The Policy Analysis and Research Unit

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The Policy Staff
What We Do

Provide a variety of policy and information resources to support better-informed decision making, principally at the state level.

- Legislative Advisory Committee
- Ongoing Resources
- Projects and Initiatives
- Publications
- Collaboration
- Constituent Services and Technical Assistance
Legislative Advisory Committee

Purposes

- Inform the Commission and staff about significant legislative issues related to higher education
- Provide input on WICHE initiatives
- Advise staff on program considerations related to WICHE’s policy workshops
- Works to strengthen state policymaking in higher education in the West by engaging legislators in the discussion of relevant higher education issues and by seeking their input on strategies for interstate collaboration
- Serves as a professional development resource for LAC members
Legislative Advisory Committee

Membership

- Two state legislators from each WICHE state or territory (except when there is three)

Annual Meeting

- Held in September
- Location varies
Ongoing Resources

- Tuition and Fees in Public Higher Education in the West
- State Higher Education Policy Database
- Policy Publications Clearinghouse
- Regional Factbook for Higher Education in the West
Projects and Initiatives

- Adult College Completion Network
- Facilitating Development of a Multistate Longitudinal Data Exchange
- College Access Challenge Grant Consortium
- College Access Regional Network
- New Models of Student Financial Aid Support
- Equity in Excellence
Publications

- Knocking at the College Door
- Policy Insights
  - Annual Legislative Update
- Western Policy Exchanges
Collaboration

- Other WICHE Units
- Other Organizations
- WICHE Members
Constituent Services and Technical Assistance

- Information Requests
- Meeting Facilitation
- Legislative Testimony
- Convenings
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