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Title	Debrief: 2016 Legislative Session		
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Synopsis	Staff will debrief the 2016 legislative session. The presentation will include bills and budget items that pertain to education and higher education.		
Guiding questions	What are the implications for developing a legislative agenda during the interim for the 2017 Legislative Session?		
Possible council action	☑Information/Discussion ☐Approve/Adopt ☐Other		
Documents and attachments	☐Brief/Report ☑PowerPoint ☐Third-party materials ☑Other		



Legislative Update

March 16, 2016

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Legislative Presentations





Prior Learning Assessment

- ➤ Affordability Framework
- > Financial Aid



And...Dual Credit



Postsecondary Bills

Bill	Title/Description	Status	Sponsor	Position			
POSTSECONDARY							
ESHB 2323	Creating the Washington achieving a better life experience program.	Gov Signed	Kilduff	Monitor			
2SHB 2791	Creating the Washington statewide reentry council.	Gov Signed	Pettigrew	Monitor			
<u>SSB5298</u>	Relating to education (Bellevue College Bachelors in CS)	Gov Signed	Dammeier	Monitor			
ESSB 6293	Addressing student volunteers and unpaid students.	Gov Signed	Braun	Monitor			
SSB 6354	Adopting a higher education reverse transfer agreement plan.	Gov Signed	Liias	Monitor			
SSB 6466	Concerning student services for students with disabilities.	Gov Signed	Habib	Support			
E2SSB 6601	Creating the Washington college savings program.	Gov Signed	Frockt	Support			
SR 8700	Latino/a Education Achievement Project.	S Adopted	Fain	Monitor			



K-12 Education Bills

Bill	Title/Description	Status	Sponsor	Position
	K-12 EDUCATION			
<u>HB 1345</u>	Adopting a definition and standards of professional learning.	Del to Gov	Lytton	Monitor
2SHB 1408	Concerning the development of a definition and model for "family engagement coordinator" and other terms used interchangeably with it.	Del to Gov	Ortiz-Self	Monitor
4SHB 1541	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.	Gov Signed	Santos	Support
3SHB 1682	Concerning data reported by the office of the superintendent of public instruction for homeless students.	Del to Gov	Fey	Monitor
4SHB 1999	Coordinating services and programs for foster youth in order to improve educational outcomes.	Gov Signed	Carlyle	Support
HB 2360	Eliminating the quality education council.	Del to Gov	Lytton	Monitor
<u>HB 2476</u>	Concerning waivers from the one hundred eighty-day school year requirement.	Del to Gov	Johnson	Monitor
E2SSB 6195	Concerning basic education obligations.	C3 L16	Rivers	Monitor
E2SSB 6455	Expanding the professional educator workforce by increasing career opportunities in education, creating a more robust enrollment forecasting, and enhancing recruitment efforts.	Del to Gov	Dammeier	Monitor



2016: The Stats

Postsecondary Bills Passed: 6

Education bills passed: 9

- Of the bills we were tracking: 112 died.
- Multiple fiscal notes
- Multiple bill analyses.
- Reviewing budget proposals.
- 9 committee presentations: Roadmap Update; Financial Aid; Affordability; Transitions to College; Prior Learning Assessment and Dual Credit.

A MULT-TEAM EFFORT: THANK YOU



DRAFT 2016 Legislative Session Budget Comparison

	WSAC Priorities						
Item	WSAC Recommendation	Governor's Budget Proposal as of 12/20	House Budget Proposal SHB 2376 as of 2/25	Senate Budget Proposal PSSB 6667 as of 3/11	Compromise Legislative Budget P2SSB 2376 as of 3/29		
College Bound Scholarship	Maintain the commitment to College Bound Scholarship students, and shift CBS dollars to State Need Grant due to coordination requirement	Shifts funding in FY 16, maintains total funding between both CBS and SNG.	Reduces CBS funding at maintenance level, restores funding to SNG in policy level for both fiscal years.	Reduces CBS funding at maintenance level, restores funding to SNG in policy level for both fiscal years.	Reduces CBS funding at maintenance level, restores funding to SNG in policy level for both fiscal years.		
State Need Grant	Enhance the State Need Grant (SNG) program and fully fund it by	No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.	No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.	No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.	No new funding to support eligible unserved SNG students.		
	2023 to support an additional 4,000 eligible unserved students in 2016. Request: \$19 M in 2017.			ERDC to conduct study of SNG effectiveness.	ERDC to conduct study of SNG effectiveness.		
Affordability	Maintain tuition reductions and funding enhancements budgeted for FY 2017; address technical issues in tuition backfill funding.	Maintain tuition reductions budgeted for FY 2017	Maintain tuition reductions budgeted for FY 2017	Maintain tuition reductions budgeted for FY 2017.	Maintain tuition reductions budgeted for FY 2017.		
		Requests for technical corrections to tuition reduction backfill amounts not funded.	Requests for technical corrections to tuition reduction backfill amounts not funded.	\$8 million for technical corrections to tuition reduction backfill to baccalaureate institutions and SBCTC.	\$8 million for technical corrections to tuition reduction backfill to baccalaureate institutions and SBCTC.		

