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Sponsor(s): Representatives Carlson, Kenney, O'Brien, Anderson and Mason

Brief Title: Creating the border county higher education opportunity pilot project.

**HB 2373 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent to work with the Idaho legislature to create a pilot project that permits residents of Kootenai and Bonner counties, Idaho, and Spokane county, Washington, to pay resident tuition rates at public colleges and universities located in any of the three counties. In addition, the legislature intends to permit needy residents of Spokane county to use their financial aid awards to study in accredited public and independent institutions of higher education and private career schools and colleges located in Kootenai and Bonner counties, Idaho.

Requires that, by November 30, 2001, the higher education coordinating board shall report to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the pilot project and on tuition reciprocity programs. The report shall include a recommendation on the extent to which tuition reciprocity and financial aid portability programs should be revised or expanded.