

1 **SHB 1574 - H AMD 132 FAILED 3-12-97**

2 By Representative Smith

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) The racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the population
7 of Washington state is increasing;

8 (b) Employers' demand for well-educated and well-trained
9 graduates of each racial, ethnic, and gender background is
10 increasing;

11 (c) Special efforts should be made to increase the
12 participation of people of each racial, ethnic, and gender
13 background in higher education programs;

14 (d) Some of Washington's students of diverse racial, ethnic,
15 and gender background would benefit from an opportunity to study in
16 specialized programs or institutions of higher education located in
17 other states;

18 (e) The state could benefit by creating pilot projects that
19 study creative, cost-effective ways to meet the postsecondary
20 education needs of Washington's students; and

21 (f) Historically colleges limited by racial, ethnic, or gender
22 background enroll and graduate the majority of professionals and
23 post-graduate candidates within these diverse racial, ethnic, and
24 gender groups in the United States.

25 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to direct the higher
26 education coordinating board to establish a pilot project that
27 permits a limited number of students to use their state need grant
28 awards to study at colleges or universities limited by racial,
29 ethnic, or gender background.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter
31 28B.80 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The historically limited by racial, ethnic, or gender
2 background college fund pilot project is created. Through the
3 pilot project, up to one hundred students may use their state-
4 funded need grant awards when they study at any school approved by
5 the higher education coordinating board for this pilot project.

6 (2) This section expires June 30, 2002.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter
8 28B.80 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall administer
10 the historically limited by racial, ethnic, or gender background
11 college pilot project.

12 (2) The higher education coordinating board shall permit up to
13 one hundred needy Washington residents domiciled in Washington for
14 at least one year before enrollment to use their state need grant
15 awards if the students are enrolled half-time or more in any school
16 approved by the board for this pilot project.

17 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules
18 to establish eligibility criteria for student and institutional
19 participation in the pilot project and shall ensure that a fair and
20 proportionate number of students and institutions from each racial,
21 ethnic, and gender background represented are included.

22 (4) The board shall limit participation in the pilot project
23 to no more than a total of one hundred students during the course
24 of the project.

25 (5) By December 15, 2002, the higher education coordinating
26 board shall report to the governor and appropriate committees of
27 the legislature on the results of the pilot project. The report
28 shall include a recommendation on the extent financial aid
29 portability programs should be revised or expanded for Washington's
30 students.

31 (6) This section expires June 30, 2002.

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 1985 c 370 s 54 are each amended
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or
35 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with
36 the state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial
37 aid program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if

1 ((+1)) (a) they qualify as a "needy student" under RCW
2 28B.10.802(3), and ((+2)) (b) the institution attended is a member
3 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
4 higher education coordinating board for the purposes of this
5 section and is specifically encompassed within or directly affected
6 by such reciprocity agreement and agrees to and complies with
7 program rules and regulations pertaining to such students and
8 institutions adopted pursuant to RCW 28B.10.822.

9 (2) Washington residents participating in the pilot project
10 under section 2 of this act are eligible for the student financial
11 aid program outlined in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824 if the
12 residents (a) qualify as needy students under RCW 28B.10.802(3),
13 (b) are enrolled at an eligible institution as defined by the board
14 under section 3 of this act, and (c) meet any additional criteria
15 established by the higher education coordinating board for
16 participation in the pilot project.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.10.802 and 1989 c 254 s 2 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 As used in RCW 28B.10.800 through 28B.10.824:

20 (1) "Institutions of higher education" shall mean ((+1)) (a)
21 any public university, college, community college, or vocational-
22 technical institute operated by the state of Washington or any
23 political subdivision thereof ((or -2)); (b) until June 30, 2002,
24 any institution of higher education that meets the eligibility
25 requirements established by the higher education coordinating board
26 under section 3 of this act; or (c) any other university, college,
27 school, or institute in the state of Washington offering
28 instruction beyond the high school level which is a member
29 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the
30 board for the purposes of this section: PROVIDED, That any
31 institution, branch, extension or facility operating within the
32 state of Washington which is affiliated with an institution
33 operating in another state must be a separately accredited member
34 institution of any such accrediting association: PROVIDED FURTHER,
35 That no institution of higher education shall be eligible to
36 participate in a student financial aid program unless it agrees to

1 and complies with program rules and regulations adopted pursuant to
2 RCW 28B.10.822.

3 (2) The term "financial aid" shall mean loans and/or grants to
4 needy students enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a student at
5 institutions of higher education.

6 (3) The term "needy student" shall mean a post high school
7 student of an institution of higher learning as defined in
8 subsection (1) of this section who demonstrates to the board the
9 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family
10 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books,
11 and tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter.

12 (4) The term "disadvantaged student" shall mean a post high
13 school student who by reason of adverse cultural, educational,
14 environmental, experiential, familial or other circumstances is
15 unable to qualify for enrollment as a full time student in an
16 institution of higher learning, who would otherwise qualify as a
17 needy student, and who is attending an institution of higher
18 learning under an established program designed to qualify the
19 student for enrollment as a full time student.

20 (5) "Commission" or "board" shall mean the higher education
21 coordinating board.-

22 **EFFECT:** Broadens bill to include students and institutions
23 from all racial, ethnic, and gender backgrounds.