CTE Careers Work Group (C61L25)

Budget Language

$125,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2026 and $51,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal year 2027 are provided solely for implementation of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1414 (Career and Technical Education [CTE] Task Force).

Proviso Purpose

The funding supported the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) implementation of ESHB 1414 by staffing and convening the statewide CTE Task Force to review barriers affecting training, certification, and employment opportunities for 16- and 17-year-old students participating in or completing preparatory secondary CTE programs. The work also supported development of recommendations to improve access to career opportunities while maintaining appropriate protections for minors.

Services Provided

OSPI provided staff support and convened remote CTE Task Force meetings; coordinated participation from education, industry, labor, workforce, and state agency partners; supported review of relevant laws, rules, policies, and CTE approval requirements; and supported development of required reports and recommendations for legislative consideration. The Task Force also continued work related to work-integrated learning, Core Plus administration, and a CTE Core Plus model framework.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

No grants or direct services were awarded through this proviso. Funding supported OSPI staffing and administration of the statewide CTE Task Force.

Beneficiaries in the 2025–26 School Year

Number of School Districts:	Not applicable
Number of Schools:	Not applicable
Number of Students:	Not applicable
Number of Educators:	Not applicable
Other - Task Force participants:	18

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No

State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2026	$125,000	$124,148

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2026	N/A

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

Fiscal Year (FY) 26 was the first year of funding under ESHB 1414. The legislation expanded the existing statewide CTE Task Force's membership and scope to include review of barriers affecting minors' access to CTE-related training, certification, and employment. Meetings were required to be held remotely. Funding decreases from $125,000 in FY26 to $51,000 in FY27.

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

The expanded Task Force brought together education, industry, labor, workforce, and agency partners to identify barriers and develop recommendations related to laws, rules, policies, work-integrated learning, Core Plus administration, and CTE program approval. The work confirmed the value of cross-agency and industry participation when addressing complex issues involving student access, workforce preparation, and protections for minors.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

The breadth of the Task Force's required work, expanded membership, and coordination across multiple agencies and stakeholder groups required significant staff support. The compressed reporting timeline also limited the time available to review complex laws, rules, and policies and develop consensus-based recommendations.

Future Opportunities

The CTE Task Force has completed its work, and OSPI is preparing the final report and recommendations due November 15, 2026. Future opportunities will be informed by the Task Force findings, legislative response, and any subsequent implementation activities or policy direction.

Other Relevant Information

The CTE Task Force continues related work authorized under ESHB 2236, ESHB 1414, and HB 1167. The Task Force's findings and recommendations are due to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education by November 15, 2026.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2026 Fiscal Year.

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