

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 5534

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning workforce education investment accountability and oversight board staffing changes.

Sponsors: Senators Randall, Holy, Nobles and Wellman.

Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: The Legislature passed ESSHB 2158 in 2019, known as the Workforce Education Investment Act (WEIA). WEIA established the Workforce Education Investment Account that is funded from an increase in the business and occupation tax. As a part of WEIA, the Workforce Education Investment Accountability and Oversight Board (WEIAOB) was established for two purposes:

- to provide guidance and recommendations to the Legislature on which workforce education priorities should be funded from the Workforce Education Investment Account; and
- to ensure accountability that the investments funded from the Workforce Education Investment Account are producing the intended results and effectively increasing student success and career readiness.

WEIAOB has 17 members, including legislators and representatives from businesses impacted by the tax, higher education, labor, and students. WEIAOB is staffed by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) and is required to meet four times a year.

Summary: The Student Achievement Council is tasked with staffing WEIAOB. The Workforce Board must maintain WEIAO data dashboard on a public-facing portal.

Membership on WEIAOB is modified to include a representative of the Workforce Training

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and Education Coordinating Board.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	98	0

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