

Dear Rep. Gattis,

Below are the responses to questions that the Department of Education & Early Development agreed to provide as follow up to committee members from Friday's (2/7/14) hearing.

- Rep. Drummond ask about the cost to a single test taker if they want to take the WorkKeys exam. The WorkKeys exam is available to job seekers through the Department of Labor & Workforce Development (DOLWD).
 - According to DOLWD, there is no cost to the job seeker at this time. These costs are currently being covered by federal funding. The cost would be \$24 if job seekers were being charged.
 - Cost per WorkKeys assessment? \$6 per assessment and there are three assessments for the National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC) (6X3 = \$18). Cost for the NCRC certificate? So the total cost of each NCRC (assessments and cert.) = \$24.
 - Currently EED provides all 11th grade students an administration of the WorkKeys exam.
- Reps. Saddler and Seaton asked how many students have received a Certificate of Achievement (CoA) since 2004? How many adult test takers have returned to take the HSGQE? Also, what has been the success rate of those adult test takers in succeeding in getting a high school diploma.
 - Since 2004 2963 students have received a CoA
 - Since 2004 1275 adult test takers have come back to take the HSGQE.
 - 575 adult test takers have been successful in passing the HSGQE.
- Rep. Seaton asked the department to find out if the WorkKeys score, under the Governor's proposed legislation, could remain on a student's high school transcript.
 - Since requiring the WorkKeys score to be shown on a student's high school transcript is in regulation, 4 AAC 06.717(d), the State Board of Education & Early Development could consider whether or not to still require the WorkKeys score on a student's transcript if any of the corresponding legislation around repealing of the HSGQE passes.

Would your office please provide H EDC members copies of the above responses on our behalf? Please let us know if the committee has additional questions.

Warm regards,

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