

## Draft Alternative B -- For Washington's Education System

### Key points

- Establish a ~~higher~~ **an** education coordination and policy analysis entity
- Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis
  - Source of relevant and credible policy analysis for Governor and Legislature, institutions, students and the public
  - Policy analysis and recommendations on key ~~postsecondary~~ **education** issues (e.g., system design)
  - Recommend operating and capital finance policy aligned with the state's ~~higher~~ education goals and master plan (taking into consideration state appropriations, tuition and financial aid) -- **this would be making recommendations on strategic state investments in education within current resources. Note as applicable other resources such as tuition and fees would also be considered.**
  - Master plan
  - Performance plans -- review and make recommendations on how these are tied to the state goals and finance policy -- **this could include performance incentives by sectors**
  - Continue to make recommendations on approving programs that reflect a change in mission -- but perhaps simplify process
  - **Performance indicators**
- Seamless Student Transitions
  - Promoting seamless student transitions between and among sectors and levels (in collaborate with institutions)
  - **High school graduation standards** and college and career readiness standards
  - Placement assessments
  - Transfer and articulation
  - Inter-sector collaboration
- Program Administration and Oversight
  - Student financial aid
  - Federal and state programs
  - Approval of non-public institutions
- Eliminate or modify functions previously performed by the HECB:
  - Program or degree approval
  - Recommendations on institutional budgets