

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 174
NOVEMBER 14, 2013**

**PRIVATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ACT:
PROPOSED AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION**

At the July Workforce Board Retreat, Board staff presented policy options to address concerns about consumer protection for students attending private vocational schools. At the September Board meeting, Board staff provided a copy of the Private Vocational Schools Act proposed agency request legislation for the Board's review. The Board approved the legislation for the agency request process, but asked that Board staff report back after additional stakeholder work and research on the number of new schools that would be licensed under Board authority.

Board staff have researched new schools that would be added to the agency's licensing and regulatory authority under the proposed bill, and found that the number of schools is less than initially thought and feasible with the additional resources requested in the bill's fiscal note. Board staff have met with stakeholders and confirmed that concerns about the number of new schools is considerably reduced, and that stakeholders have no additional concerns with the legislation.

At the November Board meeting, staff will brief Board members on the results of stakeholder meetings and research on potential new schools that would be licensed under the proposed agency request legislation.

Board Action Requested: For discussion only.