

# Workforce Board Recommendation/Presentation Legislative Update

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**BOARD MEETING DATE:** 9/13/17

**BOARD MEMBER SPONSOR NAME:**

**DISCUSSION TIME ALLOTTED:** 20min

<p><b>ISSUE/SITUATION:</b> Be concise - 1 or 2 sentences that get to the heart of the situation, problem or opportunity being addressed.</p>	<p><b>THE ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY IS:</b></p> <p>Staff will brief the Board at the September meeting on details of a legislative request with the Washington Student Achievement Council that would make significant upgrades to the Workforce Board’s student data reporting systems, streamline staff time, and provide improved customer service. The request would also help improve student protection and awareness and create a one-stop portal for student complaints, among other features. The proposed legislative request is in response to a legislatively mandated study conducted by the Ruckelshaus Center. Earlier this year, the Center reviewed and evaluated Washington’s private career school oversight structure and facilitated discussions about further improvements.</p> <p>Staff will also share details about the process for using the <i>Talent and Prosperity for All</i> (TAP) plan as a lens for developing a list of partner agencies’ legislative requests that closely align with the plan for use in advising the Governor and Legislature. This list will be available and ready for discussion at the November Board meeting.</p>
<p><b>TAP STRATEGIC PRIORITY:</b> Which TAP strategic priority or priorities does this recommendation support? Can you tie to specific goals and objectives in TAP? Briefly describe these connections. If the connection is unclear, describe why this is of consequence to the Workforce Board and/or workforce system.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORTS TAP STRATEGIC PRIORITY:</b></p> <p>The data reporting system request would support integrated performance accountability with WSAC. The request falls under the Accessible, Technologically Savvy System TAP goal. The agency’s data reporting systems are approximately 15 years old and in great need of updating to accommodate current and future demand for these services. Potentially impacted systems or programs include the Eligible Training Provider List, private career school licensing system, Career Bridge website, and Student Data Portal.</p> <p>The broader discussion, on establishing the Board’s legislative agenda this year and in subsequent year’s encompasses the full breadth of TAP.</p>
<p><b>POTENTIAL IMPACT:</b> Effect on people, businesses, communities. What is better or different from other existing strategies?</p>	<p><b>IT IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE:</b></p> <p>Improvements to the data systems would increase staff efficiency, customer satisfaction and improve the agency’s ability to collect and analyze workforce information. These improvements would also streamline information on program results for students searching for information on training opportunities.</p> <p>The Board’s workforce system legislative agenda will highlight key issues of importance to moving forward with workforce system transformation under TAP. By coalescing under a single legislative agenda, the items included on the list gain significant support from Board staff and Board stakeholders. A workforce system agenda will allow a concentrated, stronger, focus on a small set of issues critical to the workforce system.</p>
<p><b>OPTIMAL NEXT STEPS:</b> What do you really want to happen as a result of this discussion with the Workforce Board?</p>	<p><b>MY IDEAL OUTCOME OF THIS DISCUSSION IS:</b></p> <p>The Board will be aware of the legislative request and provide direction on the next steps for staff moving forward into the 2018 Legislative Session. Board members will be comfortable with the process for developing a TAP-focused legislative agenda, which will be on the November Board agenda.</p>

<p><b>BACKGROUND:</b>          Short history of how this recommendation came to be. What has been tried, to what result? What evidence exists to support this recommendation?</p>	<p><b>RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>          RCW 28C.18.060(5) directs the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) to "... review and make recommendations to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Legislature on operating and capital budget requests for operating agencies of the state training system for purposes of consistency with the state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education." This statutory requirement provides the framework for the review of workforce system requests that could move the workforce system toward the goals and strategies outlined in TAP.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION AND NEXT STEPS:</b>          What specific result do you want from the Board? Is this recommendation for discussion or action? If for discussion, will action be required at a later date? What next steps are expected after this discussion?</p>	<p><b>THE RECOMMENDATION AND/OR REQUESTED ACTION IS:</b>          Information item only at this time.</p>