

**WASHINGTON STATE  
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD  
MEETING NO. 154  
May 5, 2011**

**CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006  
PERKINS FUNDING SPLIT**

**Background:**

On September 26, 2007 the Workforce Board voted to retain the 44/56 percent secondary to postsecondary distribution for Perkins funds. The Board agreed to periodically determine if a change to the split may be warranted.

On March 11, 2011 the Board heard testimony from four education representatives:

- Dr. Patricia McKeown, President, Bellingham Technical College
- Dr. Gerald Pumphrey, President, South Puget Sound Community College
- Anita Jinks, Curriculum and Instruction Manager CTE, Evergreen School District
- Gerry Ringwood, Director, Tri-Cities Skills Center

These panelists discussed how the Carl D. Perkins funds have been used within their local institutions and the impact on programs, professional development, and student services. They included information about high skills/high employer demand programs and the costs associated with these programs.

Since adopting the split in 2007, the secondary and postsecondary systems have both experienced reductions in state funding. Both have experienced increased enrollments and increased expenses for program equipment that is associated with providing high-tech education. Federal funding for Tech Prep has been eliminated, beginning in 2011-12. Other reductions in Perkins funding are likely. In addition, Congress may soon consider reauthorizing Perkins. With the uncertainty of federal funding and the possibility of reauthorization, we recommend that the secondary-postsecondary split remain at the 44/56 percent ratio.

**Board Action Requested:** Adoption of the recommended motion.

## RECOMMENDED MOTION

**WHEREAS,** The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board is designated as the state board for vocational education [RCW 28C.18] to be the eligible agency to receive federal funding, and;

**WHEREAS,** In 2007 the Workforce Board adopted a 44/56 secondary to postsecondary split of the Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant funds, based on evidence presented;

**WHEREAS,** The secondary and postsecondary systems have both experienced reduction of state funding for career and technical education (secondary) and workforce education (postsecondary) programs;

**WHEREAS,** Costs associated with providing high skills/high employer demand programs, professional development, and student services are borne by both systems;

**WHEREAS,** A reduction of federal funding for career and technical education is anticipated, as well as elimination of Tech Prep;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Workforce Board maintains the 44/56 percent funding split of the Carl D. Perkins Basic Grant funds, and;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Workforce Board will review the funding split in the future as warranted by changes in either funding or Perkins reauthorization.