



# 2024 Legislative Session Summary

April 2024

The following brief summarizes legislative and supplemental operating budget outcomes from the 2024 legislative session related to the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) and the state’s broader postsecondary education landscape.

## Agency Legislation Requests

WSAC requested four bills in advance of the 2024 legislative session. **Three of them were funded in Gov. Inslee’s proposed 2024 supplemental operating budget and subsequently passed by the legislature:**

- [HB 2214](#)—Qualifying high school students in grades 10–12 for the maximum WA Grant award if they receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Food Assistance Program benefits.
- [SB 5904](#)—Aligning the maximum eligibility time frames of the WA Grant, College Bound Scholarship, and Passport to Careers programs with the Federal Pell Grant at six years or 150% of published program length, or the credit or clock-hour equivalent.
- [SB 6053](#)—Enabling WSAC to enter a data sharing agreement with OSPI to receive Washington high school student contact information and inform students of postsecondary financial aid and educational opportunities.

## Agency Budget Requests

The table below outlines which WSAC requests were funded in Gov. Inslee’s proposed 2024 supplemental operating budget and the legislature’s final budget:

Request	Governor	Final
HB 2214	\$239,000*	\$239,000
SB 5904	\$1 million	\$1.5 million
SB 6053	-	\$3,000 (OSPI)
State Work Study (SWS)	-	\$200,000
OtterBot texting tool	-	\$400,000
National Guard Grant awards	\$1.6 million*	\$425,000
Passport to Careers awards	\$2 million*	\$1 million
Telehealth access	-	-

*\*full amount requested by WSAC*

### Other Postsecondary Education Legislative and Budget Outcomes

The table below summarizes other actions taken by the legislature related to postsecondary education and WSAC's policy clusters (if applicable):

Policy Cluster	Legislation	Budget
Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminating SWS salary matching requirements for college access work (<a href="#">HB 2025</a>)</li> <li>Piloting College in the High School (CiHS) at a private, not-for-profit four-year institution (<a href="#">HB 2441</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$3.43 million</b> for CiHS programs</li> <li><b>\$3 million</b> for college access programming (led by College Success Foundation)</li> </ul>
Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding the National Guard Grant program (<a href="#">HB 1943</a>)</li> <li>Creating a WA Health Corps behavioral health scholarship pathway (<a href="#">HB 1946</a>)</li> <li>Creating a Native American apprentice assistance program (<a href="#">HB 2019</a>)</li> <li>Allowing incarcerated students to access federal and state financial aid (<a href="#">SB 5953</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$500,000</b> for a mentoring scholarship program in Eastern WA</li> <li><b>\$250,000</b> for a study on establishing a scholarship fund within the Guaranteed Education Tuition program</li> <li><b>\$223,000</b> for Shelton Promise</li> </ul>
Student Supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$1.17 million</b> for basic needs security</li> <li><b>\$275,000</b> for a study on low-income housing</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>\$1.14 million</b> for community and technical college BS in computer science degrees</li> <li><b>\$1 million</b> for career connected learning</li> </ul>