

Outstanding JLARC Recommendation for: Washington State Opportunity Scholarship

Report: Opportunity Scholarship and Opportunity Expansion Programs

Recommendation 19-05(1): WSOS should develop and implement a plan to coordinate with state agencies such as the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) Education Research and Data Center (ERDC), the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC), and the Employment Security Department (ESD) to provide additional information in its annual legislative reports.

Planning efforts should focus on how to compile, protect confidentiality, and include the following types of data on Opportunity Scholars:

- Financial aid and key affordability metrics such as out of pocket costs (net price of college), unmet need, and student loans.
- Employment rates and earnings.
- Whether they are employed in market demand fields or industries.
- WSOS should include updates on its plan implementation and any additional metrics in its annual legislative reports.

Implementation Due Date (if any): 12/1/2020

Hyperlink: http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/2019/OppScholarship/f_ii/default.htm#

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1. Review most recent status and comments.

This is your agency's most recent status and comment (if any) that JLARC has on file.

3. Action in Progress

Beginning in spring 2020, WSOS began coordinating with ERDC to assess the outcomes recommended by JLARC for the purposes of including them in the annual report to the legislature. ERDC has agreed to provide the outcomes of Opportunity Scholars relative to their peers on an annual basis by September 30 each year, in time for inclusion in the legislative report. Since making that commitment this spring, ERDC has been unable to finalize the data sharing agreement so that this work can begin. WSOS has been in regular communication with ERDC to advance this work as quickly as possible with the intent of including this data in its 2020 legislative report.

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