) to participate in SSEH	\$826,000	\$204,000
Bolster capacity for Regional Challenge Grant partnerships Increase funding to start, expand, and analyze current and future partnerships across Washington	\$4 million	Not funded
Continue text-based postsecondary education outreach via OtterBot Sustain ongoing communication with College Bound high school students and families while improving chatbot technology	\$1.5 million	Not funded
Improve the awarding of academic credit for prior learning (ACPL) Foster partnerships between employers and institutions of higher education to streamline access to ACPL	\$750,000	Not funded

¹ Number approved by Council in Aug. 2024: “subject to caseload forecast”

² Number approved by Council in Aug. 2024: \$9.6 million (updated during DP submission process)

Other notable higher education proposals by the Governor

	Recipient of Funding	Governor’s Proposal
Behavioral Health Teaching Facility Training the next generation of behavioral health workers	UW	\$40 million
Career-connected learning opportunities Preparing more students for high-demand, high-wage jobs	ESD	\$6 million
Native American Scholarship program Supporting undergraduate students from federally recognized Tribes	WSU	\$2.2 million
Dental therapy degrees Producing more dental professionals to serve rural communities	EWU	\$1.4 million
Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) Scholarship Rewarding high school students involved in CTE	WSAC	\$1 million
Shelton Promise Helping students in Shelton SD attend The Evergreen State College	TESC (Evergreen)	\$901,000
Academic access and outreach Meeting the needs of first-generation and low-income students	WWU	\$808,000
Occupational safety and health (OSH) program enrollment Increasing OSH program capacity to address statewide demand	CWU	\$692,000
Career Bridge modernization Updating Washington’s career and education planning portal	WTB	\$600,000
Columbia Basin College (CBC) Hospitality Center of Excellence (COE) Continuing to operate a statewide COE in hospitality at CBC	SBCTC	\$514,000