

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626

63rd Legislature
2014 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 11, 2014
Yeas 96 Nays 2

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2626** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives
Seaquist, Haler, Reykdal, Gregerson, Pollet, and Moscoso)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/14.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing statewide educational attainment
2 goals; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that increasing
5 educational attainment is vital to the well-being of Washingtonians and
6 critical to the health of the state's economy. Education opens doors
7 to gainful employment, higher wages, increased job benefits, improved
8 physical health, and increased civic engagement. Educated workers who
9 are capable of competing for high-demand jobs in today's global economy
10 sustain existing employers and attract new businesses. These
11 individuals with competitive higher education credentials directly
12 contribute to the state's economic growth and vitality.

13 (2) The legislature finds that workforce and labor market
14 projections estimate that by 2020 the vast majority of jobs in
15 Washington will require at least a high school diploma or equivalent
16 and seventy percent of those jobs will also require some postsecondary
17 education.

18 (3) The legislature finds that current levels of educational
19 attainment are inadequate to address the educational needs of the

1 state. In 2013, eighty-nine percent of Washington adults ages twenty-
2 five to forty-four had a high school diploma or equivalent, and less
3 than fifty percent of Washington adults ages twenty-five to forty-four
4 have a postsecondary credential.

5 (4) The legislature recognizes that one of the most important
6 duties of the student achievement council is to propose educational
7 attainment goals to the governor and legislature and develop a ten-year
8 roadmap to achieve those goals, to be updated every two years.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Acknowledging the recommendations in the
10 higher education ten-year roadmap, the legislature is encouraged by the
11 student achievement council's efforts to meet the following two goals
12 in order to meet the societal and economic needs of the future:

13 (1) All adults in Washington ages twenty-five to forty-four will
14 have a high school diploma or equivalent by 2023; and

15 (2) At least seventy percent of Washington adults ages twenty-five
16 to forty-four will have a postsecondary credential by 2023.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires July 1, 2016.

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