

## WEIAOB Higher Education Legislative Caucus Overview: April 23, 2026

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### **Background Information**

During the 2026 legislative session, higher education committee chairs (Rep. Dave Paul, House Postsecondary Education and Workforce Committee; and Sen. T’wina Nobles, Senate Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee) led the development of a Higher Education Legislative Caucus, recruiting more than 10 legislators to join and prioritize:

- **Protecting and restoring financial aid** for college and workforce training.
- **Preventing further reductions** to higher education programs and student support services.
- **Preserving dedicated Workforce Education Investment Account (WEIA) funding** for its intended higher education and workforce development purposes.

In addition to statements released by [Rep. Paul](#) and [Sen. Nobles](#), the Higher Education Legislative Caucus secured 40 signatures on a [bipartisan letter of support for higher education](#) sent to budget writers and introduced legislation ([HB 2612](#) / [SB 6276](#)) to protect WEIA funding.

### **Current Caucus Membership**

The following legislators participated in the Higher Education Legislative Caucus during the 2026 legislative session:

House	Senate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rep. Beth Doglio</li> <li>• Rep. Debra Entenman</li> <li>• Rep. Mary Fosse</li> <li>• Rep. Mari Leavitt</li> <li>• Rep. Greg Nance</li> <li>• Rep. Dave Paul</li> <li>• Rep. Gerry Pollet</li> <li>• Rep. Julia Reed</li> <li>• Rep. Adison Richards</li> <li>• Rep. Osman Salahuddin</li> <li>• Rep. Shaun Scott</li> <li>• Rep. Joe Timmons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sen. Drew Hansen</li> <li>• Sen. Marko Liias</li> <li>• Sen. T’wina Nobles</li> <li>• Sen. Sharon Shewmake</li> <li>• Sen. Vandana Slatter</li> </ul>