



Four Year Public Baccalaureate Institutions: Operational Efficiency

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Operational Efficiencies

HB 1795 (2011) directed OFM and COP to identify efficiencies over a multi-year period. Accomplishments thus far include:

- **2012**

- Eliminated duplicative reporting requirements
- Low-cost travel options
- Mandated direct deposit for all employees
- Increased flexibility and reduction in procedural steps in purchasing and competitive bidding
- Longer term maintenance agreements

- **2013**

- Electronic signature capability for HR and benefits
- Interstate agreements for online learning
- Streamlined vehicle and building efficiency reporting requirements

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- **2014**

- Authorized bi-weekly payroll and payroll proration
- Increased pre-design threshold for capital projects from \$5m to \$10m
- Aligned HB 1795 financial aid reporting requirement w/ WSAC submissions

- **2016**

- Engaged with OFM to discuss issues related to the capital budget submittals and evaluation

Operational Efficiencies – Detailed Examples

COP has produced three summary reports of improvements to business practices made by individual public-year campuses over a multi-year period:

- *Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness in Public Four-Year Higher Education in Washington* (November 2012)
http://www.councilofpresidents.org/docs/r_d_docs/COP_EFF_REPORT_11_12.pdf
- *Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness in Public Four-Year Higher Education in Washington* (November 2013)
http://www.councilofpresidents.org/docs/reports/COP_EFF_REPORT_13.pdf
- *Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness in Public Four-Year Higher Education in Washington* (January 2016)
http://www.councilofpresidents.org/docs/reports/2016_COP_Efficiency_Report.pdf



HB 2613 Bill signing, March 31, 2014

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- OFM work group on agency reporting - COP worked closely with OFM on developing recommendations for coordinating and streamlining higher education reporting.
 - ***Washington State Report of the Four-Year Prioritized Capital Project List Technical Work Group*** (January 2016)
http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/capital/4year_prioritized_capital_project_work_group_report.pdf
- COP is working with OFM and other partners to improve the process of developing the state's capital budget.
 - ***Washington State Report of the Four-Year Prioritized Capital Project List Technical Work Group*** (January 2016)
http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget/capital/4year_prioritized_capital_project_work_group_report.pdf