Strategic Workforce Initiatives Review

Overview of Awards and Review Proposal

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**Background**

- Senate Bill 103, sponsored by Sen. Ann Millner and Representative Val Peterson was passed during the 2016 General Session. This legislation allows for appropriations to fund stackable credentialing programs.

- The purpose of this legislation, also known as the Strategic Workforce Initiative (SWI), is to provide resources for the establishment of educational pathway partnerships that serve regional industry workforce needs.

- These pathway programs provide workforce for high growth and high occupations.
SB 103 statute outlines specific procedures for legislative approval of SWI applications.

During each General Session a working group is convened consisting of representatives from the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee and the Governor’s Office for Economic Development.

The working group makes recommendations which are brought to the larger Higher Education Appropriations for approval and funding prioritization.

The Legislature as a whole then makes decisions on funding of programs and appropriation of funds to the lead partners for each project.
By The Numbers:

- 4 rounds of approvals:
  - FY 2017 – 5 projects;
  - FY 2018 – 6 projects;
  - FY 2019 – 6 projects;
  - FY 2020 - 6 projects.

- Total Funding:
  - Ongoing - $4,807,200
  - One-Time - $1,942,400

- 12 Different Institutions of Higher Education as project leads.
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**Review Options**

- Projects have never come back to the Legislature for review or assessment;
- Simple update chart included with today’s materials; reviews current outcomes compared to projections at the time that proposals were made;
- Collaborate with USHE, UTECH, DWS and Business Community to study impacts, successes and challenges;
- Are there models that can be replicated within other partnership structures in the state?
- How would the Committee like to provide oversight? Reviews of older programs? Testimony from implementers? Site Visits?
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Questions?