

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1321

As Passed Legislature

Title: An act relating to the tuition recovery trust fund.

Brief Description: Correcting citations to the tuition recovery trust fund.

Sponsors: Representatives Mulliken, Mason, Goldsmith and Carlson; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Higher Education: 2/2/95, 2/10/95 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/22/95, 96-0.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Carlson, Chairman; Mulliken, Vice Chairman; Jacobsen, Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Benton; Blanton; Delvin; Mastin and Sheahan.

Staff: Marilee Scarbrough (786-7196).

Background: In 1986, the Legislature enacted provisions regulating private vocational schools. The act was intended to assist students in evaluating private vocational school programs and obtaining refunds in the event of their withdrawal or school cancellation or closure. In 1987, legislation was implemented authorizing the establishment of a tuition recovery fund for the benefit and protection of students of private non-degree granting vocational schools.

In 1994, the Legislature created a separate account within the tuition recovery fund to cover degree granting private vocational schools. The current law incorrectly references RCW 43.84.092 as the citation for the tuition recovery fund.

Summary of Bill: Internal references to the tuition recovery fund are corrected.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.

Testimony For: This is not a policy change. The bill makes a technical correction.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Representative Mulliken, prime sponsor; and Susan Patrick, Higher Education Coordinating Board (in favor).