

# LegSession2013

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

WorkSource Standards &amp; Integration Division

## Upcoming Hearings and Other News

### Legislative Hearings Assigned to WSID for the Week of February 10, 2013:

#### House Committee on Labor and Workforce Development 2/12/13

WSID to testify.

#### Additional Bills of Interest:

Two additional bills that are not being tracked by WSID, but that are of interest to the workforce community are:

[HB 1247](#) - Modifies job skills program provisions. Creates an appropriated account and a non-appropriated account for the job skills program. Creates an exception for small businesses to the requirement that businesses provide financial support that matches the grant amount. Amends some of the criteria used when determining which applications get priority.

[SB 5560](#) – Companion bill to HB 1247. Modifies job skills program provisions.

#### TVW

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## Resolution on High Skills, High Wages Introduced in the House

House Concurrent Resolution 4403, outlining the Washington Training and Education Coordination Board's (WTECB) strategic plan for workforce development was introduced in the House on Monday, February 4. The resolution has 14 sponsors so far. WSID will monitor this resolution.

## Pilot Project for Commenting on Bills Online

E-Comments is a new feature the Legislature is testing during the 2013 Legislative Session. When you click the "Comment on this Bill" button at the top of a bill page you can send comments to the legislators who represent your district. When you comment for the first time, you will be asked to create an account with your e-mail address and a password.

## Bill Introductions

**Bills:** The bills, listed below, are or were being tracked by WSID. A summary of each is provided below:

[HB 1072](#) – Requires the Department of Commerce, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, to create and administer the agricultural labor skills and safety grant program to provide training opportunities for agricultural workers. The bill was passed, with amendments, in the House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development. Referred to appropriations.

[HB 1093](#) – Regarding state agency lobbying activities. WSID is no longer tracking this bill.

[HB 1094](#) – Requiring agreement between state agencies and the federal government to be reported to the legislature. WSID is not longer tracking this bill.

[HB 1424](#) – Takes steps to enhance the current statewide K-12 dropout prevention, intervention and reengagement system by clarifying the laws pertaining to the statewide system and the state-level work group charged with overseeing the system. WDCs, as noted in Section 5(1), are among the numerous local entities that must be part of the school-community partnership required to be eligible to apply for Building Bridges grants, similar to the local program role they held under Building Bridges program.

[HB 1650](#) – Requires the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to: (1) Develop a standard template for the high school and beyond plan required for high school graduation; and (2) Establish criteria and an award to recognize exemplary career and technical education programs.

[HB 4403](#) - Approves the state comprehensive plan for workforce training called "High Skills, High Wages."

**Legislative Session Terminology Key:**

**Track:** WSID staff actively monitors the progress of a bill from introduction through passage and Governor's signature or veto. Tracking includes the preparation of a detailed analysis of the bill and monitoring hearings.

**Monitor:** WSID staff observes hearings on bills and/or topics of interest to our system. Hearing reports are prepared and filed with the ESD Government Relations Office and, if applicable, incorporated in to the bill tracking process.

**Assigned:** Hearings, bills or committee activities identified as having potential interest/impact to our system are delegated for monitoring/tracking to WSID staff by the ESD Government Relations Office.

**Committee Hearings Monitored:****Week of February 3:**

[Senate Higher Education](#) 2/5/13

- Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board update

[House Labor and Workforce Development](#) 2/5/13

- Creating the agriculture labor skills and safety grant program

[Senate Trade and Economic Development](#) 2/7/13

- Manufacturing in Washington

[House Higher Education](#) 2/7/13

- Higher education partnerships with industry

**Week of January 27:**

[Senate Trade and Economic Development](#) 1/29/13

- Comprehensive statewide economic development strategy

[House Higher Education](#) 1/30/13

- Opportunity Center for Employment and Education and Opportunity Grant

[Senate Higher Education](#) 1/31/13

- Higher Education's response to industry needs

**Week of January 20:**

[House Higher Education](#) 1/22/13

- Higher education needs of industry Part 1

[House Labor and Workforce Development](#) 1/23/13

- HB 1072 – Creating the agricultural labor skills and safety grant program

[House Higher Education](#) 1/23/13

- Higher education needs of industry Part 2

[House Higher Education](#) 1/24/13

- Higher education needs of industry Part 3

**Week of January 13:**

[Senate Commerce and Labor](#) 1/16/13

- WorkSource and workforce development

[House Labor and Workforce Development](#) 1/16/13

- WTECB overview, Washington's Strategic Plan and Aerospace support

[House Higher Education](#) 1/16/13

- Community the technical colleges and SBCTC

[House Higher Education](#) 1/17/13

- Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board report