

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1755

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Synopsis as Enacted

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.

House Committee on College & Workforce Development
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

Background:

Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and Western Washington University each offer master's 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 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:

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

Votes on Final Passage:

House	95	2
House	95	1
Senate	47	0

Effective: June 11, 2020

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