

Congressman Jay Inslee  
Update on the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress  
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On August 10, 2010, the House passed **H.R. 1586 Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act**. President Obama signed the bill into law later in the day. The new law contains \$16.1 billion in enhanced federal assistance for Medicaid and \$10 billion for preserving jobs of elementary and secondary school teachers. These much-needed funds are expected to reach the states in 45 days. Watch a video of the Congressman's floor speech on FMAP and teachers: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GznSogzeK1k>  
Learn more about the law here: [Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act](#)

On May 28, 2010, the House passed **H.R.5116 the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act**. This bill, among other research and development provisions, will strengthen math and science education to prepare students for the jobs of the 21st Century. As our economy recovers from the worst recession since the Great Depression, we need to look in every classroom for new game-changing opportunities. At this critical juncture for the economic future of our nation, it is imperative that we invest in education. The bill is currently awaiting action in the Senate. Learn more about the bill here: [America COMPETES Reauthorization Act](#)

On April 21, 2010, **H.R.1585 Fitness Integrated with Teaching (FIT) Kids Act** passed the House with bi-partisan support. The bill was originally co-authored by Congressman Inslee and requires all schools, districts and states to improve the quantity and quality of physical education taught in schools and ensure that children get the support they need to be active and make healthy choices. The bill is currently awaiting action in the Senate. Learn more about the bill here: [FIT Kids Act](#)

On March 30, 2010, **H.R.4872 Student Aid & Fiscal Responsibility Act (part of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010)** was signed into law. This new law makes the largest investment in college aid in history – increasing Pell Grants, making college loans more affordable, and strengthening community colleges – while reducing the federal deficit by ending wasteful student loan subsidies to banks. Learn more about the law here: [Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act](#) and here [Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act](#)

On July 20, 2009, Congressman Inslee introduced **H.R. 3259 Grants for College Access and Completion**, which would create a program to support innovative and effective approaches that are improving college-going and college-graduation rates for low-income students. H.R. 3259 would provide grants to eligible organizations with a proven track record of success in increasing the number of students from low-income and disadvantaged populations who enter and remain in college. The bill was referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness on

October 22, 2009. Learn more about the bill here: [Grants for College Access and Completion](#)

**Also during the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress:**

**The AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT** was enacted on February 17, 2009 to jumpstart our economy, create and save 3.5 million jobs, and it made a historic commitment to education, clean energy, and science and technology. **As of August 5, 2010, over \$89 billion in ED Recovery Act grants have been awarded. Grant recipients continue to report over 300,000 education jobs saved or created, such as teachers, principals, librarians, and counselors.** Learn more about the law here: [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#) and here [Department of Education](#) and here [Recovery.gov](#)

**The EDWARD M. KENNEDY SERVE AMERICA ACT** was signed into law on April 21, 2009, tripling volunteerism opportunities to 250,000 for national service for students to retirees. The Act also increased college financial awards. **This bill included Congressman Inslee's Clean Energy Service Corps, to provide training and skills in the clean energy industry to disadvantaged young Americans while improving the efficiency of low-income housing and other public facilities.** Learn more about the law here: [Edward M. Kennedy Serve Act](#) and here [Clean Energy Service Corps](#)