**SBCTC Health Insurance Outreach Proviso in FY 23 Operating Budget**

49)(a) $80,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for a pilot program to help students, including those enrolled in state registered apprenticeship programs, connect with health care coverage. The state board for community and technical colleges must provide resources for up to two community or technical colleges, one on the east side and one on the west side of the Cascade mountains, to hire or train an employee to: (i) Provide information to students and college staff about available health insurance options; (ii) Develop culturally relevant materials and conduct outreach for historically marginalized and underserved student populations to assist these populations in their knowledge of access to low cost or free health insurance plans; (iii) Provide ongoing technical assistance to students about health insurance options or health insurance application process; and (iv) Provide technical assistance to students as a health benefit exchange certified assister, to help students understand, shop, apply, and enroll in health insurance through Washington health planfinder. (b) Participation in the exchange assister program is contingent on fulfilling applicable contracting, security, and other program requirements. (c) The legislature expects the state board, in collaboration with the student achievement council and the health benefit exchange, to report to the appropriate committees of the legislature information about barriers students, including those enrolled in state registered apprenticeship programs, encountered to accessing health insurance coverage; and to provide recommendations on how to improve student access to health coverage based on data gathered from the pilot program.