

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1755

As Reported by House Committee On: College & Workforce Development

Title: An act relating to allowing regional universities to offer doctorate level degrees in education.

Brief Description: Allowing regional universities to offer doctorate level degrees in education.

Sponsors: Representatives Leavitt, Van Werven, Bergquist, Corry, Ybarra, Volz, Pollet, Dent, Lovick, Doglio, Ormsby and Santos.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

College & Workforce Development: 2/12/19, 2/15/19 [DNP, DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the regional universities to offer applied, but not research, doctorate level degrees in education.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COLLEGE & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 16 members: Representatives Hansen, Chair; Entenman, Vice Chair; Leavitt, Vice Chair; Van Werven, Ranking Minority Member; Gildon, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Graham, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Kraft, Mead, Paul, Pollet, Ramos, Rude, Sells, Slatter and Sutherland.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Young.

Staff: Megan Mulvihill (786-7304)

Background:

Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Western Washington University each offer masters degrees in education. Eastern Washington University offers applied, but not research, doctorate degrees in physical therapy. Western Washington University offers applied, but not research, doctorate degrees in audiology. The University of Washington and Washington State University offer both applied and research doctorate

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degrees in education.

Generally, an applied doctorate degree in education (Ed.D) is designed for advanced professional practice focusing on the application of existing research and knowledge applied in the field, rather than on the creation of new research for the field. A typical Ed.D program includes classroom study, field placements, and administrative practice.

Summary of Bill:

The boards of trustees of the regional universities may offer applied, but not research, doctorate level degrees in education.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Mari Leavitt, Prime Sponsor; Becca Kenna-Schenk, Western Washington University; Tim Bruce, Western Washington University; Don Larson, Western Washington University; Antonio Sanchez, Central Washington University.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.