

Looking Back – Workforce Board Legislative Priorities

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2023 Funded Board Leg Agenda Items

Career Bridge Modernization – Request for \$1.55M

- Project funding of \$1.4M and 2 project FTEs.
- No ongoing funding & subject to IT oversight.

Clean Technology Workforce Advisory Committee – Request for \$1M

- Funding for \$904K, including a transition to retirement study in FY24.
- Included in the passage of Governor's request bill – HB 1176/SB 5247.

Integrated Data Sharing – Request for \$302K

- Funded FTE request at an additional \$184K for biennium.
- Contracting funds not included in final budget.



2023 Agenda Items Not Funded

Digital Literacy & IT Equity

- Requested \$6M in Year 1 (set up), \$9M/annually by Year 3.
- Partnership of Workforce Board, WSU Global Campus, ESD, & SBCTC.

Job Skills Program Expansion

- Requested funding for \$29M over 2 years.

Staff Support for WEIAOB

- Request for \$367K/biennium.
- Majority of staffing moved to WSAC (ESB 5534).
- Funding limited to \$5K/year for developing and updating the WEIAOB funding dashboard.



Partner Agency Leg Support Items (1 of 2)

- Pre-ETS for Blind/Low-Vision Youth (DSB) – \$644K requested.
 - Funded for \$400K.
- AmeriCorps Stipend (ESD) – Request for \$12M/year.
 - Budget funded \$8M for biennium.
- WIT Replacement (ESD) – Request was for a Variable rate based on bidders.
 - Budget funded \$11.6M.



Partner Agency Leg Support Items (2 of 2)

- Unemployment Insurance Backlog (ESD) – Request for \$34M.
 - Funded: Federal funding reduction – \$21M.
 - Funded: Dedicated team for overpayment waivers – \$12M.
 - Not funded: Services for barriers customers – \$2.9M.
- Expansion of EcSA (ESD/WWA) – \$39.6M/biennium request.
 - Funded: Additional \$5.3M for expanded services for +200% FPL.
 - Funded: \$2.9M for business navigators at the WDCs.
 - Not Funded: Expansion of original EcSA model (under 200% FPL).



Other Leg Project Investments

- Long-Term Care (LTC) Workforce
 - Continued funding for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) LTC Registered Apprenticeship –\$1.2M FY24, and \$1.1M FY25.
 - LTC Practice & Culture Transformation – Continued funding at \$564K & \$573K FY24-25.
 - Campaign for Nursing Careers (E2SSB 5582) – \$256K for FY24.
- Education/training for community-focused occupational therapists via PNWU – \$250K/biennium.
- Healthcare labor-management partnership grants – \$2M for FY24-25, ongoing.
- BH Workforce (2SHB 1724) consultation – \$84K for biennium.



Collective Impact: Workforce Board Wins

Some examples of initiatives that moved the state forward – supported and/or championed by the Workforce Board...

- Industry Skill Panels
- Centers of Excellence
- Opportunity Partnership Program (SBCTC + WDCs)
- Lifelong Learning Accounts (LiLAs)
- Upskill-Backfill Grants (TAP Accelerator)
- Make it in Washington project
- Future of Work Task Force
- WAVE Scholarship
- Graduation: A Team Effort (GATE – dropout prevention/retrieval)
- NGA Work-Based Learning Policy Academy (led to Career Connect WA)

Healthcare-Specific Items

- Health Workforce Council
- Health Workforce Sentinel Network
- Behavioral Health Workforce Advisory Committee (2016-23)

What's next on the horizon for this collective impact Board?



Potential 2024 Leg Items to Consider...

Options to consider may include (but not limited to...)

- Continued exploration of a credential transparency policy group and demonstration projects (using SHB 1821 as a base).
- Digital Equity decision package – refine & gather support.
- Job Skills Program expansion – Reintroducing the JSP decision package.
- Supporting efforts to grow the childcare workforce and career pathway opportunities.
- Long-term care workforce – Report to the Gov/Leg on Aug. 1, 2023 will have ideas for policy opportunities – Board engagement is welcome!

Other ideas? Write them on a sticky note!

QUESTIONS?

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