

LegSession2013

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY

Workforce and Career Development Division (WCD)

Upcoming Hearings and Other News

Legislative Hearings Assigned to WCD for the Week of March 11, 2013

Higher Education 3/14/13

- The Student Achievement Initiative: SBCTC

Elsewhere at the Capitol:

The Washington Student Achievement Council – the state's lead agency on the 10-year plan for early learning through higher education – held a public roundtable to gather community input on the state of education on 3/7/13 in Olympia.

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Legislative Session Terminology Key:

Track: WCD actively monitors the progress of a bill from introduction through passage and Governor's signature or veto. Tracking includes preparing detailed analyses and monitoring hearings.

Monitor: WCD staff monitors hearings on bills and/or topics of interest to our system. Reports are prepared and filed with the ESD Government Relations Office.

Assigned: Hearings, bills or committee activities identified as having interest/impact to our system are delegated for monitoring/tracking by WCD

Bills being tracked and monitored by WCD that survived the March 1st deadline to be read in the chamber of origin: [SHB 1093](#), [SHB 1424](#), [HCR 4403](#), [SB 5754](#)

Bills that were being tracked by WCD but did not make the March 1st deadline: [SHB 1072](#), [SHB 1650](#), [SHB 1823](#), [HB 1871](#), [SB 5759](#)

Bills not being formally tracked by WCD that may be of interest to the workforce development community and which made the March 1 deadline: [SHB 1247](#) (and companion [SB 5560](#)), [HB 1887](#), and [HB 1922](#)

New this week:

[SSB 5754](#) – On 3/1/13, the Senate Ways and Means Committee adopted an amendment that made a number of changes to lower the cost of the bill, including scaling back the number of ASSET regional coordinators (WDCs) from 12 to up to 8 and using a competitive selection process. The amendment also eliminated the section of the bill that created a grant program in OSPI to fund at least two high schools and one skill center to implement dropout reengagement programs aligned with high-demand occupations. The amended bill, SSB 5754, which passed unanimously out committee, was passed by the full Senate on 3/8/13 on a 46-3 vote.

[SSB 5560](#) – On 3/1/13, the bill was amended to remove the two accounts (program and trust) that would have been created. The bill, as amended, retains the small business provision whereby firms with gross business income of less than \$500,000 would need to repay only the cost of trainers' salaries and benefits and not 50 percent of the training cost. The amended bill, [SSSB 5560](#), passed unanimously and was made eligible to be placed on second reading.

[SHB 1424](#) – On 3/1/13, the House Appropriations Committee passed the bill out of committee. It was placed on 2nd Reading on 3/6/13. The full House passed the bill by an 88-10-0 vote on 3/8/13.

Update on other bills with new activities and/or hearings monitored this week:

[SHB 1903](#) – The bill passed in the House on 3/4/13 on a 97-1-0 vote. It moved to the Senate and was referred to Governmental Operations on 3/6/13.

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

[SSSB 5560](#) – Passed out of committee made eligible to be placed on 2nd reading on 3/5/13.

2013 Session Cutoff:

With March 13 the deadline for legislation to pass out of its chamber of origin, some lawmakers could be working the weekend. The House has scheduled floor sessions at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.