Budget Savings Options 2025

Dollars in Thousands

Agency: **354 - Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board**

Agency Priority H, M, L	Impact 1-5	Program/Activity	GF-S					Other Funds					FTE Change					Brief Description and Rationale	Effective Date	Impacts of Reductions and Other Considerations	Law/Reg. Change Required (cite)
			FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY28	FY 29		(MM/YY)		
H	4	Private Vocational School Licensing Program		$340,000	$340,000	$340,000	$340,000											Fund shift for the balance of agency operations not currently covered by licensing fees for private vocational school licensing, technical assistance, and regulation. Would allow funds from the Tuition Recovery Trust Fund (TRTF) to temporarily be used for administration of the licensing program.	7/25	The TRTF is a trust fund meant to protect student investment in tuition and fees at a private vocational school. The fund allows for the Board to reimburse students for prepaid, unearned tuition in the event of a school suspension or closure. If a student is unable to transfer their education to another institution, the TRTF can be used to refund the entire amount of tuition paid. Schools pay into the fund for 10 years, and many of the larger, more established schools have already met that obligation. While there is a healthy fund balance at this time, this should not be considered a long-term solution to ensure student protection.	Would require budget language authorizing the agency to use TRTF funds for this purpose. Agency will work with budget team to provide language on request. See 28C.10.082 for a previous biennia example, though this will have more specific nuances about the agency administration.
H	4	State Approving Agency - Veterans Administration - GF-S Balance		$25,000	$25,000	$25,000	$25,000											Using the same parameters as the item above, the Board proposes using the TRTF for agency operations for non-federally reimbursed activities related to the role of the agency as a state approving agency for veteran programs allowed for reimbursement under the GI Bill.	7/25	See above.	See above.
M	1	Healthcare Labor-Management Partnership Grants (WEIA)		$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000											The budget includes an ongoing $1M for this activity. The funding is almost entirely passthrough (the Board only charges administration costs for the purpose of contract and finance work directly related to the funding) via a contract with SEIU 1199NW Training Fund. Despite being a grant, as this funding is included in the fund base given to the Board for agency reductions, a 6% cut would be recommended to the funding through this exercise.	7/25	Would require contract updates for the Training Fund reflecting the lowered amount of funds available.	n/a - budget reduction only.
L	2	Performance Acccountability - WEIAOB (WEIA)		$5,000	$5,000	$5,000	$5,000											The Board is required in statute to perform a performance accountability role for the WEIAOB. However, at only $5,000, the Board has not been funded at the level necessary to do this work.	7/25	WSAC has been charged with the staffing of WEIAOB, and if the performance accountability dashboard is still of interest to that board, the work might fall to their staff or require funding.	RCW change to strike the Board's performance accountability role from existing law (RCW 28B.77.310(7).

Priority:

L = Low priority agency activity or program
M = Medium priority agency activity or program
H = High priority agency activity or program

Impact:
1 = Allows continuation of the program/activity at a reduced level
2 = Eliminates the ability to perform program objectives
3 = Eliminates agency function
4 = Long term implications (moves the problem to next biennium)
5 = Short term (reduction to one time increase)