

Joint Higher Education Committee

Introduction and Overview

Staff Presentation to the
Joint Higher Education Committee
September 16, 2013



Today's Agenda

- Committee Overview and Purpose
- Committee Business
 - Elect Co-Chairs and Adopt Committee Procedures
- Overview of the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) 10-Year Roadmap Development Process and Draft
- Committee Discussion
- Next Steps/Meetings
- Adjournment

Joint Higher Education Committee: Overview and Purpose

- 2012 Legislation (E2SHB 2483):
 - Abolished the state agency overseeing higher education: the Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - Created the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) with redefined membership and duties
 - Established the **Joint Higher Education Committee**
- Purpose of the Joint Higher Education Committee is to:
 - Annually review the work of the WSAC and provide legislative feedback
 - Engage with the WSAC and the higher education community to create greater communication, coordination, and alignment between the higher education system and the expectations of the Legislature
 - Provide recommendations for higher education policy, including proposed legislation, to the higher education and fiscal committees of the Legislature



Joint Higher Education Committee: Membership and Meetings

- Composed of 4 members from the House of Representatives and 4 members from the Senate
 - 2 members from each of the major caucuses in the House of Representatives and the Senate, with at least one member from each caucus on the fiscal committee and one on the policy committee
- Statute requires the Committee to meet at least twice after close of the Legislative session