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2027 Legislative Proposals

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Increasing Financial Aid Completion and Postsecondary Enrollment

- **Leverage progress from Gov. Ferguson's *Washington Completes FAFSA* Campaign** to continue improving statewide FAFSA/WASFA completion and postsecondary enrollment.
  - **Expand the Priority School program** to provide microgrants and technical assistance to additional K-12 school districts for financial aid completion; and
  - **Invest in trusted community partners** to expand supports for students and families, increase FAFSA/WASFA completion, and help financial aid filers take next steps toward postsecondary enrollment.
- **Cost for 2027-29**: $3.2 million (policy level, ongoing).

Correcting SSEH Grant Amounts for NW Indian College (NWIC)

- **Equalize funding for NWIC with public baccalaureate institutions ($108,000 per fiscal year (FY))** to participate in the Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness (SSEH) program.
  - *Note: NWIC currently receives $102,000 per FY due to a previous fiscal note error.*
- **Cost for 2027-29:** $12,000 (maintenance level, ongoing).

Strengthening the Passport to Careers (PTC) Program (ARL)

- **Update definitions of "financial need" and "youth/young adult"** to align PTC with other state financial aid programs.
- **Remove the requirement for WSAC to contract with a non-governmental entity** for administering PTC's apprenticeship pathway.
  - **Allow WSAC to provide support services** to PTC apprentices.
  - **Redirect more than $300,000 annually** to increase student and apprentice awards.
- **Cost for 2027-29:** None.

Improving WEIA Oversight Board (WEIAOB) Administration (ARL)

- **Update term limits and reporting requirements** to reflect current Board operations.
- **Remove the requirement for WTB** to maintain a public-facing WEIAOB data dashboard.
  - *Note: Funding for this work ($10,000 per biennium) was eliminated in the 2025-27 biennial operating budget.*
- **Cost for 2027-29:** None.