

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1030

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning applied doctorate degree-granting authority.

Sponsors: Representatives Leavitt, Jacobsen, Pollet, Reeves and Bronoske.

House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

Background:

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 boards of trustees of the regional universities (boards) offer applied, but not research, doctorate degrees in education. The boards do not have broad authority to offer applied doctorate degrees.

Generally, an applied doctorate degree 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 applied doctorate program includes classroom study, field placements, and administrative practice.

Summary:

The boards may offer applied, but not research, doctorate level degrees.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	93	0
Senate	47	1

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