

# TAP Workforce System Legislative Agenda (Proposed)

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# Vision: Unified Agenda, Focused on TAP

TAP Legislative agenda should follow these key principles:

- Simplified agenda with a small list of policy/funding requests that are of broad impact to the entire workforce system.
- Supported by the full Board and workforce stakeholders.
  - Ideally, will include a list of organizations who have signed on as supportive.
- Common messaging and materials.
- Does not limit organizations from advocating for items not included on the agenda.
- Case study: Full funding for the Washington College Grant.



# TAP Agenda Items for Consideration

1. **Job Skills Program (JSP)** – \$25 million/biennium for grants. Additional funds for program building/capacity at individual institutions.
2. **Economic Security for All (EcSA)** – Expanded, simplified, and ongoing funding for poverty prevention and poverty reduction efforts, including business navigators.
3. **Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE)** scholarship-fully fund to \$12,000 a year for two years for 147 awardees.
4. **Digital Literacy and IT Career Equity** – continue Board's focus, expanding on the 2024 single year budget appropriation.
5. **Data Integration for Integrated Service Delivery** – Request for implementation funding, including partner agency staff.



# Board Potential Action & Staff Next Steps

- **Request of the Board: Review and discuss the items for inclusion on the TAP Legislative Agenda.**
  - If comfortable, approve the items for inclusion.
    - Board members may add or remove items at their discretion.
  - Board members may request more time for any of the agenda items – with a vote at the August Board meeting.
  - Early action today on consensus areas provides time for staff to solicit support from stakeholders and begin socializing concepts with policymakers and staff.
  - Board staff will work with policy leads on each consensus item to develop messaging and materials.

# QUESTIONS?

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