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Re: Workforce Development Area Initial Designation

Dear Honorable Elected Officials:

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 recognizes 12 Workforce Development Areas (WDAs) in Washington. Each WDA has goals, objectives, and strategies for its local workforce development system that are consistent with the state's strategic goals for workforce development.

Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) will again address designation of local Workforce Development Areas.

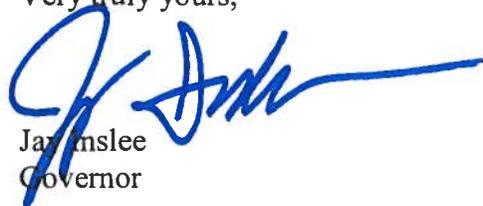
The new Act allows me to approve a request for initial designation as a local area from any area so designated for the purpose of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. The initial designation can continue for up to two years after the date of enactment. This timing helps ensure that any recommended subsequent changes to current local areas will be made with adequate opportunity for local economic and labor market data collection and analysis, and for consultations with chief local elected officials, local boards, and the public. The issue of local governance will be undertaken by the Workforce Board's WIOA Steering Committee and the Subcommittee on Local Governance and Sector Strategies to Close Skills Gaps in the Workplace.

To ensure local areas have current authority under WIOA to proceed with local planning required by the new Act, I hereby approve initial WIOA local area designation to all 12 of the current Workforce Development Areas and their council membership as certified. This initial designation meets the area designation requirement for Workforce Development Councils (WDCs) to receive WIOA funds in FY 2015. The Workforce Board will continue to consider designations of planning regions, which must be identified by June 30, 2016 in order to receive FY 2016 funds.

As committee work proceeds, the consultations and thorough data analyses may indicate the need for changes in designated areas, which may alter the number of areas or adjust the area

boundaries. If that is the result of this work, the Workforce Board will provide me with further recommendations.

Very truly yours,



Jay Inslee
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