HB949 Data Research Work Group Meeting Summary

4/15/2024, DOA DIR 161 / Teams

Attendees:

Rob Stutz, Office of Public Instruction; Robin Clausen, Office of Public Instruction; Eric Meredith, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; Joe Thiel, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education; Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division; Julia Pattin, Legislative Fiscal Division; Julia Swingley, Department of Administration; Crystal Armstrong, Department of Labor & Industry; Jeremy Henry, Department of Administration

Objective:

Identify participant needs and interests as associated with the development of an education and workforce research agenda, including the identification of a central group research agenda and agency specific agendas.

I. Welcome and Introduction:

- a. Brief participant introductions.
- b. Overview of work group objectives: "Develop an education and workforce research agenda and data plan to ... Facilitate using education and workforce data to inform decision making by state and local governments, educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other education stakeholders in order to maximize the operating efficiency of the state's education and workforce systems;"

II. Discussion:

- a. The need for a formal Education & Workforce Data Governing Board mission statement dismissed.
- b. Comment that an operational efficiency agenda and a standard research methodology may need further discussion and review.
- c. Comment that both longitudinal and point-in-time data sets are important investigation aspects of agency research agendas.
- d. Comment that publicly available research agendas are important for public by-in and understanding of the mission of HB949.
- e. Recommendation that participants create a set of focal research questions/topics to then be reviewed and assessed for interconnection to inform a central research theme for the EWDGB, while also identifying agencies unique and/or partnered research interests.

III. Summary & Next Steps:

- a. Participants will create a set of focal research questions/topics to be shared with group members two-weeks from the meeting date.
- b. Working group will meet three weeks from meeting date with comments specific to the shared research questions/topics.
- c. Next meeting May 13, 2024, 2 p.m., Teams / DOA Rm 161