



**Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel
Service Council Committee Report
2018 – 2019
Date: May 31, 2019**

Committee Name:	Legislation and Education
Committee Chair:	Horacio Aceves
Committee Members (if any):	Members from other six chapters who chair the same committee.
Committee Description: This committee shall specifically address itself to the concerns mentioned in <i>Sections 2.2 (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i)</i> . Additionally, this committee shall make every effort to educate the Membership on pertinent legislative issues and the legislative process.	

Committee Goals & Priorities
<p>Assigned Responsibilities of Legislation & Education Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Serve as liaison among, COE and WESTOP Chapter Leg/Ed Chairs; ● Collect data and organize information for Policy Fact Book; ● Coordinate and attend SoCal WESTOP congressional visits during Policy Seminar; ● Inform and educate SoCal WESTOP of any legislation updates

Committee Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GAN’s released by Dept of Ed for the 2019-20 Program Year reflects 4.5% funding increase; STEM initiative will be extended to Talent Search programs ● Sub. “LHHS” included a \$100M funding increase for TRIO programs and GEAR UP a \$35 funding increase for the 2020-21 Program Year (<i>TRIO, \$1.1B and GEAR UP, \$395M</i>) ● Policy Seminar: SoCal met all 31 Members of Congress, and both CA Senators; (1) overall funding and “state block-grant,” (2) homeless & foster youth, and (3) Reauthorization of the Higher Ed. Act (2008) ● Congress in session June/July, and August recess

Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Talent Search programs reach out to Council for Opportunity in Education regarding STEM initiative and funding ● Reach out to your Members of Congress, and Senators, for “August recess” ● Contact your Members of Congress, share/tell your story from TRIO students & alumni ● Send thank you’s and acknowledge Member of Congress; best to contact on Sunday’s



WESTOP

Action Items
• N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Horacio Aceves

Southern California Chapter

