
**College & Workforce Development
Committee**

HB 1755

Brief Description: Allowing regional universities to offer doctorate level degrees in education.

Sponsors: Representatives Leavitt, Van Werven, Bergquist, Corry, Ybarra, Volz, Pollet, Dent, Lovick, Doglio, Ormsby and Santos.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the regional universities to offer applied, but not research, doctorate level degrees in education.

Hearing Date: 2/12/19

Staff: Trudes Tango (786-7384).

Background:

Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Western Washington University each offer masters degrees in education. Eastern Washington University offers applied, but not research, doctorate degrees in physical therapy. Western Washington University offers applied, but not research, doctorate degrees in audiology. The University of Washington and Washington State University offer both applied and research doctorate degrees in education.

Generally, an applied doctorate degree in education (Ed.D) is designed for advanced professional practice focusing on the application of existing research and knowledge applied in the field, rather than on the creation of new research for the field. A typical Ed.D program includes classroom study, field placements, and administrative practice.

Summary of Bill:

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The boards of trustees of the regional universities may offer applied, but not research, doctorate level degrees in education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 7, 2019.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.