

Council-approved proposals for the 2024 legislative session

(* = agency requested legislation)

	Council Recommendation	Governor's Proposal
<p>Align WA Grant with Pell* Extend state financial aid programs to align with federal aid (six years or 150%)</p>	\$8.3 million	\$1 million
<p>Provide near-peer mentorship through State Work Study* Waiving salary matching requirements for public and nonprofit employers that facilitate college access programs</p>	\$1.5 million	Not funded
<p>Determine WA Grant eligibility via SNAP participation* Individuals receiving Basic Food (SNAP) will be guaranteed WA Grant prior to completing a FAFSA or WASFA.</p>	\$239,000	\$239,000
<p>Improve data sharing with OSPI* Enabling OSPI to send high school student information to WSAC to highlight financial aid and postsecondary opportunities</p>	No cost	Approved
<p>Increase access to telehealth mental and behavioral health care Contracting with a telehealth provider at up to four higher education institutions</p>	\$2.2 million	Not funded
<p>Message more students about postsecondary opportunities Expanding Otterbot texting services to reach all College Bound high school students</p>	\$1.25 million	Not funded

Other notable higher education proposals by the Governor

	Recipient of Funding	Governor's Proposal
Behavioral Health Teaching Facility Training the next generation of behavioral health workers	UW	\$20 million
Career-connected learning opportunities Preparing more students for high-demand, high-wage jobs	ESD, SBCTC	\$5.3 million
Rally for College Equity-focused investment to support students postsecondary pathways	CSF	\$3 million
Early Achievers Grant program Funding more credentials in early childhood education	SBCTC	\$2.4 million
MESA university center Building a STEM Education Center to train students and teacher	EWU	\$2.1 million
Community college climate solutions Enhancing climate justice curricula and green workforce programs	SBCTC	\$950,000
Electrical and computer engineering program Investing in workforce development to meet local needs	WWU	\$886,000
Shelton Promise Helping students in Shelton SD attend The Evergreen State College	TESC (Evergreen)	\$738,000
WA Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) scholarship program Rewarding high school students involved in CTE	WSAC	\$500,000
Student basic needs support Hiring full-time benefits navigators and student advocates	CWU and TESC	\$471,000