

WEIAOB 2026 Bill Draft 2: September 5, 2025

The bill draft below makes the following changes to the Board's statute, [RCW 28B.77.310](#) (with all amendatory language **highlighted**):

- Adds two members to the Board; one representative each from the Governor's office and OFM.
- Extends Co-chairs' term lengths from one to two years.
- Requires the Board to elect Co-chairs biennially instead of annually.
- Allows the Board to meet more than four times a year.
- Requires the Board to consult data from WSAC instead of WTB and eliminates the requirement for WTB to maintain a public-facing WEIAOB data dashboard.
- Changes the annual due date for the Board's legislative report to December 31 from August 1.

AN ACT Relating to workforce education investment accountability and oversight board membership and administrative changes; and amending RCW 28B.77.310.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Sec. 1. RCW 28B.77.310 and 2023 c 282 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The workforce education investment accountability and oversight board is established. The board consists of ~~((18))~~ **20** members, as provided in this subsection:

(a) Four members of the legislature consisting of the chairs and ranking minority members of the respective higher education and workforce development committees of the senate and house of representatives, ex officio; **and**

(b) One member from the office of the governor;

(c) One member from the office of financial management; and

~~((b))~~ **(d)** The following members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate:

(i) Five members representing the businesses described in RCW [82.04.299](#) or subject to the tax rate under RCW [82.04.290](#)(2)(a)(i);

(ii) Two members representing labor organizations, one of which must have expertise in registered apprenticeships and training a high-demand workforce and one of which must represent faculty at the four-year institutions of higher education;

(iii) Two members representing the institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW [28B.10.016](#), one of which must be from the four-year sector and one of which must be from the community and technical college sector;

(iv) Two members representing students, one of which must be a community and technical college student;

(v) One member representing the independent, not-for-profit higher education institutions;

(vi) One member representing the workforce training and education coordinating board created under RCW [28C.18.020](#); and

(vii) One member representing the student achievement council, established under this chapter.

(2) Except for members who are ex officio, from the office of the governor and the office of financial management, and students ~~((members))~~, board members shall hold their offices for a term of three years until their successors are appointed. Student board members shall hold one-year terms.

(3) The board shall have two cochairs. One cochair shall be one of the chairs of the respective higher education and workforce development committees of the legislature and the other cochair shall be one of the board members representing the businesses described in RCW [82.04.299](#) or subject to the tax rate under RCW [82.04.290](#)(2)(a)(i). The cochairs shall hold the position for a ~~((one-year))~~ two-year term. The board members shall elect the cochairs ~~((annually))~~ biennially.

(4) Nine voting members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall meet at least four times a year.

(5) Staff support for the board shall be provided by the student achievement council established in this chapter.

(6) The purposes of the board are to:

(a) Provide guidance and recommendations to the legislature on what workforce education priorities should be funded with the workforce education investment account; and

(b) Ensure accountability that the workforce education investments funded with the workforce education investment account are producing the intended results and are effectively increasing student success and career readiness, such as by increasing retention, completion, and job placement rates.

(7) The board shall consult data from the education data center established under RCW [43.41.400](#) and the ~~((workforce training and education coordinating board))~~ student achievement council established under this chapter when reviewing and determining whether workforce education investments funded from the workforce education investment account are effectively increasing student success and career readiness. ~~((The workforce training and education coordinating board shall maintain the workforce education investment accountability~~

~~and oversight board data dashboard on a public facing portal and work with the board to update and modify the data dashboard as new performance metrics are identified.)~~

(8) The board shall report its recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by ~~((August 1st))~~ December 31st of each year.

(9) For the purposes of this section, "board" means the workforce education investment accountability and oversight board established in this section.

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