

HB 2998 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, beginning in the 2007-08 school year, students shall have the option to select a certified assessment option other than the Washington assessment of student learning to demonstrate that they have met state learning standards in reading, math, writing, and, beginning with the class of 2010, science. Certified assessment options shall include but not be limited to portfolios, industry certification tests, and other career and technical education assessments used to determine readiness for work force entry or higher education, and college entrance exams.

Provides that, prior to the beginning of the 2007-08 school year, the state board of education shall establish a procedure for certification of assessment options that lead to a certificate of academic achievement. Certification of assessment alternative options shall be based upon demonstrated alignment with the state learning standards including school to work goals. The level of student performance necessary to meet state learning standards shall be comparable between all assessments.