

Tell our story to a national audience

Washington state's community and technical college system is at the cutting edge of innovations that increase success for students and a changing economy.

- The Tipping Point Research
- Student Achievement System
- Opportunity Grants
- Online Learning and Open Education Resources
- I-BEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training)

New legislation must do more than just encourage other states to follow in our footsteps. It must also support our state as we continue to innovate. You support Washington's community and technical colleges when you support legislation that:

- Uses the same purpose statement in all the laws that focus on education and workforce development: progress that leads to success in postsecondary education and family wage jobs. Think life-long education and career pathways.
- Uses the same definitions for key activities (like adult education) and populations (like youth) across federal laws, making it possible to coordinate services.
- Does not duplicate functions in different agencies. Instead, laws can align parts of the education and workforce development system so that adults can move easily between education and work, gaining skills and making a greater contribution to the economy.
- Prioritizes services to low-income, low-skilled adults who are currently under-represented across the education and workforce development systems.
- Creates simplified data and accountability systems that make sense to students, educators, funders and employers.
- Incentivizes all the parts of the education and workforce development system to leverage each other's resources.
- Supports cutting-edge innovations like online learning and open education resources.
- Provides more resources - feeds the solution.