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STEM	Support STEM Education Alliance through state funding to replace NGA grant. \$155,000.	Funding for STEM Education Alliance provided.	No funding for STEM Education Alliance.	No funding for STEM Education Alliance.	No funding for STEM Education Alliance.		
Higher Education Funding - STEM		Provides \$450,000 for MESA program at CTCs, and \$250,000 for MESA at UW.	Provides \$450,000 for MESA program at CTCs, and \$250,000 for MESA at UW.	Provides \$450,000 for MESA program at CTCs.	Provides \$450,000 for MESA program at CTCs.		
			\$6 million in Opportunity Expansion funds appropriated to WSAC for distribution to institutions under direction of Opportunity Scholarship Board.	\$6 million in Opportunity Expansion funds appropriated to WSAC for distribution to institutions under direction of Opportunity Scholarship Board.	\$6 million in Opportunity Expansion funds appropriated to WSAC for distribution to institutions under direction of Opportunity Scholarship Board.		
Higher Education Funding - Other			\$50,000 to UW for Higher Ed Mental Health.	\$250,000 to WSU to develop a marijuana breathalyzer.	\$3 million for worker retraining at CTCs for employees of Alcoa Intalco aluminum smelter.		

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			\$575,000 to WSU for sustainable energy promotion.	\$135,000 to WSU for a honey bee biologist position	\$135,000 to WSU for a honey bee biologist position and \$580,000 to WSU-Everett to develop an organic agriculture systems degree program.	
			\$580,000 to WSU-Everett to develop an organic agriculture systems degree program.		\$250,000 to WWU for Jewish history/holocaust study endowed chair position.	
			\$250,000 to WSU for Ruckelhaus Center study of		\$50,000 to UW for Higher Ed Mental Health.	
			Public Records Requests		\$157,000 for Wenatchee Valley College wildfire prevention program.	
Savings	Create new 529 Savings Plan.		\$572,000 to implement the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience)	\$500,000 for start-up costs of the 529 savings plan created in SB 6601.	\$25,000 for start-up costs of the 529 savings plan created in SB 6601.	
			program.	\$572,000 to implement the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) program.	\$572,000 to implement the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) program.	
Higher Education Processes			\$95,000 for a study on CTC faculty and staff benefits.	Within appropriated funds, the public baccalaureates instructed to form a workgroup to develop best practices and identify barriers to	Within appropriated funds, the public baccalaureates instructed to form a workgroup to develop best practices and identify barriers to creating accelerated bachelor's degree programs.	

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			\$250,000 to WSAC for a higher education needs assessment in SE King County.	creating accelerated bachelor's degree programs.	\$250,000 to WSAC for a higher education needs assessment in SE King County.	
Student Support and Consumer Protection	Support students and veterans by adding staff support at WSAC to do more on-site visits of institutions authorized to operate in Washington. Protect veterans by growing oversight work.		"Higher Ed Student Protection Act" (HB 1949) funding increases for the Attorney General (\$28,000).	\$182,000 for a WSAC study of for-profit institutions. Working with WTECB and Department of Licensing, the study aims to identify gaps in oversight, and if different standards are used by the various regulatory agencies.	\$182,000 for a WSAC study of for-profit institutions. Working with WTECB and Department of Licensing, the study aims to identify gaps in oversight, and if different standards are used by the various regulatory agencies.	

	Other Education Items						
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Other Financial Aid		\$1 million for a pilot grant program for students within 15 credits of a degree (Free to Finish).					
Teacher Shortage		\$2.5 million for two grant programs targeting the teacher shortage.		\$1,144,000 for two grant programs targeting the teacher shortage.			
Other K- 12			Charter Schools Restored, with funding from Opportunity Pathways Account	Charter Schools Restored, with funding from Opportunity Pathways Account			
			\$205,000 for grants to schools with IB (international baccalaureate) programs and high poverty.	\$205,000 for grants to schools with IB (international baccalaureate) programs and high poverty.			
Teacher Pay and Retention	Raises minimum pay for new teachers to \$40,000, provides increase for other staff.	Raises minimum pay for new teachers to \$40,000, provides increase for other staff.		\$5.3 million for teacher mentorships/training program (BEST program).			
	\$5 million for beginning teacher mentorships/training (BEST program).	\$5 million for beginning teacher mentorships/training (BEST program).					