

**HB 2661 - DIGEST**

Creates the Washington research institute for teaching excellence to conduct research on teaching to inform policy decisions related to teaching and to improve the practice of teaching in K-12 and higher education, including teacher preparation.

Requires the education data center, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator standards board, the state board of education, the state board for community and technical colleges, the student achievement council, and the workforce training and education coordinating board to assist the institute in achieving its mission by providing staff expertise, data, and research.

Requires the student achievement council to provide staff expertise, data, and research to the institute in partnership with staff of Washington State University to support the mission, duties, and functions of the institute.

Provides that sections 3 and 4 of this act are null and void if appropriations are not approved.