

PSHB 1849: Establishing the Washington State Education Council**Rep. Haigh**

- Establishes the Washington State Education Council to recommend policies, strategies, and a governance structure to make the public education system student-focused and able to provide seamless service delivery across all sectors, including early learning, K-12 education in the common schools, and postsecondary education.
- Council members must represent the full spectrum of interests and expertise in public education,, and are selected by the Governor from names submitted by associations as follows:
 - 2 representatives of early learning programs and providers, 6 names from advocacy organizations and advisory committees on early learning.
 - 1 school administrator, 3 names from WASA
 - 1 school director, 3 names from WSSDA
 - 1 principal, 3 names from AWSP
 - 1 parent, 3 names from WA PTA
 - 1 CTE educator, 3 names from WA-CTE
 - 1 K-12 teacher, 3 names from associations
 - 1 CTC faculty, 3 names from associations
 - 1 4-year faculty, 3 names from faculty senates
 - 1 nonacademic employee, 3 names from associations
 - 2 representatives of 4-years, 6 names from COP
 - 2 representatives of CTCs, 6 names from WACTC
 - 1 representative of private education, 3 names from private schools, career schools, independent colleges
- Also:
 - 1 representative of Office of the Governor
 - The SPI
 - 4 legislative members, who are nonvoting
- SPI convenes and serves as temporary Chair until the Council selects a Chair & Vice Chair.
- Members serve without compensation and without travel reimbursement.
- OSPI may assign no more than 2 FTE staff, 1 for research and 1 for administration.
- States Legislative intent:
 - Establish a primary strategic oversight and advocacy board for the public education system, including early learning, K-12, and postsecondary education.
 - Consolidate supervision over matters pertaining to the public education system within a primary state agency. Supervision includes administrative, ministerial, & operational duties and other duties assigned by law.
 - The Legislature does not intend this bill to affect the statutory authority of school boards, ESD boards, or Boards of Regents and Trustees.
- Requires the Council to prepare a Transition Plan to implement the Legislative intent and address restructuring of duties, responsibilities, and authority of:
 - Higher Education Coordinating Board
 - State Board for Community & Technical Colleges
 - State Board of Education
 - Professional Educator Standards Board
 - Quality Education Council
 - OSPI
 - Achievement Gap Committee
 - Washington State School Directors' Association
 - Office of the Education Ombudsman
 - Education Research & Data Center in OFM
 - Department of Early Learning
 - Early Learning Advisory Council
- "Restructuring" includes reassigning, removing, modifying the duties and eliminating or modifying the entities for more efficient and effective service delivery and more seamless oversight and policy.
- Plan must address roles & membership of the oversight and advocacy board and the recommended means of designating the director of the primary supervisory state agency.
- Authorizes advisory committees, each to include 3 Council members, to provide expertise and participation in developing the Plan. Members serve without compensation or travel reimbursement.
- Preliminary progress report is due by January 5, 2012. Proposed Transition Plan, along with implementing legislation is due by December 5, 2012. Bill expires June 30, 2013.