

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HCR 4402

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Higher Education, March 28, 2017

**Brief Description:** Approving the 2016 state comprehensive plan for workforce training and education.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Sells, Haler, Pollet, Senn, Condotta, Stambaugh, Kilduff, Dolan, Bergquist, Stonier, Muri, Tarleton, Gregerson, Ormsby and Ortiz-Self; by request of Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education: 3/14/17, 3/28/17 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Approves the 2016 State Comprehensive Plan for workforce training and education.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Wilson, Chair; Bailey, Vice Chair; Palumbo, Ranking Minority Member; Frockt.

**Staff:** Evan Klein (786-7483)

**Background:** The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) was a federal law that provided workforce investment activities, through statewide and local workforce investment systems, that sought to increase the employment, retention, and earnings of participants and increase occupational skill attainment by participants.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was enacted in July of 2014. WIOA is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market. WIOA replaces WIA and retains and amends the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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**Summary of Bill:** The Washington State Senate and House of Representatives approve the 2016 State Comprehensive Plan for workforce training and education.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill is identical to Senator Bailey's bill that passed out of the committee earlier this year.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Nova Gattman, Workforce Board.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.