2022 Bill Watch for Student Services and Student Support Programs Joe Holliday, SBCTC Director of Student Services

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Below are bills that passed the Legislature and have been signed by the Governor.

For full Bill information, go to the <u>Washington State Legislature site</u> and use the Search by Bill Number feature (no need to use HB or SB)

HB 1642

Description: Update to National Guard Education Grants **Position:** Support **Notes/Status:** Small language changes on program requirements.

HB 1736

Description: Establishes Washington State Student Loan Program **Position:** Support w/Concerns **Notes/Status:** WSAC to administer; 1% interest rate

HB 1751

Description: Hazing Prevention and Reduction Act **Position:** Support

Notes/Status: New anti-hazing requirements including education programs for students and employees, reporting, and publicly available information on investigations and findings; substitute bill adds anti-hazing committee requirement

HB 1755

Description: Establishes a hardship exemption to allow for extension of the 60-month time limits for TANF clients during times of high unemployment and amends RCW 74.08A.010. **Position:** Neutral

Notes/Status: DSHS bill that would not have any major or significant impact on our CTC system or WorkFirst programs.

HB 1805

Description: Updates to Washington State Opportunity Scholarship. **Position:** Neutral **Notes/Status:** Adjusts SAP to program requirements from the 2.0 GPA minimum.

HB 1835

Description: Funds marketing and outreach to increase FAFSA/WASFA filing; expands WCG eligibility to some public assistance recipients **Position:** Support

Notes/Status: Creates a financial aid marketing campaign administered by WSAC. Creates an Outreach Pilot for four CTCs identified by SBCTC in Education Service Districts that have been in the bottom two for FAFSA completion for three years.

2022 Supplemental Operating Budget

Section 602/Subsection

- 40 FY23: Expansion of the opportunity grant program to provide health care workforce grants for students A \$8,000,000
- 41 FY23: Provides each community and technical college with funding to contract with a community-based organization to assist with financial aid access and support in communities \$2,700,000
- 42 FY23: Expansion of the homeless student assistance program to all community and technical colleges A \$2,932,000
- **49 FY23:** Provides funding for a pilot program to help students, including those enrolled in state registered apprenticeship programs, connect with health care coverage \$80,000