What’s Happening In Policy & Legislation

- Broad Strokes, with examples
- Using WICHE’s Five Themes To Guide
  - Finance
  - Access to Success
  - Accountability
  - Technology, Innovation, and Quality
- Workforce and Society
Recovery Almost Everywhere
  Except Where Not Necessary
    Alaska, North Dakota, Wyoming

Generally Pretty Smart Recovery
  Performance Funding (Colorado, New Mexico, Oregon, & Utah)
  Dedicated Funding (California*, Hawaii, and North Dakota)
Most Popular Theme – Affordability
- Tuition fixation: California*, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington*
- Need-based financial aid: California*, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, & Oregon

The Other Side of the Story
- Razing Arizona
- Washington – Legislative Impasse and McCleary Decision
- New Mexico & the Broke (or Broken) Lottery Scholarship

Generally Missing: ATFA
- The essential linking of Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid
Access to Success

Financial Aid & Affordability – covered under finance

Readiness:
- Common Core – predicted demise did not occur (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota)
- Use of Assessments in Placement – California, Hawaii, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, and Colorado (pilot)
- Dual Enrollment – Idaho, Hawaii, Washington

Safety & Security
- Sexual Assault – to be covered later
- Guns on Campus (or not) – Montana, Nevada*, Wyoming
Accountability

Evidence Based Decision Making & Practice

- Data
  - Concerns about Privacy & Security
    - Utah’s student privacy study
  - Concerns about Utility
    - Colorado’s angst over “too much testing”
  - Interest in Utility
    - Many states interested in Multistate Data Exchange
    - Federal resurgence of interest in National Student Unit Record Database

- SARA
  - All but two with legislation
  - Probably all but four in the fold by tomorrow
Innovation, Technology, & Quality

Quick Fixes
- The $10,000 Degree
- Borrowing as an Alternative to Borrowing

New Campus for University of California – Full STEAM ahead

Predictive Analytics – North Dakota

Competency-Based Education
- The pilot efforts
- Expansion of WGU
- PLA in policy – Idaho, Montana, Utah
Emphasis on Middle-Skills Preparation
  CTE efforts in Oregon
    Workforce Investment Board
    21st Century Apprenticeships
  Focus on Pathways to Success – Colorado
Preparing Mental Health Professionals
  Expansion of WICHE’s Clinical Psychology Internships (Nevada, Colorado)
  Internships in Substance Abuse Counseling (North Dakota)
Corrections Job Training
  Interest expressed: Colorado, Idaho, Washington
  Postsecondary for Incarcerated – Oregon
Enough Already

What big efforts did we miss?
What did we get wrong?
What would you like to probe or comment on?