

LegSession2013

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

WorkSource Standards & Integration Division

Upcoming Hearings and Other News

Legislative Hearings Assigned to WSID for the Week of February 3, 2013

Senate Higher Education 2/5/13

- Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board update

House Labor and Workforce Development 2/5/13

- Creating the agricultural 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

Students Rally for Higher Education

On Friday, February 1 about 400 students from all 34 community and technical colleges rallied at the Capitol to support issues affecting two-year college students including access to high-demand degree programs, tuition rates and textbook prices.

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A New Source for Legislative Information

Welcome to “LegSession 2013!” This is a new weekly newsletter produced by WSID that is designed to keep you updated on bills and legislative information pertinent to workforce-related topics. The newsletter will continue while the Washington State Legislature is in session. We hope you will find it useful in tracking information that may impact your organization, partners or clients.

LegSession 2013 is intended to provide an overview of legislation, hearings and other events determined to potentially impact WDCs and ESD in relation to the administration of WIA. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive report of legislation, hearings or other session events of interest or with potential impact to WDCs. When you click on a hyperlink to a bill in this newsletter, you will be taken to the Washington State Legislature website where you will find more information on the bill such as its history, a non-partisan analysis, fiscal note, and archived videos of committee hearings regarding the bill. If you wish to visit the Legislature personally, follow this [link](#) to Visiting the Legislature, where you will find useful information on coming to the Capitol and participating in the process.

Additional Links to Other Newsletters Containing Legislative Information

If you are interested in other perspectives, the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) has a [Legislative News Blog](#) and The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (WTECB) has a [Legislative Report](#), either of which you may want to access.

Bill Introductions

Bills: Four bills, listed below, are currently 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.

[HB 1093](#) – Establishes the taxpayer funded lobbying reform act. Reaffirms and strengthens the lobbying prohibition in current law. Directs lobbying and informational activities to be done by officials in charge of the agency instead of hiring lobbyists to engage in the activities.

[HB 1094](#) - Requires state agencies to submit a written report to the speaker and minority leader of the house, the majority leader and minority leaders of the senate and the governor, providing a comprehensive, detailed description of every agreement between the agency and the federal government.

[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.

January Committee Meetings (see page 2)

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 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