

Title	Legislative Discussion - Sen. Barbara Bailey, Chair, Senate Higher Education - Rep. Gerry Pollet, Vice-Chair, House Higher Education
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Synopsis:	Higher Education Committee Chairs are invited to address the Council at its February 11 th meeting in Olympia to discuss their respective committees' work and priorities as chairs for the 2015 Legislative Session. Senator Barbara Bailey is chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee. Rep. Gerry Pollet is vice-chair of the House Higher Education Committee. (Committee chair, Rep. Drew Hansen, is unable to join the Council due to a conflict with other committee meetings.)
Guiding questions:	1. What is the outlook for the 2015 session in terms of policy and funding decisions affecting higher education and student success? 2. What education policy initiatives do you believe will best contribute to raising educational attainment in Washington? 3. How can the Council be of assistance to you during the rest of the session and beyond?
Possible council action:	☒ Information Only ☐ Approve/Adopt ☐ Other: _____
Documents and attachments:	☐ Brief/Report ☐ PowerPoint ☐ Third-party materials ☒ Other Bio Sketch

Legislative Biographies - Synopsis

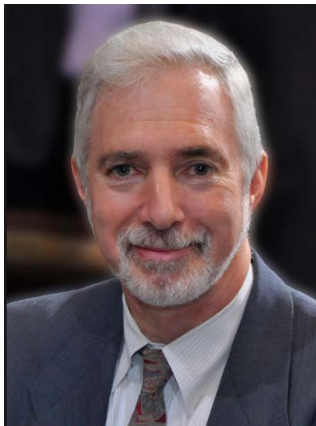
Senator Barbara Bailey¹

10th Legislative District

Senator Bailey served with the House of Representatives from 2003-2011, leading to her election to the Senate in November 2012. Prior to her work in the Legislature, Senator Bailey served as a member on the Oak Harbor Comprehensive Planning Task Force, Island County 2 Percent Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and the Island County Joint Committee on Tourism.

Senator Bailey runs her own management consulting and training firm and is a member of both the National Speakers Association and the Northwest Speakers Association

Senator Bailey holds a B.S. degree in psychology from the State University of New York.



Representative Gerry Pollet²

46th Legislative District

Representative Pollet has served in the House of Representatives since 2001. Prior to his work in the Legislature, Representative Pollet spent his career as a public interest attorney, working on a wide range of social issues. He has also been active in many neighborhood and city-wide efforts to improve Seattle public schools; represented groups working to preserve local streams and trees; and has served on numerous city, state, and federal advisory committees.

Representative Pollet serves as Executive Director of Heart of America Northwest. Heart of America Northwest is a region-wide citizens' group dedicated to the clean-up of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Heart of America Northwest was named "Best Regional Environmental Group" by Spokane's environmental and peace organizations.

Representative Pollet is a graduate from the University of Washington School of Law.

¹ Excerpt from: <http://barbarabailey.src.wastateleg.org/about/>

² Excerpt from: <http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/roster/rep-Gerry-Pollet/biography/>