



**Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel
Service Council Committee Report
2021-2022
December 3, 2021**

Committee Name:	Legislation and Education
Committee Chair/Co-Chairs:	Xochitl Garcia
Committee Members (if any):	
Committee Description: This committee shall specifically address itself to the concerns mentioned in Sections 2.2 (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i). Additionally, this committee shall make every effort to educate the Membership on pertinent legislative issues and the legislative process. Researches and reports on any state and national legislation which has an impact on educational equity programs and/or first-generation, low-income students, or students with disabilities.	

Committee Goals & Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep members informed about issues related to national and state legislation. ● Meet with the WESTOP Led/ED chair in order to align goals with the regional chapter. ● Serve as liaison among the Council for Opportunity in Education and WESTOP Leg/Ed Chairs. ● Collect data and organize information for CA Policy Fact Book ● Coordinate and attend SoCal WESTOP congressional visits during Policy Seminar

Committee Updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Government relations update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COE Policy Seminar will take place March 20-23, 2022 ○ TRIO and all federal funding are likely to receive another short-term extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ House and Senate leaders are likely to pass another short-term extension of all federal funding. Congress must decide overall Defense and Non-Defense funding levels before reaching details on individual programs like TRIO. ○ Build Back Better (Human Infrastructure) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ House sends physical infrastructure bill to president Biden for signature, including \$65 billion for broadband; advances Build Back Better framework with college completion and retention funds and Pell Grant increases. ● Department of Education update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ APR Deadlines



- Upward Bound/ Upward Bound Math/Science: Opens: Nov.1 - Closes Nov. 30
- McNair: Opens Nov. 8 - Closes Dec. 10
- SSS: Opens Jan. 10 - Closes Feb. 12
- Veterans Upward Bound: Opens Jan. 17- Closes Feb. 15
- Talent Search: Opens Feb.1 - Closes March 1
- EOC: Opens Feb.1 - Closes March 1

Recommendations

- Look out for “action alerts” from COE
- Share your First-Generation College Celebration Day Pictures

Action Items

- Begin reaching out to representatives
- Schedule meeting dates
- Recruit team leaders

Respectfully Submitted,

Xochitl Garcia