



time equivalent employees, funding sources, and other information will be collected. The SBCTC consults with the DEL to establish processes for creating articulation standards for course work and training in early childhood development and provides recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2007, for a system for strengthening community college early learning education opportunities and child care services.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Community colleges play a pivotal role in educating parents. Many community colleges have a difficult time funding these programs and integrating them. The program is properly focused at the community college level because that is where most parent support programs now occur. The demand for classes in this field of study is increasing, so articulation between colleges will be a continuing concern.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Kagi, prime sponsor; Robin Thompson, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges; Lonnie Johns-Brown, Washington Association for the Education of Young Children.