



# WACTE Legislative Update

April 26, 2017

# 105 days, Not done yet

- Left on the table:
  - McCleary
  - Teacher Shortage

# Educator Workforce

- HB 1827

AN ACT Relating to expanding the current and future educator workforce supply through evidence-based strategies to improve and incentivize the recruitment and retention of highly effective educators, especially in high-need subject, grade-level, and geographic areas, and to establish a cohesive continuum of high quality professional learning from preparation programs to job embedded induction, mentoring, collaboration, and other professional development opportunities; and creating new sections.

# Data

- HB 1741 – Educator Preparation Data  
(on the governor's desk)
  - IHE's deliver data to ERDC instead of PESB
  - ERDC to hold, analyze, and make the data on educator preparation available for research and monitoring by the Professional Educator Standards Board, state-approved educator preparation programs, and other researchers with appropriate data-sharing agreements.

# Educator Workforce

- Likely to include:
  - Financial aid, such as
    - Student Teacher Stipends
    - Teacher Shortage Conditional Scholarships
    - Increased Mentor Funding (BEST)

# Educator Workforce

- Student Teacher Stipends
  - 433 applicants
  - 68 grants
  - 18 institutions
  - 20% male
  - 37% students of color

# Educator Workforce

- May also include:
  - HB 1377 regarding school counselors, social workers and psychologists, with collaborations to strengthen connections to community-based MH providers
  - HB 1341 re: ProCert. Likely to
    - drop actual ProCert based on professional development hours;
    - remove requirement to complete ProCert;
    - base renewal (indefinitely) of residency certificate with 60-120 hours of professional development;
    - convene task force to explore ways to revamp/replace ProCert.

# Other Education Legislation

- 1654 – Teacher Certification – alt routes out of RCW, set in WAC) – (signed Apr. 14)
- 1445 (Ortiz-Self) Bilingual educator pilot – one east, one west. (delivered to the Governor Apr. 21)
  - Scholarships for tuition/books at cc then 4 year, forgiven if teaching in target district.
  - Modeled on Burlington-Edison district program.
- 1508 – Breakfast After the Bell – stalled in Senate (may be revived in special session).



# McCleary

- Senate \$43.3B budget moves to a per-pupil funding model, with some enhancements for high poverty, special ed, and other add-ons.
  - Modest increase in teacher pay
  - Different salary model
  - “Levy swap” reduces (and for one year, eliminates) local levies, replacing with \$1.55/\$1,000 value state levy – takes money from Puget Sound, gives money to Eastern WA & rural districts.

# McCleary

House \$44.9B budget keeps prototypical school model

- Significantly bumps teacher pay
- Proposes a mix of new revenue
- 7% Capital gains excise tax
- +20% for B&O tax (max additional tax 5¢/\$10 revenue, small business exemption increased to \$250,000)
- Graduated Real Estate Excise Tax (including foreclosures) until 2033
  - 0.75% < \$250,000
  - 1.28% \$250,000 - \$1M
  - 2% \$1M - \$5M
  - 2.5% > \$5M

# Other Issues

- Federal Higher Education Act teacher prep regulations repealed.
  - Worked with governor's office to deliver ask to Sen. Murray on behalf of AACTE
- AACTE Advisory Council of State Representatives creating ad hoc committee to spread WA best practice of RCW 28A.410.290 (1) provision that says:

*"All approved providers must adhere to the same standards and comply with the same requirements."*

# Questions?

